



# wallenpaupack lake estates

## PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

A GROWING ORGANIZATION

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Dear Property Owners,

The Board of Directors in recent years has conducted surveys through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to determine the size and condition of WLE's deer herd. The surveys have indicated that our population of deer greatly exceeds the amount per square mile to support a healthy herd and habitat.

In 2009 a Deer Management Program was initiated with the USDA to keep a consistent herd. This will be an ongoing program. Due to our overabundance of deer the Deer Management Program includes the culling of the herd. As the program advances and there is a manageable deer herd, other methods of managing the herd can be considered.

Property owners are jeopardizing the program by feeding the deer, which results in attracting more deer from outside of the community. The PA Game Commission has notified us that feeding the deer must cease if we are going to continue a Deer Management Program. Although it seems like good intentions, feeding deer and other wild animals is not natural and in the long run only hurts them as well as the ecology.

The PA Game Commission has directed us to inform property owners that feeding deer, bear and turkeys must stop. In addition, we must show the PA Game Commission we are enforcing our rule of no feeding of wild animals. Small capacity bird feeders in close proximity of the residence will be allowed unless they are attracting deer. The PA Game Commission has been to WLE to perform an inspection which will be followed up.

Rule #53 of WLE Rules and Regulations will be enforced to the fullest extent by the WLE Public Safety Department. The PA Game Commission has directed us to forward them any warnings and notice of violations that are issued. The fine for violating the following rule is as follows: first offense-written warning; second offense-\$100; thereafter each offense will be \$500.00.

**53. *Wild Animals:*** *Open feeding of any wild animals (deer, bears, raccoons, etc.) is forbidden in WLE. The one exception will be bird feeders, suspended above the ground so as to inhibit access by ground animals. (5/19/01)*

Your cooperation is very much appreciated

Sincerely,

Board of Directors

Cc: PA Game Commission

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