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POLICE ISSUE BEAR CAUTIONS

Lebanon Police have received and responded to numerous reports of bears within the City. Residents are reminded to please bring in their bird feeders and any outside sources of food that could entice the bears. Keeping bird feeders inside is recommended until at least the middle of June, but the bears' feeding patterns could dictate otherwise.

Please keep garbage in airtight containers and away from areas which bears can access. Also – do not leave pet food or dishes outdoors at night, clean up outdoor grills after use, and NEVER intentionally feed bears.

If you see a bear, stay away from it and try to keep other persons away.

Should you encounter a bear, make sure you are not in its escape route and make it aware of your presence by talking loudly or clapping. Back away from the bear slowly – DO NOT RUN!

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