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City of Artesia, California

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City of Artesia Hosts Community Coyote Workshop

On Wednesday, June 5, the City of Artesia hosted a Community Coyote Workshop at the Albert O. Little Community Center in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. At the workshop, residents had the opportunity to learn about coyotes, management and deterrent techniques, and how to respond to coyote issues from the City and representatives from the Sheriff, Animal Control, and Fish and Wildlife.

The City hosted this workshop as a proactive, educational measure to share information with the community and point them towards resources to help keep Artesia safe and coyotes wild. "While coyotes aren't a significant issue in Artesia right now, our goal with this issue as with others is to get in front of it and make sure residents have the tools to keep their community safe," said City Manager Bill Rawlings.

As part of this proactive approach, the City published information about coyotes in the spring Artesian newsletter, which was delivered to all households in Artesia, and is including coyote management information on the City website. While the City has no role in handling, regulating, or removing coyotes or any other animals, the City is tracking coyote sightings and encounters and asks residents to report any coyote sighting, encounter, or incident to the City via the online Service Request system at <a href="https://www.cityofartesia.us/requesttracker.aspx">www.cityofartesia.us/requesttracker.aspx</a>. Tracking this information will enable the City to better direct resources from outside agencies and to better educate and serve the community. Sightings and incidents should also be reported to DFW at <a href="https://apps.wildlife.ca.gov/wir">apps.wildlife.ca.gov/wir</a>, or by phone at 562-342-7100 during business hours and after hours at 888-334-2258. Problem animals and incidents should also be reported to Animal Control at 562-940-6898. In case of emergency, always call 911.

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Located in southeast Los Angeles County, Artesia is a diverse, vibrant city with nearly 18,000 residents and a dynamic business community. The City of Artesia, a leader in sustainability practices and winner of two 2018 Beacon Spotlight awards, is focused on serving the community with sound governance, 21st century infrastructure, and a commitment to public safety. To request services or share a question, visit our Service Request page. To stay updated on our projects and events, visit us at CityofArtesia.us, like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @OfficialCityofArtesia, and subscribe to our YouTube channel @CityofArtesia.