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September 9, 2020

Dear Meridian Township Resident:

You are receiving this notice because you reside near a Township or County property where a managed deer harvest program will occur.

Meridian Township has an over-population of deer that has resulted in an increase of damage to landscaping, an increase in reports of vehicle/deer collisions, concern for public health, and a disruption of the ecological balance of our natural areas. In response, Meridian Township has developed a Deer Management Plan that outlines measures for a highly managed program to harvest white-tailed deer in a number of select Township-owned properties. **Please note that Township properties are NOT open to the general public for hunting.**

Meridian Township has obtained a Deer Management Area Permit from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The Deer Management Plan for 2020 includes the following measures for a deer harvest:

- Archery hunting (NO FIREARMS) will be allowed on select Township properties, seven days per week, from ½ hour before dawn to ½ hour after dusk, per MDNR regulations. Hunting will occur from **October 1, 2020 through January 1, 2021.**
- Performed by a carefully selected, limited number of qualified, competent, experienced hunters who are familiar with the area.
- Entrances of Township properties will be posted, advising visitors of the deer harvest. Properties will remain open during the harvest, unless posted otherwise.
- Hunters are required to check in with the Township each time they hunt a Township property and are required to report all deer harvested to the Township and to the DNR. The harvested deer are also checked for chronic wasting disease.

More information on the management program can be found on our website at: www.meridian.mi.us/DeerManagement

Please contact me with questions or concerns at greenway@meridian.mi.us or **517.853.4610**. If you encounter any problems during the managed harvest, please contact the Meridian Township Police non-emergency line at **517.332.6526**. If you witness suspicious hunting activity please call the **MDNR Report All Poaching (RAP) Hotline at 1.800.292.7800**.

Sincerely,

Jane L. Greenway, LLA
Senior Parks and Land Management Coordinator