



CITY of BRADBURY

Incorporated July 26, 1957

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August 31, 2021

Dear Bradbury Resident:

The Bradbury City Council and City Staff have been made aware of the events on Saturday, August 21, 2021 that led to the euthanizing of a bear by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The Sheriff's Temple Station received a call early morning on Saturday, August 21st regarding a wounded bear in the 1400 block of Lemon Avenue. The resident said he heard a noise on his property and armed himself with a gun. The resident stated that the bear was in the process of killing his chickens, and when confronted, the bear started to approach him. In response, the resident shot the bear and then called 911. Sheriffs Deputies responded and called Fish and Wildlife (F&W) to assist. The bear was mortally wounded, so F&W officials decided to euthanize it. The bear was a female who had two cubs with her, and F&W determined that the cubs were old enough to survive on their own. Additional information about the event is further detailed in the article published in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, which is attached.

While the City of Bradbury does not condone residents shooting wildlife, F&W officials investigated the situation and have determined, pursuant to State law, that the shooting was justified since the bear was in the process of killing the resident's chickens. California Fish and Game Code Section 4763 allows the *"...taking of a bear which is otherwise authorized to protect livestock, land, or property from damage or threatened damage from bear"*.

Wildlife in the City of Bradbury is a common sight. City Hall strives to continually educate residents on how to live harmoniously with wildlife by inviting F&W officials to meetings and events and by publishing articles in the City's monthly newsletter. Should a resident encounter a wildlife nuisance,

the City's Community Services Officer (CSO) is available to meet at their property. As a previous Animal Control Officer with the Pasadena Humane Society, the CSO can offer valuable hints, tips, and advice to residents on mitigating nuisances.

Bradbury's wildlife is one of the unique features that make this City wonderful. It is up to each of us to ensure that we understand wildlife behavior so that we can coexist while reducing negative impacts.

If you have any questions, I'm available by email at kkearney@cityofbradbury.org or by phone at (626) 358-3218, Monday through Friday, from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin K'.

Kevin Kearney
City Manager

Attachment(s)	1. Gonzalez, R. (2021). Bear Raiding Chicken Coop in Bradbury Shot and Killed. <i>San Gabriel Valley Tribune</i> , Aug. 24
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Bear raiding chicken coop in Bradbury shot and killed

By **RUBY GONZALES** | rugonzales@scng.com | San Gabriel Valley Tribune

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A bear raiding a chicken coop in Bradbury over the weekend was shot by a resident, who was approached by the animal, and later euthanized by a state Fish and Wildlife official, authorities said.

The resident was justified in shooting the bear, said Capt. Patrick Foy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Under the [Fish and Game Code](#), a bear can be taken to protect livestock, land, or property from damage. He didn't know how many chickens the bear in Bradbury killed.

He said the female bear had two cubs with her. A biologist looked at surveillance video and determined they were old enough to make it on their own, he added.

The Sheriff's Temple station received a call about a wounded bear in the 1400 block of Lemon Avenue around 5:30 a.m. Saturday, sheriff's Lt. J. Meza said. Deputies notified Fish and Wildlife.

"The bear was in the process of killing the resident's chickens," Foy said.

He said the resident heard a noise and armed himself with a rifle.



“As soon as the bear started to approach him, he shot it,” Foy said. “He went inside and called 911.”

Because the bear was mortally wounded, a Fish and Wildlife official euthanized the animal by shooting it, Foy said: “It’s instantaneous.”

Chickens attract bears, coyotes, bobcats and mountain lions, Foy said, adding that there’s almost an incident a day in the state where wildlife goes after a chicken coop.

The city does get complaints about bears once in a while, especially in the summertime, said Bradbury City Manager Kevin Kearney. Mostly the reports are about bears in swimming pools or getting fruit from trees.

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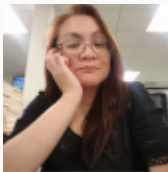
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Ruby Gonzales started working for the company in 1991. Since then she has written about cities, school districts, crimes, cold cases, courts, the San Gabriel River, local history, anime, insects, forensics and the early days of the Internet when people still referred to it as the "information superhighway." Her current beat includes breaking news, crimes and courts for the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Pasadena Star News and Whittier Daily News. When not in crime reporter mode, she frequents the remaining bookstores in the San Gabriel Valley, haunts craft stores or gets dragged to eateries by a relative who is a foodie.

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