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VILLAGE OF HOLIDAY LAKE
To: All Residents
Subject: Necessary Management and Hunting of Wild Hogs in Our Community
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Many of you have witnessed the extensive damage being done to the landscaping throughout the community. We are experiencing extensive property damage caused by wild hogs (feral swine) in our community. This is an increasing threat and, as you have observed, these invasive animals have been actively tearing up residential lawns in search of grubs and roots.

While a rooted-up yard is a costly and frustrating nuisance for homeowners, wild hogs represent a much larger threat to our community for several reasons:

- **Extensive Property Damage:** Hogs use their broad snouts and tusks to plow up large sections of turf overnight, turning perfectly manicured lawns into muddy wastelands.
- **Safety & Aggression:** Wild hogs can be unpredictable and potentially dangerous, especially when protecting their young. The presence of large adult females near our homes and sidewalks creates an immediate safety hazard.
- **Disease & Parasites:** Feral hogs are known carriers of numerous parasites and diseases (such as swine brucellosis) that pose a direct health risk to humans, pets, and local wildlife.

Because wild hogs multiply rapidly and have no natural predators in Florida, non-lethal deterrents like fencing or repellents rarely solve the problem on a community-wide scale. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) both emphasize that lethal control measures—such as professional trapping or hunting—are the only truly effective means to reduce destructive hog populations and alleviate widespread impacts.

We cannot let this continue and the Board has agreed to allow an outside hunter to come in and assist us by trapping the animals. There are currently two (2) traps being used in different areas, and the location of the traps will likely change on a day-to-day basis. It is not our intention to shoot hogs on VHL property and that has been relayed to the hunter. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH, DRIVE NEAR AND IN ANY WAY DISTURB THE TRAPS if you happen to see one. If you have questions, please contact the office.

Thank you for your time, attention, and proactive commitment to the safety and preservation of our community.

Sincerely,

Lisa Anderson
Community Association Manager