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## Town of Clifton Park

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR

# MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR PHIL BARRETT REGARDING RECENT FOX SIGHTINGS IN TOWN

During this time of year, fox sightings throughout the town are more common due to the availability of fox prey, including wild rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, etc. I want to take this opportunity to provide residents with information on what to do in the event of a fox sighting.

If you see a fox, remember it is a wild animal. Do not approach it. Normally, foxes will run away at the sight of any human activity and should not be considered dangerous when in their own habitat (wooded areas, open fields, wetlands, etc.)

If a fox approaches you or your private property without showing signs of fear, this could indicate that the fox may be affected by a disease or virus. If you wish to report that a fox is loitering near humans and you believe it may be diseased or rabid, contact **State Police at 583-7000** or the **Saratoga County Sheriff's Office at 885-6761** immediately.

Police should also be informed immediately if you observe a fox that has missing fur, a bony tail, is staggering or stumbling or otherwise appears unhealthy. Police will respond to the incident and will contact the town's Animal Control Office, which is on call 24 hours a day in the event of any situation involving wild animals.

If you are unsure as to the physical condition of a fox that you observe, do not hesitate to call **Animal Control Officer Bill Lehman at 371-6756**. Our Animal Control Office is available to assist you with any concerns regarding foxes or other wild animals that you may see in the town of Clifton Park.

As always, town residents are encouraged to contact my office at 371-6651 with questions.

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