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MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP

Township Manager
27 N. Pennell Rd., PO Box 157
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Dear Township Manager:

At the recommendation of Wildlife Biologists, deer hunts will once again be held in Ridley Creek State Park to help maintain balance within the park's ecosystem, as well as surrounding property. Large deer populations have caused damage to shrubbery, wildflowers, and other park vegetation resulting in a severe reduction in the biological diversity of plant and animal species in the area. In order to properly manage the deer herd, and bring the number of animals in line with the available food supply, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission has scheduled two regulated hunts on **Thursday, November 30, 2023 & Thursday, December 7, 2023.**

As a safety measure, shotguns with "00" buckshot is the only ammunition permitted to be used. Safety zones have been established and a force of Park Rangers will be on site to enforce safety regulations. In addition, all areas of the park will be closed to visitors and motorists on these days, and the portion of Gradyville Rd. that goes through the park will be closed to vehicular traffic until about 4:00 pm.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Park Manager Alexa Rose at 610-892-3900.

Sincerely,

John A. Hallas

John Hallas
Director
Bureau of State Parks