

Because of the large population of white-tailed deer and their destruction of the environment, the Town of Pound Ridge has decided to play an active role in protecting our flora and fauna by opening three town-owned properties to bow hunting.

This mailer will explain what the Town is doing and what it can do to help you, if you wish someone to hunt on your property

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OCTOBER 14 THROUGH DECEMBER 31**

## **HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

If you wish to have your property hunted, you should arrange that by contacting hunters. The Pound Ridge Police Department will have a list of hunters or you may contact the Westchester Bowhunters Association (e-mail [doug@westchesterbowhunters.com](mailto:doug@westchesterbowhunters.com)).

When hunters come to the Town House to inquire about possible hunting sites, they will be referred to this website. You may also contact the Pound Ridge Police Department (764-4206) for additional information.

The WBH site contains the questionnaire the town uses to judge the proficiency of a potential hunter. You can download a permission slip to be filled out and to be placed on the dashboard of the hunter's vehicle and a release form for you and the hunter to complete, addressing potential liability issues.

We urge you to have hunters earn their buck by taking a doe first. We suggest that you inform your neighbors that your land is being hunted.

NY State law says that it is illegal to discharge a firearm or bow within 500 feet of a dwelling, farm building or structure in occupation or use unless you own it, lease it, are an immediate member of the family, an employee, or have the owner's consent.

## **HUNTING ON TOWN LAND**

Only because of the destruction of the environment by the large herds of deer has the Town decided to open some of its land to bow hunting. These properties will be posted with **BOW HUNTING PERMITTED FOR DEER** signs.

They are: Sachs Park - 19 acres, Horseshoe Hill - 16.7 acres, South of Winterbottom - 63 acres,

The Pound Ridge Police Department will monitor the hunters. All hunting will be done from tree stands. All hunters will have demonstrated their proficiency. All hunters will be issued maps showing the boundaries of the properties.

In keeping with best deer management practices, all hunters will be required to take a doe before taking a buck to help reduce future generations of deer. We ask all hunters to share their harvest with a local food bank.

The Town has decided to try to balance the deer herd with the environment through traditional bow hunting rather than hiring sharpshooters.

We realize that this effort to reduce the deer herd will take several years and require the cooperation of all the major land owners. We are reaching out to them and offering our assistance.

*Aquarion (The water company) will be opening three of their properties for hunting this year. Hunters will be selected from among those approved by the Pound Ridge Police Department.*

*Westchester County has created a task force to deal with the growing deer population. The Town of Pound Ridge has two representatives on that board.*

*The New York State DEC currently has a check station in Yorktown. We are asking that a second site be established in Pound Ridge.*

*NYC Owned Water Supply Lands have been opened for bow hunting. Hunters should visit: <http://nyc.gov/html/dep/watershed/html/wsrchunt.html> for more information.*

*Please visit: [www.townof-poundridge.com / environment](http://www.townof-poundridge.com/environment) for more information concerning deer management and to learn about other environmental information.*