

Mr. Biebel,

Please find a transcript of a recent correspondence with my alderman in which I reference your mailing from Nov 2023 concerning wild turkey.

As a follow-up for you, this issue has not improved and has only gotten worse. The number of turkey, deer and other animals has only increased since your mailing. People are continuing to feed and attract the wildlife. I see it every day. It is causing property damage and unsanitary conditions. We are hoping something can be done.

Sincerely,
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From: Karen/Tim Schultz <kats1987@att.net>
To: joe.heidemann@sheboyganwi.gov <joe.heidemann@sheboyganwi.gov>
Sent: Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 04:47:04 PM CDT
Subject: Wild Animal Control

Mr. Heidemann,

As my District 10; Ward 20 Alderman, I am writing to make you aware of the wild animal problems we are experiencing here along the west end of Sommer Drive in Sheboygan.

Specifically, I am referring to the extreme number of deer and turkey currently overtaking our neighborhood. It is not unusual to have 20-30 turkey at a time in our back yard and have counted 40+ on occasion. It is also not unusual to have 10-15+ deer at a time in our backyard. I see similar numbers of animals as I drive east on Sommer Drive. This is an entire neighborhood problem.

The sheer number of animals present destroy property and leave behind unsanitary conditions. We can't do planting in our landscaping because the deer eat whatever we plant. We can't enjoy our backyards because of the amount of deer and turkey droppings left behind. The deer and turkey destroy our lawn due to their foraging.

Wildlife has always been present in our neighborhood but not to the extent that it is now. It has become unreasonable and we feel something needs to be done.

Contributing greatly to this problem are people who feed the wildlife. I have a neighbor who feeds the wildlife twice daily in both her front and back yard showing no courtesy or consideration as to the issues her actions are causing her neighbors.

Last fall Sheboygan Public Works Director David Biebel distributed a letter to our entire neighborhood (see attachment) asking people to refrain from feeding the wild turkey. This has not had the intended effect, as I still witness this happening every day. Feeding deer is not only a Sheboygan ordinance violation it is also against state law. Feeding deer increases the risk of CWD spreading amongst the deer herd.

Years ago when the deer herd got too large it was thinned. Now we have the same problem not only with deer but also with turkey. We are asking that something be done to bring these numbers down and also to stop people from attracting animals by feeding them. Action needs

to be taken and there needs to be consequences for people who disregard the law and continue to feed and attract wildlife to the detriment of their neighbors.

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cc: David Biebel
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