

Dear Council Members,

As you consider another deer cull, please keep in mind that these creatures aren't trying to be destructive. They're not plotting against the humans (like Grand Haven is against them), and they're not doing anything that's not 100% what God intended for them to do. Are they eating some plants? Yes; plants are what deer eat -- since the beginning of time. That's why plants are on the earth; to feed the creatures of the earth. And while I know that some people are driven crazy by the obvious absurdity of God's plan, for animals to eat vegetation; humans really can co-exist with all of the creatures, with a little bit of effort on our part. Lots of groups of people have done it throughout history, and I really believe that we're smart enough to do the same. Obviously we can't school the deer in what is and is not acceptable for them to munch, so we **NEED TO SCHOOL** ourselves to grow gardens that will not interest the animals. We are able to be educated (most of us, anyway); let's not take that blessing for granted, people.

This is the time of year when deer (and lots of other animals) are birthing and caring for their babies; their fawns, for those of you who prefer that we use the proper names. To even consider killing a deer right now is utterly **heartless**. I can't believe that even the anti-deer population would find it acceptable to kill a mother, and leave a brand new fawn to fend for itself. Please think back to the W.W.J.D.? bracelets that used to be so popular. Do you really think that it's God's plan for the Grand Haven City Council to decide that *God made a mistake* in putting these graceful creatures in our area? I mean, really! Who here wants to accuse Him of that???

Please consider the bigger picture for Grand Haven, and **let yourselves admit** that part of the beauty of the area is the surrounding wildlife. Don't be bullied into making another mistake by killing more innocent animals. Really think about it... if you keep up with this process, where and when will it be enough for the trigger-happy citizens? Do we start shooting turkeys, squirrels, groundhogs (all of which are in collisions with cars, probably more often than deer, and who eat vegetation)? Come on people; stand up for what is **RIGHT**, rather than cowering to what the same complainers (who refuse to educate themselves to new options) tell you that you should do.

I'm going to assume that you'll consider what I've said, and thank you for that consideration.

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