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Members of Common Council  
West Allis City Hall  
7525 W. Greenfield Avenue  
West Allis, WI 53214

CITY OF WEST ALLIS  
CLERK/TREASURER

Re: Over-Population of Deer in the City of West Allis

Dear Members of Common Council:

Attached is a *Petition to the City of West Allis for Deer Control on Private Properties* which addresses the increased deer population in our area, the subsequent damage being caused to our landscaping, and the potential health hazard. We live in the city proper, not in a rural area or farmland. The sighting of any deer in any area of the city should be an unusual or rare circumstance, not a regular happening or a normal, everyday occurrence. Additionally, we should not be seeing deer in large numbers, at any one sighting, in the proper of West Allis or on any of our properties.

**Complaints Received From Homeowners**

While seeking signatures and talking to homeowners in the area, they expressed their frustration and **anger with the** landscape damage done to their property and the fact that the **elected officials of the City of West Allis** are ignoring this growing problem and the resultant additional problems that will be forthcoming in the future if no action is undertaken now. Some of the comments I received are:

- \* *Too many deer in the area.*
- \* *They are eating all my flowers.*
- \* *They ate all of my hostas and many other plants.*
- \* *They ate everything off my evergreen tree.*
- \* *My yard is full of droppings and my dogs are rolling in it.*
- \* *Every morning, there are 6-12 deer on my property.*
- \* *I see 5-6 deer running through my yard on a regular basis.*
- \* *They rubbed the bark off my crabapple tree and another tree just planted by the City.*
- \* *I saw 10 deer running from around my neighbor's house and down the street at full speed. If I had been walking in the street I would have been concerned for my safety. (Seymour Place location.)*
- \* *I saw 6-12 deer just standing on the neighbor's front yard yesterday morning.*
- \* *The deer knocked over a small fence in the back yard.*
- \* *Six deer were casually walking down the middle of the street early this morning.*
- \* *I saw 33 deer casually cross National Avenue. I know, I counted them.*
- \* *I have called the City and the DNR complaining about the deer in my yard, but nothing was done.*
- \* *They are right next to the house, by the windows and/or patio door. They are no longer afraid of us [humans].*
- \* *There is a deer that looks like it is foaming at the mouth.*
- \* *I hit a deer on Cleveland Avenue -- just by Hale.*
- \* *Deer are hit on National Avenue all the time.*
- \* *I am afraid to walk in the street when it gets dark.*
- \* *Coyotes killed a fawn. ) Coyotes are now on the increase because of the available food*
- \* *I see Coyotes in the Parkway all the time. ) source in the form of deer. This is going to pose an additional,*
- \* *A coyote attacked the neighbor's dog. ) future threat to residents and pets alike.*

While these are just a few of the comments I received, they were repeated over and over again.

**Our Particular Problems:**

- \* We have two 3' wide bushes which retain their leaves during the winter. The deer have eaten just the leaves off both bushes. We are hopeful that the bushes will recover, but new growth/recovery is slow.
- \* One-half a grocery bag was filled with deer droppings deposited in our yard over this past winter. Obviously, deer are urinating in the yard as well.
- \* A deer was standing at the edge of our patio, looking into the house. There was concern that it might actually run into the patio door and break the glass or cause other damage to the patio door.
- \* Hoofs have made a pathway and numerous holes in the grass which will have to be filled and reseeded.
- \* Hostas and other plants and flowers are eaten all year long.
- \* The side of our house is a pathway for deer crossing Seymour Place. They are coming from Cleveland Avenue and Waukesha Road.
- \* Deer carry ticks and I am concerned about the spread of Lyme Disease. I am constantly walking in the grass and working in my flowerbeds and I do not want to be bitten by a tick in my own yard.

The deer are not a new dilemma in this area. However, the number of deer has increased to the point where they are no longer considered to be beautiful or enjoyable. Now, other serious problems are occurring. We currently have coyotes in the vicinity as the deer have become an abundant source of food for them. Once the coyotes become a common sight, residents will start to feed them as well. As a consequence, the coyotes will no longer be fearful of us and they will start to attack not only adult humans, but small animals and small children. What is the City going to do when they receive a call that a small child has been killed and/or is carried away. How much of the taxpayers' money will be spent to defend lawsuits due to the City's negligence or refusal to address and resolve these current problems? Will it be more than the City would have to spend now to reduce the deer herd? **Just how much longer will the City ignore the current problems or refuse to take action!! What is the City going to do NOW to resolve the number of deer in the area BEFORE these numbers escalate beyond control?**

**West Allis Health Department (Ph: 302-8655)**

The following information regarding deer ticks and Lyme Disease was obtained during a telephone conversation with Dan at the West Allis Health Department.

- \* A few cases of Lyme Disease are reported each month to the Health Department. Follow-up is not done because Lyme Disease is not considered to be a communicable disease. But it is already happening.
- \* Deer spread ticks just by walking on your property and by shaking themselves. The ticks fall to the ground/grass and are spread to bushes and other plants as well. If you are in an area where deer are present, there are ticks and Lyme Disease will naturally follow.

