

# WELCOME



## GRANITE SHOALS TOWN HALL MEETING

Urban Deer Population Issues

**MAY 2, 2015**

# Outline of Meeting

- Call to Order, Purpose, Introductions: Assist. City Manager Smith
- Conduct, Decorum and Procedures: MPT Brugger
- Introduction to TX Parks and Wildlife Program Holland
  - 9:05 - 9:20 Pretest – Jessica Alderson
  - 9:20 - 9:35 Mailed Survey - Some Results - Todd Holland
  - 9:35 – 10:00 Deer Biology – Erin Wayland
  - 10:00 – 10:30 Deer Management – Kevin Schwaush
  - 10:30 – 10:40 Post-test - Jessica Alderson
  - 10:40 – 11:00 Q&A and ‘Next Steps’ - MPT Brugger

# We Are All - US

- All members of City Council and the Wildlife Advisory Committee are:
  - Volunteers – we get no pay or money
  - Residents of Granite Shoals
  - Granite Shoals Property Owners
  - Taxpayers
  - Voters
- Please do not think in terms of “Them” and “Us” – We are all “Us”

# Conduct and Decorum for Comments and Questions

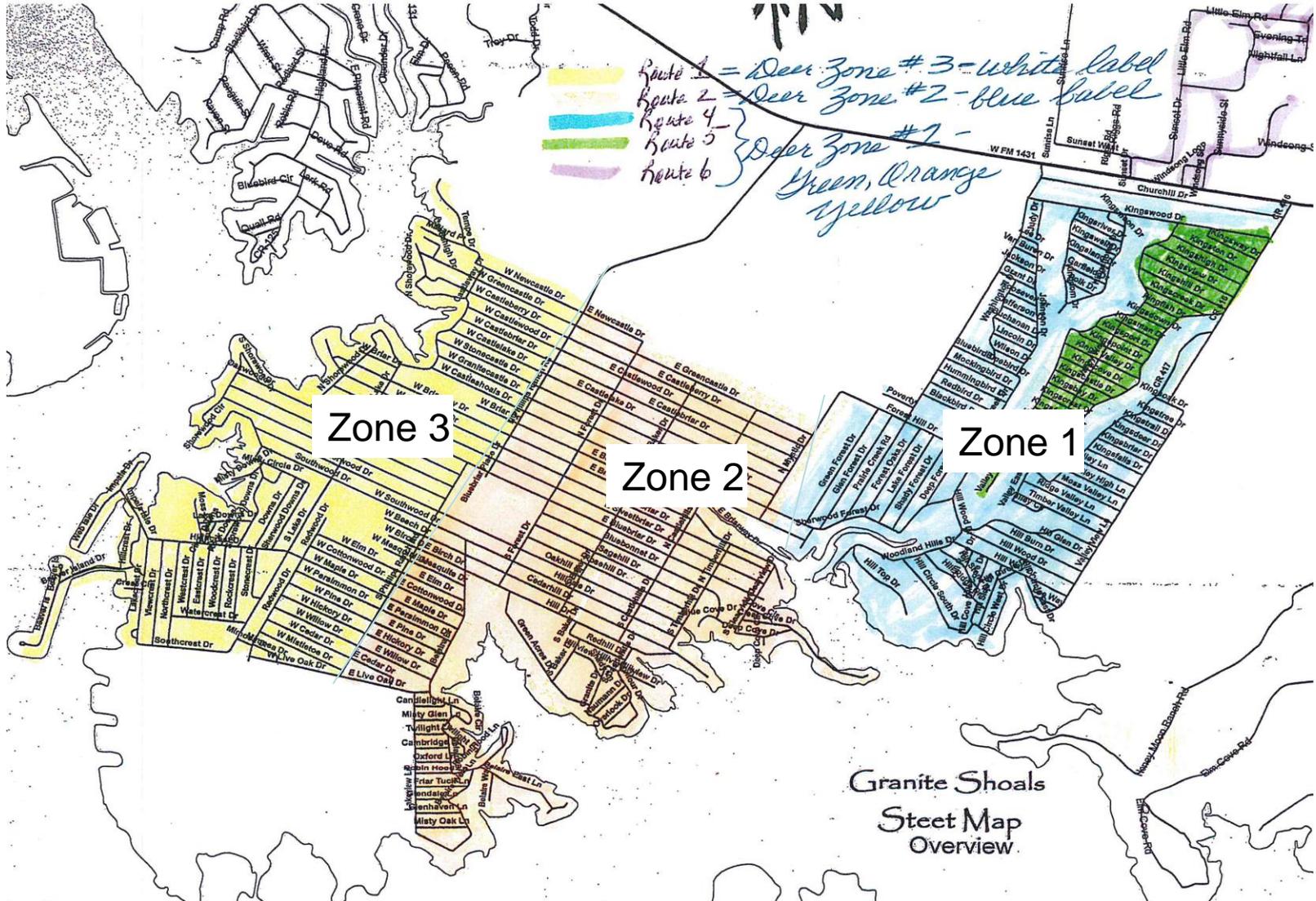
We ask that you, please:

