

## Deer me, what can I do?

Mayor Litwin Clinton and the Village Board are sponsoring a presentation by the N.Y. State Department of Environmental Conservation on dealing with issues relating to the growing presence of deer in the community. Numerous reports of concern by local residents have prompted this effort to find out more about what to do.

On behalf of the Mayor and the Board, Trustee Frances Hogenkamp has invited a DEC staff wildlife biologist from Albany, Susan Booth-Binczik, to lead a presentation and discussion that will immediately follow the January 14<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting which will be held in the Boardroom of the Municipal Building. The presentation is expected to start shortly after 7:00 pm. With an opportunity for questions, it is expected to last about an hour.

Ms. Booth-Binczak has traveled through many parts of the state and studied the deer population problem. She will be able to discuss successful ways of dealing with deer being practiced in other communities and ways to reduce their impact.

Having become nearly extinct in New York State in the 1920's, re-introduction, imposing a limited hunting season and good food and habitat have led to a point of overpopulation which is now becoming intrusive and has been compounded by a variety of factors including reduced interest in hunting, displacement by suburban sprawl and other circumstances.

Everyone from our entire community, both Village and Town, who has interests or concerns is most welcome to attend.