To reiterate -- it is a proven fact that ticks stick close to home. It's been estimated that three-quarters of all Lyme cases were acquired through household activities -- gardening, playing or relaxing in the yard, for example, instead of taking a camping trip or hike far from home. Ticks love to hide in plants and shrubs, grasses, and woodpiles, all of which are common in many residential landscapes. They also will catch a ride on your pet dog or cat.

As the deer increase, so will Lyme Disease. **What is the City going to do NOW about this health problem. What will the City do NOW to prevent a future SERIOUS outbreak of Lyme Disease.**

**Deer Related Problems Provided By West Allis Police Department**

Using the very limited search parameters of 91 Street to 124 Street, from Morgan Avenue to Lincoln Avenue, and from 2008 to the present, I requested that the Police Department search their records for deer related calls/incidents. They have informed me that they have 355 pages of animal related complaints. However, these pages cannot be separated into a specific animal; i.e. deer. However, you can be sure that there are deer complaints within these 355 pages.

The Police Department was, however, able to provide a printout of 16 specific accident reports during this same time period. A one page summary of these accidents is attached. These accidents are hazardous, injurious, and costly to both the vehicles and the individuals involved.

**Summary**


We, the homeowners who have signed this petition, are fed up. We want to be able to sit, relax, walk, play games, and enjoy our yards to the fullest extent possible -- without having to continuously work to replace or repair costly landscaping or be concerned about disease. We pay enough taxes for this right! We want the elected officials of the City of West Allis to stop ignoring the situation, take immediate steps to remedy the issues at hand, and do it now before it escalates further, causing additional accidents and taxpayers' money, property damage, and disease. (Budget can no longer be the deciding factor or be used as an excuse. As the number of deer increase so will the problems intensify. As a result, the cost and the City budget will be dramatically increased as well.)

In particular, we want the City of West Allis to take immediate action to accomplish the following:

1. Pass a municipal law, with penalties, prohibiting residents from providing any food whatsoever or salt licks, to the deer; and
2. Work with the surrounding communities and the DNR to take immediate steps to eliminate the deer herd in our city.

Sincerely,

  
Mary Gorski

  
Thomas Gorski

**Copy Sent To:**

Mayor Dan Devine

Ms. Rosalie Reinke, Alderperson  
2821 South 114 Street, West Allis, WI

Mr. James Sengstock, Alderperson  
11244 W. National Avenue, West Allis, WI

**Attachments:**

1. *Petition To the City of West Allis for Deer Control on Private Properties.*
2. Letters from:
 

Dianna M. Dillinger	Mary J. Boehnen	Donna Fay Szafir
2783 S. Seymour Place	10236 W. Cleveland Avenue	2588 S. Seymour Place
3. Pictures of deer taken on property of Tom and Heidi Walloch, 2809 S. Seymour Pl.
4. Information regarding Lyme Disease.
5. Summary of West Allis Police Department Call Detail Accident Report.

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The deer population in West Allis has gotten completely out of control and the City needs to do something immediately to thin their population. As stated above, landscaping is being damaged; bushes and flowers alike are being eaten; and the yards are full of droppings -- so many droppings that you do not want your children playing in your own back yard.

Therefore, we the undersigned property owners are asking that the City of West Allis take IMMEDIATE AND NECESSARY steps to control the deer population in the City of West Allis.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1.	3/22	Mary Gorski / Tom Gorski	2626 S. Seymour Pl.
2.	3/22	Scott Miller	2621 S. Seymour Pl
3.	3/22	Michelle + Roy Brooks	12213 W. Hamison Pl.
4.	3/22	Robin Harris	12221 W Harrison Pl
5.	3/22	GARY MINCKLER	12233 W. Harrison Pl.
6.	3/22	JOHN KURZ	12213 W, HARRISON PL
7.	3/22	Fred Trulstrup	2596 S. SEYMOUR PL
9.	3-22	Richard McPhee	2589 S. Seymour Pl.
10.	3-22	Lee Balis Turner	2577 SO SEYMOUR PL
+11.	3-22-10	Michele + Keith Villwock	2551 S. Seymour Pl.
12.	3/22/10	Donna Jay Gapi	2588 S. Seymour Pl.
13.	3/23/10	Nancy	2631 S Seymour Pl.
14.	3/22/10	Leah J. Johnson	2649 S Seymour Pl.
15.	3/22/10	Cathy Dobson	2658 S Seymour Pl
16.	3/22/10	Jeff	2648 S. Seymour Pl.
17.	3/22/10	Maafid Darwich	2624 S. SEYMOUR PL
18.	3/22/10	Mary J. Bellgren	2036 W. Central Ave
19.	3-23-10	John	2563 S. SEYMOUR
20.	3/23/10	Caryn + Dallas	2532 So Seymour Pl

