March 14, 2023 Dear Riverton Neighbors:

Good afternoon! 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; completed an online form to stay updated; and/or because you are a member of the Environmental Commission or Green Team. Thank you! 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

You are invited! This month, we will hold a joint Environmental Commission/Green Team Meeting online on Thursday, March 16, at 7:30PM. The meeting will take place via Zoom and includes time for community members to share their concerns and insights related to the environment and sustainability in Riverton. Please use the link below to log in.

Environmental Commission & Green Team Meeting Thursday, March 16, 2023, 7:30-8:30pm eastern Join Zoom Meeting https://antioch.zoom.us/j/8507254422

Meeting ID: 850 725 4422 One tap mobile +13017158592,,8507254422# US (Washington DC) +13052241968,,8507254422# US Meeting ID: 850 725 4422 Find your local number: <u>https://antioch.zoom.us/u/acuvT5tgfE</u>

Some topics of discussion will include:

-updates from the Borough and the Planning Board
-the April Riverton School Native Plant Rain Garden sign ceremony
-Pompeston Creek news
-Green Team initiatives, such as a spring native plant sale
-discussion about applying for a state grant (<u>https://anjec.org/purpose/</u>) (and what type of project to pursue- come with ideas!)
-and more!

Upcoming Events

The Green Team will be hosting a native plant sale this spring - keep an eye out for details to place an order! If you're unfamiliar with native plants and want to learn more, check out the resources on our web page <u>https://riverton-</u><u>nj.com/environmental-commission/</u> and the HomeGrown National Park website:

<u>https://homegrownnationalpark.org/</u>. If you're not sure native plants are for you, you can always start with a few and go from there. There are so many great reasons to incorporate native plants into your landscape. For example, since they evolved to live where you do, they tend to require a lot less maintenance than non-native plants!

<u>Resources</u>

Are you one of those people who just loves observing the weather? You might enjoy digging into the website for the Office of the New Jersey State Climatologist! <u>https://climate.rutgers.edu/stateclim/</u> There, you can find short-term forecasts but also longer-term climate data in New Jersey. If you want to contribute to data collection, consider becoming a weather observer with CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network)! Learn more here: <u>https://www.cocorahs.org/</u> It's easy, fun, and something the entire family can be involved with!

Social Media

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

Green Team Instagram: <u>https://www.instagram.com/riverton_green_team/</u> Environmental Commission Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/RivertonEnvironmentalCommission/</u> Borough Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/RivertonNJ</u> Borough Instagram: <u>https://www.instagram.com/boroughofrivertonnj/</u>

Thank you for your interest in environmental and sustainability issues in Riverton! If you know of any residents, business owners, etc., who might like to be on this list, please have them put there email into our form: <u>http://bit.ly/RivEnvtEmail</u>

Sincerely, Nicole Belolan On behalf of Chairs Kathy Simon and Katie Lucas, and the Riverton Environmental Commission and Green Team <u>https://riverton-nj.com/environmental-commission/</u>