

January 18, 2023

Dear Riverton Neighbors:

Good Evening! You are receiving this email because you expressed interest in receiving information about the Riverton Environmental Commission and/or Green Team when you pledged to participate in a recent Green Challenge (shop local and leave the leaves). If you no longer wish to be on this email list, simply respond to me and let me know. I will remove you. We plan to send out a monthly email like this one with a few notes.

### Upcoming Meetings

This month (tomorrow), we will hold a joint Environmental Commission/Green Team Meeting online. You are all cordially invited to participate. We decided to move online due to the uptick in flu and COVID cases. The meeting will take place Thursday, January 19, 7:30PM, on Google Meet. Please use the link below to log in. Google Meet does have autocaption capabilities.

Environmental Commission & Green Team Meeting

Thursday, January 19 · 7:30 – 8:30pm eastern

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/edj-ecxa-qbk>

Some topics of discussion will include updates from the Borough, dedicating the Riverton School Native Plant Rain Garden sign, whether we want to start weeding the rain garden before the spring bloom, and more! We would love to hear from you so we know what your concerns are.

On a related note, if you are interested in getting into gardening with native plants, the Environmental Commission and Green Team web site has lots of great resources: <https://riverton-nj.com/environmental-commission/>

### New Green Challenge

This winter, the Green Team would love for you to [consider pledging to use alternatives to road salt](#) on your property when it snows or gets icy. Salt is effective, but it ends-up in our water systems, can harm our ecosystem, and can damage our infrastructure.

Keep your property safe, but we encourage you to try alternatives such as: play sand, coffee grounds, bird seed, or mixing one of those items with conventional salt. You can read more about the challenge here. Please sign up if you're interested in giving it a try! Click here to participate:

[bit.ly/RivGreenSalt](https://bit.ly/RivGreenSalt) If we can get 2.8% or more of Riverton Households to pledge, we may be able to earn points toward our Sustainable New Jersey certification (<https://www.sustainablejersey.com>). Certification can, in turn, help us apply for grant money.

### Call for Photos

If you participated in Leave the Leaves and want us to share a snapshot on social media, please send them my way! We can keep you anonymous, or share your name. Just let me know.

### Social Media

You can follow us on social media for more regular updates.

Green Team Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/riverton\\_green\\_team/](https://www.instagram.com/riverton_green_team/)

Environmental Commission Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RivertonEnvironmentalCommission/>

Borough Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RivertonNJ>

Borough Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/boroughofrivertonnj/>

We hope you are having a safe and happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Nicole Belolan

On behalf of Chairs Kathy Simon and Katie Lucas, and the Riverton Environmental Commission and Green Team

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