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21. 3/23/10	Suzanne Graziano	12116 W. Cleveland Ave. WA 53227
22. 3/24/10	Philip Kruer	2612 S. SEYMOUR PL. WA 53227
23. 3/24/10	Kurt Trosch	2512 S. SEYMOUR PL. WA 53227
24. 3/24/10	PM Waller	2523 S SEYMOUR PL WA 53227
25. 3/24/10	Karl S. [unclear]	2490 S. 124th WA 53227
26. 3/24/10	Joseph Buehl	2411 S Root River Pkwy WA 53227
27. 3/24/10	Susan R. Patis	2411 S Root River Pkwy WA 53227
28. 3/24/10	Crystal Cooks	9018 W. Montana Ave W Allis WI 53227
29. 3/24/10	Melba K. Keneva	2437 Root River Pkwy, 53227
30. 3/24/10	Jerry M. Wucinski	2453 So Root River Pkwy 53227
31. 3/24/10	Andrea Sobon	2467 ROOT RIVER PKWY 53227
32. 3/24/10	Margaret Figie	2483 Root River 53227
33. 3-24-10	William F. Rubin	2533 Root River Pkwy
34. 3/24/10	Richard A. Bulman	2345 So Root River Pkwy
35. 3/24/10	Le Roy C. Jansen	2357 Root River Pkwy
36. 3/24/10	Eileen Greberson	2569 Root River Pkwy
37. 3/24/10	[unclear]	2621 S Root River Pkwy
38. 3/24/10	Ana Patel	2607 S. Root River Pkwy 53227
39. 3/24/10	[unclear]	2655 Root River Pkwy 53227

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40.	3/26/10	Brian Mechenich	2725 Root River Pkwy
41.	3/26	M. Makew	2741 Root River
42.	3/26	HANAPT Bob Rybak	2749 S. Root River
43.	3/26	JAN KOSMATEK	2817 S. ROOT RIVER PKWY.
44.	3-26	ART KOSTNER	2875 Root River
45.	3-26	Dawn Spangas	2907 So. Root River Pkwy
46.	3/26	Pam Wachter	2947 S. Root River Pkwy.
47.	3-26	Wm Anderson	2979 So. Root River Pkwy
48.	3-24	Shannon Acliter	3065 S. Root River Pkwy
49.	3-26	RICHARD KRUEGER	2890 ROOT RIVER PKWY
50.	3-22	David Young	2794 So. Root River Pkwy
51.	3-26	SR. KATHY LUNDWALL	2716 Root River Pkwy.
52.	3-27	FRED Gunther	2526 So 124 ST
53.	3-27	Shannon Clark	2540 S. 124th St.
54.	3/27	Katie Raney	2552 S 124th St
55.	3/27	Ed Spozynsk.	2800 S. 124 ST.
56.	3/27	Pat Janosch	2840 S. 124th St.
57.	3/27	Jim Hays	2910 S. 124th
58.	3/27	Walter Powell	12314 West Cleveland Ave

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59.	3/27	Steve Glady	17302 W Cleveland
60.	3/27	Lyn Lucler	12224 W Cleveland
61.	3/27	Susan J. Zuffro	12016 W. Cleveland
62.	3/27	Marilyn Wade	11863 W. Florence LA.
63.	3/27	Tom Walker	2809 S. Seymour Pl.
64.	3/27	Sheila Van Riel	2795 S. Seymour Pl.
65.	3/27	Gege Munk	2802 S. Seymour pl.
66.	3/27	Jean Foster	2824 S Seymour Pl
67.	3/27	Charles Plese	2769 S Root River
68.	3/27	Rose Ryback	2665 S Seymour Pl
69.	3/25	Robert Mink	17736 W. Harrison Pl.
70.	3/28	Fey (Kozlosky)	<del>2660</del> Root River Pkwy
71.	3/28	Deborah K. Sladky	2650 Root River Pkwy
72.	3/28	DAVID K. KARCZENSKI	2600 S. ROOT RIVER PKWY
73.	3/28	Dr. Rasmussen	2982 " " "
74.	3/28	Tracy Gabriel	2728 S. Root River
75.	3/28	Paul Schwegel	2366 ROOT RIVER
76.	3/28	Dennis Papiernik	2350 Root River Pkwy
77.	3/28	Theresa Roman	2300 Root River

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78.	3/28	Paul A. Reineke	2308 So Green Links Dr
79.	3/28	Dennis A. Abel	2320 S. Green Links Dr.
80.	3/28	Laurel Drent	2337 S. Green Links Dr.
81.	3/28	Gary Kisko	2413 River River Pkwy
82.	3/29	Deanna Egebrand	2365 S. Green Links Dr.
83.	3/29	Gregory Diefel	2375 S. Green Links Dr.
84.	3/29	Ben Kaenig	2401 S Green Links Dr
85.	3/29	Mary Madson	2413 S Green Links Dr
86.	3/29	Joseph M. Stefanek	2453 S Green Links Dr.
87.	3-29	Walter Kogland	2467 S GREEN LINKS DR
88.	3/29	Chuck Chaste	2479 S Green links dr.
89.	3/29	Janet Hallatz	2541 S. Green Links Dr.
90.	3/29	Pamela Block	2561 So Green Links Dr
91.	3/29	Patricia R. Gunther	2554 S <sup>th</sup> Green Links
92.	3/29	Agnes R. Rubenka	2546 S. Green Links
93.	3/29	Diana Barthel	2466 S. Green Links Dr
94.	3/30	Candy Wagner	11922 W. Hayes Ave
95.	3-30	Ray Dredano	11906 W. Hayes AVE.



