

2013-2014 Deer Management Program--- Limited Hunting Authorized
Deer Survey Results are Being Tabulated and Analyzed

The Borough has an ordinance prohibiting any and all hunting in the Borough unless specifically approved by the Mayor and Borough Council. For the 2013-2014 hunting season the Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen Inc. has been authorized to hunt in an effort to help to control the deer population. Warren Blue Ridge has been working with the Borough for several years and has a proven safety track record in many towns. The Warren Blue Ridge marksmen must register with the Watchung Police Department and follow all rules and regulations of the Borough Deer Management program. This program can only be carried out at certain locations in Watchung and all State of New Jersey laws must be followed. The New Jersey deer season begins on Monday, December 2 and runs into early February. The only weapons that can be used by Warren Blue Ridge for the deer management program are shotguns and muzzleloaders. No pistols, other types of rifles or any other kind of firearm is permitted to be used. If any resident may have a question about the deer management program for this year, please contact Borough Administrator Tom Atkins (tatkins@watchungnj.com) or Administrative Assistant Linda Monetti (lmonetti@watchungnj.com) The phone number is 756-0080.

Many residents have asked about hunting with bow and arrow (curved bow) or with a crossbow. No bow and arrow hunting of any kind is permitted in the Borough at any time. If you might see hunters using the bow and arrow, or hunters possibly discharging weapons in unauthorized locations, please contact the Watchung Police Department right away. (756-3663) Last month a very comprehensive deer survey was sent to every Watchung home and many were returned. The results of the survey are being organized and evaluated. We thank all for participating in the survey to let us know your views, perspectives and opinions. The time that you took to answer the survey questions is most appreciated and will continue to help formulate policies in the future. The last Borough deer survey was taken in 2008.

Thomas E. Atkins, Borough Administrator