

Environmental Commission/Green Team Monthly Meeting July 2024

Dear Neighbors:

We hope you are finding ways to stay cool during these hot days.

We have a lot of initiatives we're working on and could use some extra hands. Keep reading to learn more about how you can help make Riverton more environmentally sustainable!

Let's get to the update.

Upcoming Events

Want to help maintain the rain garden at the Riverton School? Join us Saturday, July 20, at 9AM (Howard Street side). No experience necessary! If you're new to native plants, this a great opportunity to learn about how fun they are to grow and how easy they are to maintain. Remember, we have [lots of info on our website](#) about using native plants on your property.

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, July 18, at 7:30PM. Thank you to the Porch Club for sharing their space! Bring a neighbor.

Some agenda items will include:

-Working on getting certified with [Sustainable Jersey](#). We will be dedicating about 15 minutes of each meeting to getting our application in order. If we succeed in getting certified, we can qualify to earn some grants for Riverton through this program. We could use everyone's help putting the application together. Again, no experience necessary!

-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. A small group of volunteers has been storing and dropping of the plastic as needed, but

we could use a few more hands to help with this task! Our basements can only hold so much.

-Updates on event planning related to topics such as composting and rain barrels. We'd love for more folks to help with this outreach!

-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.

Resources

Wondering about some weird bug in your garden? Check out [this guidance from the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation](#) on how to manage bugs in your garden. Hint: You do not necessarily need chemicals!

If you have other garden questions, you can also take advantage of the expertise at our local [Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Burlington County](#). They recently helped us ID several trees in our yard.

Social Media

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

Green Team Instagram: 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, July 18!

Sincerely,

Nicole Belolan

On behalf of Kathy Simon and Katie Lucas

Borough of Riverton Environmental Commission and Green Team