- Keep your comments and questions brief and on topic
  - The Urban Deer Population
- Be polite and respectful in your speech and manner



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# The Deer Zones



# Mail Survey Results

Question 1 was *Are You A Full-time Resident?* and

Question 10 was *Would You Attend A Town Hall Meeting?*

Question #2 – What statement best fits your attitude toward the Deer? (386 Responses)

**a. Deer do not cause any problems and nothing needs to be done: 63 (16%)**

	Deer Zone #1	Deer Zone #2	Deer Zone #3	
FT =	6	14	20	40
PT =	5	5	7	17
N/A =	6			<u>6</u>
				<b>63</b>

**b. Deer cause some problems but not enough to worry about: 109 (28%)**

	Deer Zone #1	Deer Zone #2	Deer Zone #3	
FT =	3	23	34	60
PT =	5	15	27	47
N/A =	2			<u>2</u>
				<b>109</b>

**c. Deer cause many problems and solutions are needed: 214 (56%)**

	Deer Zone #1	Deer Zone #2	Deer Zone #3	
FT =	18	67	75	160
PT =	2	19	27	48
N/A =	6			<u>6</u>
				<b>214</b>

# Some More Results

Question #4 – Do you have to drive more carefully to avoid deer on the city streets within Granite Shoals? (386 Responses)      **Total**      **Yes = 311 (81%)**  
**No = 75 (19%)**

Question #5 – Have you or member of your family been in a deer/vehicle accident or a 'close call' incident in the city limits of Granite Shoals?

<b>Deer Vehicle Collision</b>	<b>Yes 84 (23%)</b>	<b>No 283 (77%)</b>	<b>(367 Responses)</b>
<b>Close Call Incident</b>	<b>Yes 218 (63%)</b>	<b>No 130 (37%)</b>	<b>(348 Responses)</b>

Question #6 – Do you think the size of the deer population in Granite Shoals is a problem? (382 Responses)

<b>Yes</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>66%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8%</b>

# More results

Question #7 – In general, would you support the City’s efforts to research and to determine if a deer management program is needed? (385 Responses)

<b>Yes</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>76%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1%</b>

Question #8 – Have you incurred deer-related costs such as deer fencing, or deer resistant plants for your landscape, etc. ? (390 Responses)

<b>Yes</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>64 %</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>36 %</b>

Question #9. Would you support a city ordinance/law to ban feeding deer in Granite Shoals, if it were part of a deer management program? (389 Responses)

<b>Yes</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>70 %</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>30%</b>
Undecided	2	

# NEXT STEPS

- Hear recommendations from Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists
- Review and assess comments from today
- Investigate all options which are promising
- Conduct a 'Head Count' of the deer in the City
- Define further actions based on practicality and cost.

# ADJOURNMENT

- Thank you for your attendance, your attention and your concern for the health of our community.

