

Environmental Commission/Green Team Monthly Meeting April 2024

Dear Neighbors:

We hope you are enjoying the April showers!

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, April 18, at 7:30PM. Bring a neighbor!

Some agenda items will include:

-Sign-ups for committees such as events, communications and grants, speaker series, plantings and rain garden maintenance, and Sustainable New Jersey certification. *We would like to create a NEW committee related to Borough ordinance/regulatory review and collaboration!*

-Hearing reports from the Borough Council and Planning Board.

-And more! As always, 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.

Future Meetings

Great news! Our wonderful neighbors at the Porch Club have invited us to use their space for future meetings. We'll start meeting there in May. Thank you to the Porch Club!

Resources

Have you seen all the ads for native plant sales this spring? Are you wondering what native plants are all about and what their benefits are?

Check out our native plant resources on the Borough of Riverton website: <https://riverton-nj.com/environmental-commission/>. If you have questions, please come to our meeting, and we'll be happy to answer them.

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, April 18!

Sincerely,

Nicole Belolan

On behalf of Kathy Simon and Katie Lucas

Borough of Riverton Environmental Commission and Green Team