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Mayor to Host Wildlife Listening Session

Residents and visitors alike are attracted to the scenic beauty of Ashland. However, the wildlife that share our natural landscape and may enchant us can sometimes be difficult - even dangerous - neighbors. The purpose of the Session is to collect as much information as possible about these human/creature interactions and how we relate to them.

The Session will take place on **Wednesday, January 15, 2020**, in the Council Chambers at 1175 E. Main Street. It will **begin at 6:00 PM** and will provide an opportunity for interested citizens to engage with the City and share their individual experiences, concerns, and ideas on how to coexist with *any and all* species of wildlife they have encountered in Ashland. From bears, cougars, deer, rabbits, raccoons, skunks, turkeys and foxes to yellow jackets, butterflies and ticks, we want to hear how wildlife is affecting the quality of your life in this wonderful community.

City Staff will compile citizen input and invite experts in wildlife management to discuss options at a **follow-up public meeting in early spring**. Citizens who are unable to attend the Living with Wildlife Listening Session can still have their ideas and concerns heard by providing input online by going to ashland.or.us/engage and selecting the Wildlife Listening Session Input option under Open Topics.

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