

## **Citadel Coyote Sightings**

Over the past several years, coyotes have migrated eastward into the Westmont area because of displacement from their natural habitat caused by regional development. They have settled and adapted to suburban environments because of the abundance of food sources and shelter. Warm winters have increased their population by 18% to 27%.

### **Precautionary Measures**

Residents are asked to take the following measures to help deter coyote activity:

- Keep refuse properly contained;
- Do not feed birds at ground level;
- Do not leave pet food outside;
- Keep lights on overnight;
- Keep an eye on pets while outdoors, keeping cats indoors and dogs on a leash.

### **Encountering Coyotes**

Should you encounter a coyote on a late-night or early morning walk, stand tall, make eye contact, stare it down, clap your hands, wave your arms and yell, **but never run!**

