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To: Mayor and City Council
From: Anthony Ruggiero, MPA, City Administrator
Re: USDA Work Initiation – Canadian Geese
Date: June 24, 2019

As you are aware, the City has been contacted by the Air National Guard from Stewart Air Force Base. They are requesting to remove the Canadian Geese from Pete and Toshi Seeger Park, the park is within a 7-mile radius of Stewart Airport. Goose removal is part of their airport safety to prevent another US Airways Flight 1549 event.

The following questions have been answered to date:

Question: How are the Geese rounded-up?

Answer: The geese walk into a temporary trap and then placed into a poultry crate.

Question: What time of day will the removal happen?

Answer: The round-up will be done early in the morning (5:00 am to 7:00 am). An exact time can be worked out if needed.

Question: How many Geese do you think will be captured?

Answer: It is estimated that 63 geese are at the park. It is hoped to capture all, but some will evade us.

Question: How often will this occur?

Answer: The round-up only takes place once per year when the geese are molting.

Question: Are they hurt in the process?

Answer: The geese are not hurt at this point; however, they will be taken to a processor to be donated to food banks.

Question: What personnel, i.e., private contractor, USDA personnel will be performing the round-up the Geese?

Answer: Only USDA personnel will be conducting the round-up.

Mr. Kenneth E. Eggleston, Biological Science Technician with the USDA APHIS Wildlife Services will be present on Monday to answer any questions. If you have any questions with regard to the above, please feel free to contact me.