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114.	4/1	Brigita Kore-Kakulis	2601 S 118 <sup>th</sup>
115.	4/1	Kateera Bogardoff	2577 S 118 <sup>th</sup>
116.	4/1	Sharon Dantant	2530 S 118 <sup>th</sup>
117.	4/1	William L. Buit	2434 S 118 <sup>th</sup>
118.	4-1	Jamie Brisk	2434 S. 118 <sup>th</sup>
119.	4-1	Regina Smyller	2411 S. 118 <sup>th</sup> St
120.	4-1	Maureen Covatta	2354 S. 118 <sup>th</sup> St.
121.	4-1	William J. Brueen	2345 S. 118 <sup>th</sup> St.
122.	4-8	M Lyon	2906 SO 114
123.	4-8	M Spitz	2970 SOLLMER RD
124.	4.8	Shawn Stoeckel	2970 S. Wollmer Rd
125.	4-8	William J. Brueen	2914 S-114 <sup>th</sup> ST.
126.	4-8	Robert S. Jerrill	2904 S 114 <sup>th</sup> St
127.	4-8	Jeanette Skowronski	2830 So. 114 <sup>th</sup> ST
128.	4-8	John Schumpe	11349 W. Monroa Ave
129.	4-8	Kenneth Kups	11414 W. Monroa Ave
130.	4/13	DIRK A. RETZLAFF	11836 W. OKLAHOMA
131.	4/13	Jeany Meprand	11908 W Oklahoma

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96.	3/30	Jan Plank	11828 W HAYES AVE
97.	3/30	Edith Conner	11831 W. Hayes Ave
98.	3/30	Patricia W. Benhaus	12017 W. Hayes Ave
99.	3/30	John Stoll	12115 W. Lincoln Ave
100.	3/30	Melissa D Gill	12115 W. Lincoln Ave
101.	3/30	Rita Poyman	12021 W. Lincoln Ave.
102.	3/30	Ralph J. Steinberg	11935 W. Lincoln Ave
103.	3/30	Richard Burley	11819 W. Lincoln Ave -
104.	3/30	Mary Burley	" " "
105.	3/30	Mary Beth Groger	11731 W. Lincoln Ave.
106.	3/30	Draam Lynda	11715 W Lincoln Ave
107.	3/30	Nancy Lynch	11705 W. Lincoln Ave.
108.	3/31	Alfred Freeman	2591 S Root River Pkwy
109.	4/1	Greg T. Eicher	2683 S. 118 <sup>TH</sup> ST.
110.	4/1	Rita Dufek	2657 S. 118 <sup>th</sup> St
111.	4/1	Charles Dufek	2657 S 118 <sup>th</sup> ST
112.	4/1	Nancy Andreich	2662 S 118 <sup>th</sup> ST.
113.	4/1	Kel A. A.	2607 S 118 <sup>th</sup> ST

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132. 3-29-10	A TADUSZ CISEK	12022 W. Verona Ct. W. Allis 53227
133. 3-29-10	JAMES WENDERS	12100 W VERONA CT " 53227
134. 3-29-10	MARION CHECSTOWSKIJK	12116 W. VERONA CT. " "
135. 3-29-10	Greg Krueger	12134 West Verona Ct. West Allis 53227
136. 3-29-10	M. MARZ	12144 West Verona W/VA 53227
137. 3-29-10	Rub H. H.	12137 W. Verona Ct 53227
138. 3-29-10	DENNIS STEFANIAK	12035 W. VERONA CT. W/ALLIS 53227
139. 3-29-10	CHRIS KOHDE	12011 W. VERONA CT W/ALLIS 53227
140. 3-29-10	Pat Kobus	12023 W. Verona Ct. W/Allis 53227
141. 3-29-10	David Dahan	11919 W. Verona Ct West Allis 53227
142. 3-29-10	Frank D. Janus	11937 W. Holt Ave. West Allis, WI 53227
143. 3-29-10	Bob Szymanski	11943 W. Holt Ave West Allis, WI 53227
144. 3-28-10	Charlene Plosny	12011 W Holt Ave W " " " "
145. 3-28-10	Joseph A. Jmagn	12045 W Holt Ave West Allis WI 53227
146. 3-29-10	Lee E Krecklow	12107 W Holt Ave West Allis WI 53227
147. 3-29-10	John D. Fleming	12136 W. Holt Ave West Allis WI 53227
148. 3-29-10	Agnes Clark	12112 W Holt Ave. West Allis 53227
149. 3-29-10	Fran Behling	12040 W. Holt Ave W.A 53227

