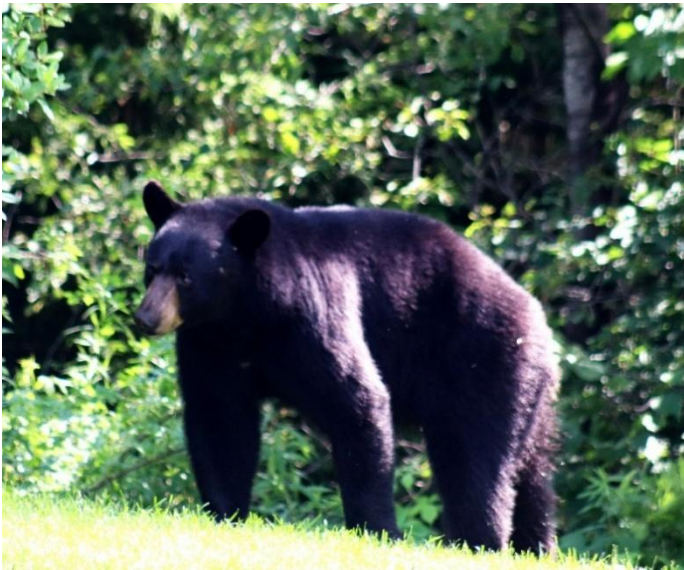




CHANGE OF DATE TO MARCH 20th!

The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission invites you to Living With Bears

We are excited to view a mother bear and her cubs scampering across the road but less enthused when meeting a huge one exiting our garage with a trail of upturned garbage cans and refuse behind it – or worse, finding your car windows bashed in from where a bear tried to access garbage bags inside



that had been destined for the dump. All of the above occurred in this writer's neighborhood recently!

Tom Gieder, Wildlife Specialist with the USDA Wildlife Services, will lead a presentation and discussion about Vermont's black bears and what individuals and communities can do to better share Shrewsbury with these curious and powerful animals. He will discuss bear biology, ecology, the factors that bring bears too close to our homes, and what we can do to prevent future conflicts with

bears. Tom will be presenting on identifying bear attractants, securing attractants, and keeping bears wild. He will also discuss USDA Wildlife Services' new role in combating human wildlife conflicts and other services he provides to the public.

Tom Gieder has been a Wildlife Specialist with USDA Wildlife Services since 2017. He holds a B.S degree from Penn State University in Wildlife and Fishery Science. Prior to working for Wildlife Services, he worked for 12 years managing and researching various wildlife across the United States, from deer, turkeys, shorebirds, fox, bear, and many others. He currently works with human wildlife conflict in Vermont, mostly concentrated on bear conflicts.

Come join us at the Shrewsbury Library on Friday, March 20 at 7:00pm

