

Keeping Our Wildlife Wild

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Feeding songbirds in the backyard is a fun, pleasurable hobby for many homeowners, especially during the long winter months. But before you fill those bird feeders, please remember that our City requires (Ordinance #107) that:

- The feeding is done from a bird feeder that is designed to discourage other wild animals from feeding; and
- The feeder is placed at least five feet from the ground.

Did you know that feeding deer has little impact on deer condition, survival, or reproduction? It CAN, however, have unintended biological and social consequences, such as digestive and other health problems for deer, increased deer-car collisions, and attracting white-footed mice (a key player in the transmission of Lyme Disease). A fear of humans is also in the best interest of deer!