

DEER ALERT!!!!!!

Lower Bucks County is home to a large population of white tail deer and Spring **is one of the times of year that the deer are most active** – the does have had their fawns and are moving around looking for food for their young, and locations where they will be safe. Deer are less mobile during the summer when food is more plentiful. Though there is no way to guarantee that you will never be involved in a deer/vehicle collision, there are some steps you can take to minimize that possibility.

AVOIDING A DEER/VEHICLE COLLISION

The number one precaution you can take to avoid a deer/vehicle collision, is **to drive at or below the speed limit. Drive particularly carefully when:**

- **You are in an area where you know the deer are active and likely to cross the street or there is a deer crossing sign**
- **You are driving on a road with farms, woods or fields**
- **You are driving where there is foliage close to the road**
- **You are driving around dusk or dawn, the times of day the deer are most active**

Other precautions you can take:

- **If you see one deer cross the road, slow way down, as there are probably others nearby**
- **Flash your lights to alert oncoming cars**
- **Drive with your high beams on after dark when there are no oncoming cars; this can alert the deer and give you better visibility**
- **If you see deer on the side of the road, honking your horn could alert them not to cross**
- **Increase the distance between your car and the car in front of you**

If you can't avoid a collision:

- **DO NOT SWERVE – THIS IS MUCH MORE LIKELY TO CAUSE YOUR CAR TO GO OUT OF CONTROL AND CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY; INSTEAD**
- **PUT ON YOUR BRAKES AND STAY ON A STRAIGHT PATH; IF YOU ARE GOING AT A SLOW SPEED AND ARE IN CONTROL OF YOUR CAR, YOU ARE LESS LIKELY TO HAVE A COLLISION**

Have a safe and healthy Spring. Lower Makefield's Citizens Traffic Commission