



## **Deer Management Plan Explained**

The Lakes and Wildlife Management committee created a deer management plan to address bio-diversity and forest management problems caused by deer overpopulation. After reviewing the options available to us we decided to utilize the Pennsylvania Game commission's Deer Management Assistance Program or DMAP.

The program allows private land areas to apply for special antler less deer permits for use specifically within that designated zone. We have done that, applied for, and received 50 coupons across 4 separate zones within Locust Lake Village. All areas are wooded and meet all state regulations for hunting safety. We have elected to limit the program to LLV members and Pocono Mountain Regional Police, utilizing archery hunting only with no crossbows. All hunting must be from a temporary tree stand and each hunter must prove proficiency. Call the office to find out the dates for this program.

What this means is that only those archers who have been approved may legally hunt deer and only in these specific areas during approved archery seasons. **No** other hunter may hunt, at any time on these properties. Each approved hunter has signed an agreement form that he will abide by all of our regulations and also by the state regulations and has also signed a waiver and release of liability form. More information about this program can be obtained at the office.

The 4 zones are: behind Pilgrim Lake off Beaver run, behind the baseball field, behind the tennis courts, and at the top of Fawn Rd over to the dump. Each zone has a designated parking area that the hunters have been asked to use so we can monitor their presence and each has been given an identifying parking permit to display. The areas have also been marked with blue field marking paint on trees indicating the perimeter.

### **Safety first!**

- Only open to LLVPOA members and Pocono Mountain Regional Police.
- Only archery hunting allowed. No crossbows or any other weapons.
- Only from a temporary tree stand.
- Only approved for dates designated by LLV DMAP program.
- Only qualified archers who prove 'proficiency' and sign proper releases may request a coupon.
- Coupon is only an application to the state for a specific antlerless deer tag to be utilized only in a specific zone.
- Hunters must 'register' each time with the office/security prior to hunting.
- Maps are provided to each hunter to identify exact areas for hunting.

Archery is recognized as the safest form of hunting and with the excellence displayed by the archers who have been issued coupons the expectations for success is high. The Lakes and wildlife committee would ask that we as residents of Locust Lake Village understand the need for such a program, and that you will do your part by being respectful of the hunters you may come across and to refrain from feeding the deer entirely.