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Form submission from: Gearhart Elk & Wildlife

1 message

City of Gearhart Oregon via City of Gearhart Oregon <info@ci.gearhart.or.us>

Tue, Jul 21, 2020 at 3:09 PM

Reply-To: City of Gearhart Oregon <info@cityofgearhart.com>

To: krysti@cityofgearhart.com

Submitted on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 - 3:09pm
Submitted by anonymous user: 24.216.248.2
Submitted values are:

First Name: Jacob and Judy

Last Name: Redekop

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Phone:

Type of Wildlife Encountered: Elk

Type of Experience: Negative

Feedback/Please Describe Your Experience:

Chad, we live 306 N. Marion nw corner. Recently we have had an increase in elk activity. On 2 occasions we have had a herd of young males[antlers], of about 20 in number. They stayed for about 2 days , then roamed on. Later we had a group of cows with their young grazing in the vacant lot across the street. Of course the cows were very protective of their calves. This causes a traffic problem with gawkers stopping to take pictures. On one occasion I saw a mother was walking by and had a child on her back and one in a stroller. She stopped and took pictures endangering herself and her children .My neighbor had reminded her that these were wild animals, and we must respect them as such. The police were no where to be seen during these events.

The most recent event happened to us. On Sunday night the elk herd got into my garden, destroyed most of my vegetables, and browsed on my fruit trees, destroying most of my crop again for this year. This is the 4th year in the row I will have basically no fruit or vegetables because of elk damage. In addition to this they dug up my lawn leaving numerous droppings behind and browsed on my shrubs leaving debris scattered.

I don't want to put a fence and live in a prison compound. I find an elk fence unsightly. Nearly every people stop by to enjoy my garden and comment on it's beauty. This is an urban area, and with the reproductive rate as at present the problem will only get worse. My garden, the "hominess" and beauty of Gearhart are at risk, as well as the safety of the residents and visitors. We implore you to take this matter seriously and try to solve this problem.

Jacob and Judy Redekop

306 N. M Marion Gearhart

Would you like us to forward your feedback to the ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife): Yes

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<https://www.cityofgearhart.com/node/1441/submission/23321>



Fwd: Form submission from: Contact Us

1 message

Chad Sweet <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>
To: donald@nc3d.com
Cc: Krysti Ficker <krysti@cityofgearhart.com>

Fri, Jul 24, 2020 at 7:32 AM

Thanks for your comments Don,

The city is on track to break records for the most brush bin dumps this season. The combination of an incredible growing season, more residents than ever in town due to Covid, and some contractors using the bin, we're struggling to keep up. This is also causing issues in our parking area for city staff. Just last week it was emptied 3 times at the cities expense.

The public works staff and I have been keeping an eye on the bin to keep contractors out. Wednesday my guys viewed the same black pickup dump 3 times, we searched the town, found him, and told him he cannot dump as he was commercial. His response was he's a handyman for three Gearhart homes so why are they not allowed to dump? I informed him that we cannot keep up with high volumes and he understood.

Your idea to add a sign is one that I've been thinking about also. I think we'll do that, but I'm skeptical about how well signs work. Especially when no one is around in the evenings. I'm re-evaluating the entire program. Looking for ways to improve the process, or recommend that we no longer do it. We just do not have the space to handle the traffic and other issues that arise from this brush bin during the growing season. I'd be happy to hear any ideas that you or your friends may have.

Thanks again for your input,

Chad

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From: **City of Gearhart Oregon via City of Gearhart Oregon** <info@ci.gearhart.or.us>
Date: Thu, Jul 23, 2020, 7:22 PM
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Us
To: <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>

Submitted on Thursday, July 23, 2020 - 7:22pm
Submitted by anonymous user: 47.7.4.154
Submitted values are:

First Name: Donald
Last Name: Newlands
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Question/Comment:

Every time we try to drop off our yard debris, the bin is full. This week, there was space on Wednesday, mostly full on Thursday afternoon and overflowing Thursday evening and the the "Full!" sign was up again. The City website says that the bin will be emptied within 24 hours M F, but it seems to be almost always full. Also, the site says that it's not open to commercial contractors, but the last time I drove by, before the "full" sign went up, there was a pickup unloading a full bed straight into the dumpster. It seems like there ought to be a sign at least...

My question is, why isn't the dumpster regularly emptied? Thanks! Donald Newlands

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