

## Environmental Commission/Green Team Monthly Meeting June 2024

Dear Neighbors:

Wow, it is hot out there this week. Check out the State of New Jersey's Heat Hub for more information on extreme heat: <https://heat-hub-new-jersey-njdep.hub.arcgis.com/> and its 211 website for more on how to stay safe: <https://nj211.org/summer-heat>. Enjoy some shade underneath one or more of Riverton's beloved shade trees! Or, better yet, consider planting a new, native tree in your yard! You can find resources on planting native on the Borough website: <https://riverton-nj.com/environmental-commission/>.

Let's get to the update.

### Upcoming Meetings

You are invited! This month, we will hold a joint Environmental Commission/Green Team Meeting in-person at The Porch Club (213 Howard Street) on Thursday, June 20, at 7:30PM. Thank you to the Porch Club for sharing their space! Bring a neighbor.

By the way! If you haven't been inside the Porch Club, you're in for a treat! The Club's building boasts beautifully preserved, early twentieth-century interiors.

Some agenda items will include:

-Discussion of a prospective ordinance to regulate livestock in town. We'd love to get folks involved who have chickens or other livestock in their yards. This work continues from last month.

-Discussion on updating lighting codes. The Borough has been talking about updating lighting codes for a few months, and we may have a chance to weigh-in on prospective changes. Do you want to be involved?

-Updates on the [Trex Challenge](#) (and how you can help!). The Trex challenge involves our collecting of flexible plastics, which we can then submit to qualify for a free bench made of recycled plastics.

-Discussion of wording on how to communicate about [“leave the leaves”](#) in a forthcoming Borough mailing.

-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.

## 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/)

Green Team Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Riverton-NJ-Green-Team/100082748494990/>

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, June 20!

Sincerely,

Nicole Belolan

On behalf of Kathy Simon and Katie Lucas

Borough of Riverton Environmental Commission and Green Team