

Environmental Commission/Green Team Monthly Meeting March 2024

Dear Neighbors:

We look forward to working on environmental and sustainability issues with you in the coming months.

Help us Weed the Rain Garden at the Riverton School

Join us Friday, March 22, at 9AM, at Howard and 5th to do some targeted clean-up at the rain garden. (But we will be leaving the leaves! See below for more info.) This should take less than an hour and will be a great opportunity to spruce-up the rain garden for spring...and meet some neighbors! No experience necessary.

Upcoming Meetings

You are invited! This month, we will hold a joint Environmental Commission/Green Team Meeting in-person at Brewery 33 (601 Lippincott Ave) on Thursday, March 21, at 7:30PM. Bring a neighbor!

Some agenda items include:

-Sign-ups for committees such as events, communications and grants, speaker series, plantings and rain garden maintenance, and Sustainable New Jersey certification. *We need your help!*

-Hearing reports from the Borough Council and Planning Board.

-And more! There will be opportunities for everyone to share what issues they care about most.

If you know a neighbor who may want to sign-up for the Environmental Commission and Green Team monthly email, they can do so by texting the word NEWSLETTER to 888777. They will be prompted to share their email address.

Resources

Are you interested in the intersection of the environment and accessibility? Check out the Access Nature Forum at the Pinelands Preservation Alliance. The Forum hosts free, monthly online meetups. Learn more here: <https://pinelandsalliance.org/the-pinelands-is-for-everyone/access-nature-forum/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=9dac170e-2453-42c0-b35b-9c254e1596fa>

Did you start your spring garden clean-up? STOP! It's not yet time. It's OK to do some targeted weeding, but it is *not* time to clear leaves. Please wait until evening temperatures are regularly in the 50s. Invertebrates are currently overwintering in your crunchy leaves and stems. If the bugs could put up a "do not disturb sign," they would! 😊 Lean more about invertebrate conservation and why it's important from the Xerces Society: <https://xerces.org/leave-the-leaves>.

Social Media

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

Green Team Instagram: 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 to see you Thursday, March 21 or the 22nd—or both!

Sincerely,
Nicole Belolan
On behalf of Kathy Simon and Katie Lucas
Borough of Riverton Environmental Commission and Green Team