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151.	3-24-10	Frank Givens	12002 W Holt Ave
152.	3/29/10	Nadine Rajnovic	11926 W Noll Ave
153.	3/29/10	Mark Wittenberg	3315 S. 119th St.
154.	3/31/10	<del>Joseph A. [unclear]</del>	12040 W BURDICK AV
155.	3/31/10	<del>[unclear]</del>	11926 W BURDICK AV
156.	3/31/10	David L. [unclear]	11903 W. Burdick Av
157.	3/31/10	Degene Zalewski	11943 W Burdick Ave
158.	3/31/10	Chris [unclear]	12017 W. Burdick Ave
159.	3/31/10	Margaret M. Burtch	12029 " " "
160.	3/31/10	Clara Behr	12042 W. OHIO AVE
161.	3/31/10	Henry J. [unclear]	11962 W OHIO AVE
162.	3/31/10	Aeresa Hust	11924 W. Ohio Ave
163.	3/31/10	Bill Barbans	11933 W Ohio Ave
164.	3-31-10	ION BEARD	11943 W. OHIO AVE
165.	3-21-10	[unclear]	11965 W Ohio Ave
166.	3-31-10	Mary Ann Kempowski	12033 W. OHIO AVE
167.	3-31-10	Richard [unclear]	12033 W. Ohio Ave

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168.	4-10-2010	Scania M. Bellinger	2783 S. Seymour Place W.A. 53227
169.	4-10-2010	Rita Kammig	2830 S. Seymour Pl W.A. 53227
170.	4-10-2010	Donald E. Bahl	12039 W. Florence Ln WA 53227
171.	4/13/2010	Om P Gupta	11930 W Oklahoma Ave. WA 53227
172.	4-13-2010	Alge (Colon)	11946 W. Oklahoma 53227
173.	4/13/2010	Louis Truffinger	12240 W. Oklahoma Ave 53227
174.	4/17/2010	KAREN MORANTECK	346 S. 119TH ST. 53227
175.	4/17/2010	Dorothy Collins	3168 S 119th 53227
176.	4/17/10	Ly A Collins	3168 S 119th 53227
177.	4/18/10	Margene Kitchner	3321 So 119 53227
178.	4/18/10	John Alkota	3369 S 119th 53227
179.	4/18/10	June M. Dite	3369 S. 119th 53227
180.	4-18-10	Crystal Baker	3465 S. 119th 53227
181.	4/18/2010	Janet Deaillon	3478 So 119th 53227
182.	4/18/10	James J. Pilotas	3475 S. 119th 53227
183.	4/18/10	Warren Autabary	3475 So. 119th 53227
184.	4-17-10	June Ann Frey	3442 S. 119th 53227
185.	4-17-2010	Charles Camin	3428 S-119th ST 53227

Mayor Dan Devine,

I wish I would have brought this problem to your attention much sooner. I've lived in West Allis at this address for twenty years.

I put a gate up two years ago hoping to change their route. My yard was always used to get to and from the park to Waukesha Road.

In 1990 the deer population was much smaller. The most deer I would see at one time would be half a dozen.

I'm not the only one having problems with them. Their using my yard as an "outdoor corner eat buffet". Everything from flowers, trees and bushes and birdfeed.

I spend hundreds of dollars on my plants every year. Only to have them eaten.

Two years ago was the worst damage ever. They ate over 200 flowering plants. I bought deer repellent spray that had to be applied every two weeks. Very costly.

This past winter was the biggest stack ever. There

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was a herd of twenty-two deer, half in my front yard and the other half in the back. I thought I was seeing things.

I'm sure they don't have many enemies, so the population explodes.

Could you please see what can be done to alleviate this huge problem.

The planting season is drawing near, and I would like to enjoy my yard for a change.

Thank you,

Dorcas M. Bellinger

April 14, 2010

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM WRITING THIS TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF THE OVER POPULATED DEER IN GREENFIELD PARK. THEY ARE DESTROYING OUR PROPERTY, EATING OUR PLANTINGS, AND CARRYING DISEASES, LYME DISEASE AND ETC. I MIGHT ADD THEIR FECES ARE IN OUR YARDS AND WE NEED TO TAKE EXTRA SAFETY TO CLEAN THIS UP.

I HAD AN INCIDENT LAST FALL WHIC COULD HAVE BEEN VERY SERIOUS, I WENT TO GET MY MAIL ON CLEVELAND, WHEN 10 YES 10 DOE CAME LIKE THUNDER THRU MY NEIGHBORS YARD DOWN SEYMOUR -- I HATE TO THINK IF I HAD RETURNED TO MY HOME ON SEYMOUR IF THEY WOULD HAVE KNOCKED ME DOWN, POSSIBLY KILLED ME. HOWEVER IT DID STOP TRAFFIC BOTH WAYS, A LADY STOPPED PUT HER WINDOW DOWN " SHE HAS NEVER SEEN A DROVE OF 10 DEER BEFORE". THANK GOODNESS IT DID NOT CAUSE AN ACCIDENT.

