

Environmental Commission/Green Team Monthly Meeting March 2025

Dear Neighbors:

Alert! We moved our meeting day/time to second Mondays of the month, starting this coming Monday, March 10, 2025, at 7:30PM.

Let's get to the update!

Upcoming Events

Who: Brooke McMinn, botanist and founder of Heritage Habitats

What: "Natives Make Great Neighbors"

McMinn will talk about which plants are native to our area, what they do for us and the environment, and how to easily (and beautifully!) incorporate them into our local landscapes.

When: Monday, March 10, 2025, at 7:30PM

Where: The Porch Club

Free! Join us!

You can also check out our [native plant resources on our web site](#).

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 **Monday, March 10, at 7:30PM**. Thank you to the Porch Club for sharing their space! Everyone is welcome. ***You do not need to be on the Environmental Commission or Green Team to join us.*** Bring a neighbor or family member! The business portion of this meeting will be limited since we have a guest speaker (see above).

Please note: Starting in March 2025 (this month) we will meet the second Monday of each month.

Are you in the Know?

If you know a neighbor who may want to sign-up for the Environmental Commission and Green Team monthly email (which is what you're reading now!), they can do so by texting the word NEWSLETTER to 888777. They will be prompted to share their email address. Or, you can [access this notice on the Borough website](#).

Save the Date

Saturday, March 22, 2025, 10AM-12PM

Delaware River and Pompseson Creek Clean-Up, in collaboration with regional Green Teams

Sunday, September 21, 2025, 1-4PM

Repair Café, Burlington County Agricultural Center, 500 Centerton Rd, Moorestown, NJ 08057, in collaboration with regional Green Teams

[Learn more about repair cafés here](#).

Stuff to Do and Things to Learn

Are you into the weather? Do you want to be a citizen scientist? Then consider joining the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network, or, CoCoRaHS! All you have to do is put up a rain gauge following their instructions and enter your daily precipitation in an app. It's that simple! [Learn more about CoCoRaHS here](#).

Do you live in New Jersey or use outdoor New Jersey trails? Then [please consider completing a survey](#) developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection!

Want to help reduce the use of plastics in our community? If you missed the "Hour of Action: Fight against Toxic Plastic Waste," which was hosted by the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) on Thursday, February 27, 2025, [you can access the recording of that events and the resources here](#).

Attend the New Jersey State Climate Conference. It will take place on Friday, March 21, 2025, 8AM-5PM, Piscataway, NJ 08854. Topics range from “Contextualizing Climate Mitigation and Resilience in New Jersey” to “Accelerating Climate Resilience Within the Changing Federal Landscape.” [Register here.](#)

A collective of Burlington County Green Teams will meet on Monday, June 2, at 6:30PM at the Lower Forge Brewery in Medford, NJ. Everyone is welcome! No need to be a formal member of the Green Team to join us.

Spring is coming! Are you thinking about tree care? Be sure to avoid mulch volcanoes! They look cool, but, they could cause you to rot your tree trunk or make your root strangle your tree. Learn more [here](#) and [here](#).

Nature Neighbors—Q&A

Nature Neighbors will resume next month! If you want to be featured or would like to suggest someone to feature for our Nature Neighbors Q&A, please email Nicole Belolan at nbelolan@gmail.com.

Don't Forget!

Environmental best practices suggest leaving some or all of the leaves on your property in the fall and through the spring. Leaves are great, free mulch and fertilizer, and they provide habitat for beneficial insects and other wildlife. [They even help trap carbon](#) and prevent it from turning into carbon dioxide (which contributes to global warming). If this practice is new to you (and that's OK – it is new to many of us!), consider leaving the leaves in one or two garden beds. Of course, if you have excess leaves, the Borough will pick them up as usual. [You can read more about the benefits of leaving the leaves here](#). Also be sure to [leave your stems in the winter](#) instead of pruning them or cutting them down. They provide important habitat for overwintering insects and other beneficial critters. Let us know if you have questions.

If you do move or remove some of your leaves, avoid using gas-powered leaf blowers. They pollute the air and contribute to global warming. [According to the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions \(ANJEC\)](#), “Gas Leaf Blower emissions for 30 minutes are equivalent to the CO₂ produced by driving a truck from Anchorage to Houston.” Yikes! You

can [learn more about how leaf blowers damage our health and the environment here.](#)

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 Monday, March 10!

Sincerely,

Kathy Simon and Nicole Belolan

Borough of Riverton Environmental Commission and Green Team

