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SIERRA VISTA NEWS

Commission spotlight on . . . Environmental Stewardship Commission

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Hello fellow Sierra Vistans! In June, the Environmental Stewardship Commission (ESC), consisting of five commissioners and several non-voting community members, started meeting monthly at City Hall to discuss environmentally friendly recommendations to the City Council.

At our monthly meetings, the commission's designated City Council Liaison, Gregory Johnson, and Staff Liaison, Sharon Flissar (Public Works Director) provide the commission with an overall update on city plans and events, along with guiding discussions. During the first few meetings, Senior City Planner, Jeff Pregler, reviewed the City's general plan and asked for our input on the environmental sections of Vista 2040, Sierra Vista's next updated General Plan.

The specific issues we are currently discussing are recycling, water use, air quality, pesticide reduction, and open space. We welcome anyone living in the greater Sierra Vista metropolitan area to attend these meetings. See the Sierra Vista city website (under Calendar) for meeting dates and times.

We offer this TIP to the Sierra Vista community to help us all be good stewards of our environment:

GREEN ECO TIP from the ESC Staff Liaison, Sharon Flissar:

While ants are one of the most industrious (and beneficial) animals, they sometimes move into areas that are not beneficial to us. Ms. Flissar had a problem with an ant colony in her driveway right where she got in and out of her car. Her non-toxic approach of dealing with unwanted ants was to pour used coffee grounds over their hole. She said within a day the ants moved on to another location. If she had used a strong chemical to kill the ants, the many quail that roam her neighborhood (as well as pets or children, for that matter) could be harmed by eating the poisoned ants.

Enjoy and help keep Sierra Vista a healthy community,
The Environmental Stewardship Commission