WE PAY TAXES, YOUR SALARY, AND WE NEED YOU TO TAKE ACTION NOW! CONTACT THE DNR TO CORRECT THIS PROBLEM BEFORE IT TAKES OVER OUR COMMUNITY. I WILL ALSO CONTACT OUR CONGRESSMEN SO THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF THE PROBLEM.

PROPERTY OWNER AND TAX PAYER



MARY J. BOEHNEN  
12036 W. CLEVELAND AVE.  
WEST ALLIS, WI 53227

# DONNA FAY SZAFIR

2588 South Seymour Place  
West Allis, WI 53227

April 14, 2010

To Our Elective Officials:

Dan Devine, Mayor, Rosalie Reinke, Alderperson, and James Sengstock, Alderperson

To All Addressed Above:

The City of West Allis has a major problem and I feel that in the next few years if nothing is done now ... it will become out of control. I'm talking about **DEER**.

My backyard, the last three years, has been overrun with daily sightings. Up to seven deer at one time. They urinate, do their thing and then poo in my yard. Then off they would go into the next yard and do the same thing. A sight to behold. Not only a mess to clean up, but also the germs left behind. My days were spent replanting flowers. My neighbors' garden invaded by them. Flower beds eaten, etc.

Deer are beautiful animals. One of God's creations, but they do not belong in a **city**. Each year the problem will become worse if nothing is done now.

The deer are here because some of our residents in our municipalities are feeding the deer. No one seems to know, and I have asked, if there is a law that states a penalty for feeding deer.

As we all know, deer have no permanent homes. They spend their lives moving about in an area called a home range. Always looking for food, to find a mate and avoid their enemies like bears, cougars, coyotes, wolves, and us humans. Coyotes have been spotted in New Berlin and West Allis, as I was told. If so, they also will become a serious problem.

Then there are the deer flies and deer ticks. The deer ticks are the most dangerous of all. They carry a disease called "Lyme Disease," which if not treated immediately can cause death.

This all makes me wonder why not one of our city officials, that I know, has done anything over the years to eliminate the deer population in our communities.

There has been many deaths over the years caused by deer. When the population of deer increase and it will, more car accidents will happen. One death caused by a deer is too many.

Please take this letter seriously.

Sincerely,



Donna Fay Szafir

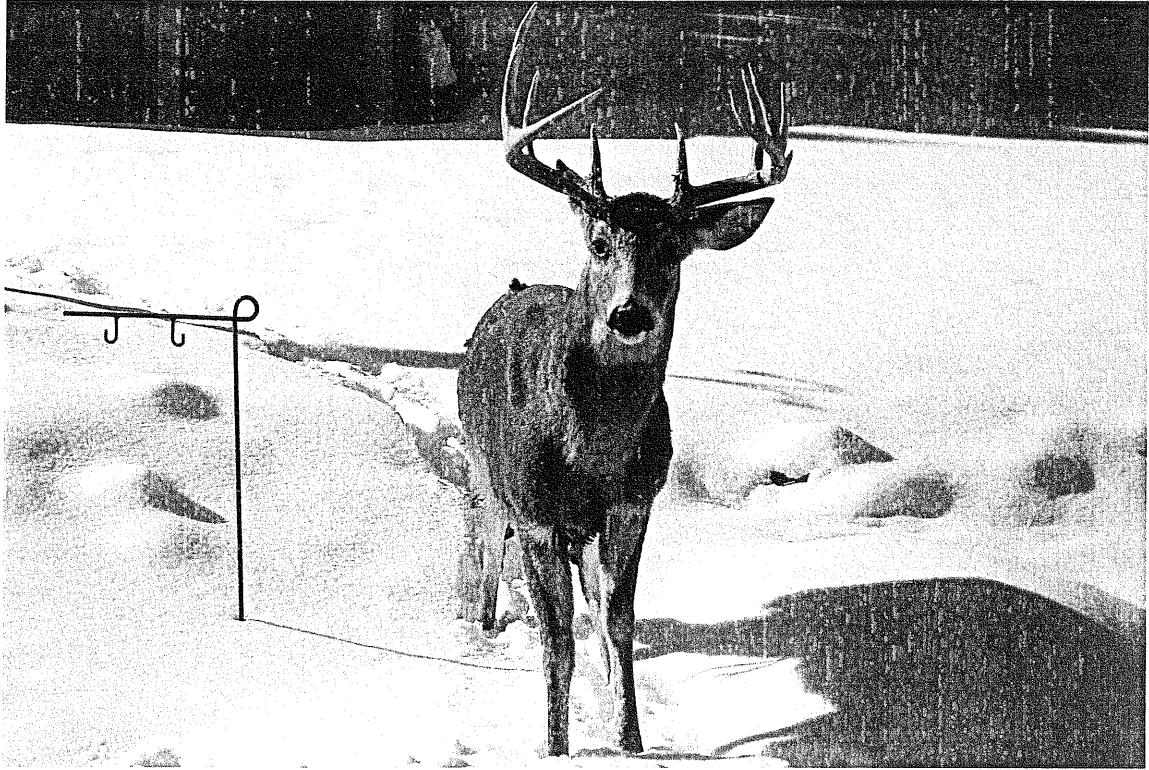
A resident of West Allis for 72 years.

