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## PRESS RELEASE

### SYRACUSE TICK AND DEER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP TO HOLD PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

**Meeting is on May 21st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Corcoran High School**

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** – Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh announced a public information session hosted by the Syracuse Tick and Deer Management Advisory Group on Tuesday, May 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Corcoran High School. During this session, representatives from the medical and research communities will discuss the growing deer population in our neighborhoods. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County will present strategies to lessen the probability of human-tick interactions and tick bites.

Mayor Walsh appointed the Tick and Deer Management Advisory Group to create a plan to address the health and safety issues resulting from the tick and deer population in parts of the city. Among the issues the group hopes to address are:

- Approximately 50 percent of adult ticks in the Syracuse and DeWitt areas are positive for Lyme disease.
- The number of deer in residential neighborhoods doubles about every three years.
- The expanding population of deer spreads ticks into new, uninfested areas.
- Deer-vehicle collisions pose an increasing danger to public safety.
- Extensive deer foraging harms not only residential landscapes, but also urban forests and contributes to soil erosion, stream turbidity, and the invasion of nonnative plants.

The program will have a moderated question and answer session for residents. There will be an additional public meeting to present the recommendations of the advisory group and receive public comment later in May.

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