

## BLACK BEARS ARE BEING SPOTTED IN THE COMMUNITY

Here are some helpful tips in dealing with the bears:

- The best way to keep bears from being attracted to your property is to keep them from finding food in the first place. Store trash, bird seed and pet food inside a building or garage.
- Keep your property free of trash. Put your trash out at the curb the morning of trash pickup. To assure your garbage is not disturbed by a bear, place an ammonia soaked paper towel on the top of your closed garbage bag.
- Do not put corn out on your property. The bears are very attracted to corn.
- Do not permit your pets to roam free in the community. Make sure they are in a kennel or house at night and leashed at all times.
- Make sure you take down all bird and hummingbird feeders.
- If you encounter a bear, make loud noises to scare the bear away, but keep your distance. If you leave the bear alone, it will leave; make sure you clean any mess the bear leaves behind.

**Security Cannot Shoot or Tranquilize Bears**