A tax payer for 45 years.

A city employee for 20 years.



Pictures provided by Tom and Heidi Walloch  
2809 So. Seymour Place



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## What is the History of Lyme Disease?

### Lyme Disease Made Its Debut in 1975

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### What is Lyme disease? What causes Lyme disease?

Lyme disease is a bacterial illness caused by a bacterium called a "[spirochete](#)." In the United States, the actual name of the bacterium is *Borrelia burgdorferi*. In Europe, another bacterium, *Borrelia afzelii*, also causes Lyme disease. Certain [ticks](#) found on deer harbor the bacterium in their stomachs. Lyme disease is spread by these ticks when they bite the skin, which permits the bacterium to infect the body. Lyme disease is not contagious from an affected person to someone else. Lyme disease can cause abnormalities in the skin, joints, heart, and nervous system.

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Ticks are carriers of the Lyme bacterium in their stomachs. The ticks then are vectors that can transmit the bacterium to humans with a tick bite. The number of cases of the disease in an area depends on the number of ticks present and how often the ticks are infected with the bacteria. In certain areas of New York, where Lyme disease is common, over half of the ticks are infected. Lyme disease has been reported most often in the northeastern United States, but it has been reported in all 50 states, as well as China, Europe, Japan, Australia, and parts of the former Soviet Union. **In the United States, it is primarily contracted in the Northeast from the state of Maine to Maryland, in the Midwest in Minnesota and Wisconsin, and in the West in Oregon and Northern California.**

### What are symptoms and signs of Lyme disease?

Lyme disease affects different areas of the body in varying degrees as it progresses. The site where the tick bites the body is where the bacteria enter through the skin. As the bacteria spread in the skin away from the initial tick bite, the infection causes an expanding reddish [rash](#) that is often associated with "[flu-like](#)" symptoms. Later, it can produce abnormalities in the joints, heart, and nervous system.

Lyme disease is medically described in three phases as: (1) **early localized disease** with skin inflammation; (2) **early disseminated disease** with heart and nervous system involvement, including palsies and [meningitis](#); and (3) **late disease** featuring motor and sensory nerve damage and brain inflammation as well as [arthritis](#).

In the early phase of the illness, within days to weeks of the tick bite, the skin around the bite develops an expanding ring of unraised redness. There may be an outer ring of brighter redness and a central area of clearing, leading to a "bull's-eye" appearance. This classic initial rash is called "erythema migrans" (formerly called [erythema chronicum migrans](#)). Patients often can't recall the tick bite (the ticks can be as small as the periods in this paragraph). Also, they may not have the identifying rash to signal the doctor. More than one in four patients never get a rash. The redness of the skin is often accompanied by generalized fatigue, muscle and joint stiffness, swollen lymph nodes ("swollen glands"), and [headache](#) resembling symptoms of a virus infection.

The redness resolves, without treatment, in about a month. Weeks to months after the initial redness of the skin, the bacteria and their effects spread throughout the body. Subsequently, disease in the joints, heart, and nervous system can occur.

The later phases of Lyme disease can affect the heart, causing [inflammation](#) of the heart muscle. This can result in abnormal heart rhythms and [heart failure](#). The nervous system can develop facial muscle paralysis ([Bell's palsy](#)), abnormal sensation due to disease of peripheral nerves ([peripheral neuropathy](#)), meningitis, and confusion. Arthritis, or inflammation in the joints, begins with swelling, stiffness, and pain. Usually, only one or a few joints become affected, most commonly the knees. The arthritis of Lyme disease can look like many other types of inflammatory arthritis and can become chronic.

Researchers have also found that [anxiety](#) and [depression](#) occur with an increased rate in people with Lyme disease. This is another important aspect of the evaluation and management of this condition.

In early Lyme disease, doctors can sometimes make a diagnosis simply by finding the classic red rash (described above), particularly in people who have recently been in regions in which Lyme disease is common. The doctor might review the patient's history and examine the patient in order to exclude diseases with similar findings in the joints, heart, and nervous system. Blood testing for antibodies to Lyme bacteria is generally not necessary or helpful in early stage disease, but it can help in diagnosis in later stages. (Antibodies are produced by the body to attack the bacteria and can be evidence of exposure to the bacteria. These antibodies can be detected using a laboratory method called an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay [ELISA].) Antibodies, however, can be false indicators of disease, since they can remain for years after the disease is cured. Moreover, false-positive tests in patients with nonspecific findings (those that are not specifically suggestive of Lyme disease) can lead to confusion. Currently, the confirmatory test that is most reliable is the Western Blot assay antibody test. More accurate tests are being developed.

Generally, Lyme blood testing is helpful in a patient who has symptoms compatible with Lyme disease, who has a history of a tick bite at least a month prior, or who has unexplained disorders of the heart, joints, or nervous system that are characteristic of Lyme disease.

