

**Mercy Ridge  
Residents Council  
Meeting 2024-06-06**

**Report Subject: Sustainability Committee**

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The committee met May 28.

Joan Bodie has resigned from the committee. A replacement has not been named.

A complete refresh of all trash room signage is still underway. Designs are in the hands of a printing contractor. Page proofs are pending final approval.

Earth Week activities concluded successfully. A high point was that some 20.5 pounds of discarded pharmaceuticals were collected and disposed of properly. An improvement goal for next year is to encourage more participation by new residents.

Copeland Vidal presented a feasibility study of small-scale composting of kitchen waste. Such an effort may be implemented for Mercy Ridge gardens.

Richard Sanders, Director of Environmental Services, reported that Environmental Services is moving from a janitorial/custodial mindset to a bacterial fighting mindset. This effort is supported by environment-friendly cleaning products:

- Window cleaner with reduced ammonia content.
- Disinfectant spray substituting hydrogen peroxide for bleach (sodium hypochlorite).
- General cleaning spray.

These products are used in our apartments by housekeeping staff, who fill small bottles from the “Flow Control System” panel in janitorial closets.

The next meeting will be on June 25.