### **What is the treatment for Lyme disease?**

Most cases of Lyme disease are curable with antibiotics. This is so true that some authors of Lyme disease research have stated that the most common cause of lack of response of Lyme disease to antibiotics is a lack of Lyme disease to begin with! The type of antibiotic depends on the stage of the disease (early or late) and what areas of the body are affected. Early illness is usually treated with medicines taken by mouth, for example, doxycycline (Vibramycin), amoxicillin, or cefuroxime axetil. Therefore, if a person finds a typical bull's-eye skin rash (described above) developing in an area of a tick bite, they should seek medical attention as soon as possible. Generally, antibiotic treatment resolves the rash within one or two weeks with no long-term consequences. Later illness such as nervous-system disease might require intravenous drugs; examples are ceftriaxone (Rocephin) and penicillin G.

For the relief of symptoms, pain-relieving medicines might be added. Swollen joints can be reduced by the doctor removing fluid from them (arthrocentesis). An arthrocentesis is a procedure whereby fluid is removed from a joint using a needle and syringe under sterile conditions. It is usually performed in a doctor's office. Rarely, even with appropriate antibiotics, the arthritis continues. It has been suggested by researchers that sometimes joint inflammation can persist even after eradication of the Lyme bacteria. This has been explained as an ongoing autoimmune response causing inflammation of the joint that was initially stimulated by the original bacterial infection. The doctor also can use oral medications such as ibuprofen (Motrin, Nuprin) to reduce inflammation and improve function.

### **How can Lyme disease be prevented? Is there a vaccine?**

Because Lyme disease is transmitted by ticks attaching to the body, it is important to use tick-bite avoidance techniques when visiting known tick areas. Spraying insect repellent containing DEET onto exposed skin can help. Wearing long pants tucked into boots and long sleeves can protect the skin. Clothing, children, and pets should be examined for ticks. Ticks can be removed gently with tweezers and saved in a jar for later identification. Bathing the skin and scalp and washing clothing upon returning home might prevent the bite and transmission of the disease.

Vaccines were formerly on the market; however, as of Feb. 25, 2002, the manufacturer announced that the LYMErix<sup>TM</sup> Lyme disease vaccine will no longer be commercially available. Further studies of vaccines are needed. For now, ideal prevention focuses on the recommendations of the preceding paragraph.

### **Lyme Disease At A Glance**

- Lyme disease is a bacterial illness that is spread by tick bites.
- Lyme disease can affect the skin, joints, heart, and the nervous system.
- Lyme disease occurs in phases -- the early phase beginning at the site of the tick bite with an expanding ring of redness.
- Lyme disease is diagnosed based on the patient's clinical signs of illness and the detection of Lyme antibodies in the blood.
- Lyme disease is treated with antibiotics.

SUMMARY OF  
WEST ALLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CALL DETAIL REPORT  
DATED MARCH 26, 2010

Date	Case No.	Officer	Driver	Accident Location	Accident Information/Comments
??/??/2010	??	??	N/A	2840 South 124 Street	Buck's antlers caught in swing ropes
12/20/2009	09-011740	Jeffrey Shook	Natasha L. Hughes	W Cleveland Ave/Waukesha Rd.	Car vs. deer
11/12/2009	09-052594	David Madden	Michelle Hollman Mueller	2028 South 124 Street	Car hit deer
11/04/2009	09-010195	Lori Belli	Brian K. Olszewski	11500 Blk W. National Ave.	Deer vs. vehicle
11/06/2009	09-010248	Brian Beyer	Adbul Bashid Bepar	3225 South 108 Street	Car hit deer; Wilde Toyota lot
10/06/2009	09-009246	Christopher Sohre	Christine C. Johnson	12051 W. Cleveland Ave.	Car/deer
09/23/2009	09-008789	Timothy Gold	Robert J. Navarrette	2902 South 124 Street	Deer vs. car
08/20/2009	09-007613	Andrew Matter	N/A	11800 Blk Oklahoma Ave.	Deceased deer in roadway
08/24/2009	09-007747	Christopher Sohre	Individual report missing		
05/15/2009	09-020874	Heather Stuetgen	None shown on report	3411 South 108 Street	Details missing on individual report
10/05/2008	08-046178	James Plotkin	None shown on report	2028 South 124 Street	Deer vs. car
09/18/2008	08-043170	Brandon Hurley	None shown on report	S Root River Pkwy/W. Oklahoma Ave.	Bread truck vs. deer
09/07/2008	08-041462	Rick Orłowski, Jr.	None shown on report	3221 South 114 Street	Female party hit a deer
09/15/2008	08-042797	Christopher Sohre	None shown on report	S Root River Pkwy/W. National Ave.	Car vs. deer
11/15/2008	08-052862	Mark Sopa	None shown on report	S. 122 St./W. Oklahoma Ave	Vehicle struck deer & kept going. Deer still alive in the roadway.
08/26/2008	08-039337	Andrew Matter	Amanda Nelson	S. Root River Pkwy/W National Ave.	Struck a deer

In addition to the specific incidents listed above, the Police Department has 355 pages of animal complaints which cannot be separated into a specific type of animal. Calls relating to deer are among these 355 complaints.