



Green Team Monthly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 21st, 2025

Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Location: Zoom Mtg

a. Newark Green Team Updates

- i. [Google Group: newarkgreenteam@googlegroups.com](mailto:newarkgreenteam@googlegroups.com)
 1. [How To Google Group](#)
- ii. [Newark Green Drinks](#) - May 29th, Newark Local Beer. 6pm - 8pm
 1. [RVSP Link](#)
- iii. [Greenfest Newark 2025](#)
 1. Date: September 27th, 2025, 12pm - 4pm
 2. Rain Date: October 4th, 2025
 3. Location: Weequahic Park
 4. Green Week Events:
 - a. National Clean Up day- Sept. 20th
 - b. Wellness on Wheels Bike Ride
 - c. Green Drinks
 - d. And ??? Open to Collaboration Ideas

b. Office of Sustainability Updates

c. Clean Water Action Presentation: Tea on Toxic Beauty Campaign

Partner Updates

- d. [See Click Fix](#) – the City of Newark’s official platform for addressing resident requests.
 - i. <https://seeclickfix.com/newark> or by downloading [“Newark Connect.”](#)
- e. [Health is Wealth Herbal Festival](#) - Newark SAS
 - i. June 14th 11am - 2pm @ 49 Bleeker St.
- f. [Makers Market](#) - Greater Newark Conservancy
 - i. Every Sunday from 11am to 3pm till October 28th @ 145 Court St.



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- Regular Reminder:
 - [Join our Google Group](#)
- New Feature: Whatsapp App Groupchat!
 - Committee Groupchats
 - General announcement in NGT community
 - [Link to explore and join](#)
- Newark Green Drinks - May 29th at Newark Local Beer
 - [Flyer](#)
 - [RSVP Link](#)
- Want to Request a tree? Use See Click Fix for tree maintenance and planting requests.
 - [See Click Fix](#) – the City of Newark’s official platform for addressing resident requests.
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- GFN:
 - Share your ideas for collaboration, activations, and partnerships/ sponsorships.
- Oos Updates:
 - 2 new team members: By next meeting, intros!
 - New Executive Administrator
 - New Community Engagement
 - Tree Assistant role is closed but yet to fill!
 - Moving forward with Rooted in Newark
- X Braithwaite Presentation - Tea on Toxic Beauty
 - Beauty Justice is **NOT**
 - to cast blame on people targeted by the beauty industry
 - Pressure consumers into buying inaccessible items
 - Trying to change minds over conditions of harm
 - Beauty Justice IS
 - Incorporating the social factors that influence beauty product use and the potential for cumulative implants that may arise due to co-occurring environmental exposures
 - Marginalized communities are over exposed and underprotected
 - 1,000s of industrial chemicals are used to create personal care products and beauty products
 - 2,400+ chemicals are banned by the european Union and the US only bans 11



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- Some linked to negative health impacts such as allergic and skin reactions
 - 40+ nations have stricter cosmetic safety laws
- Black Women are inequally impacted by beauty injustice.
 - Black women spend \$7.5 billion on beauty products annually and purchase 9x more hair care products
 - Permanent hair dye increases the risk of breast cancer by 44-75%
 - Hair straighteners increase the risk by 30%
 - Black women have the highest breast cancer mortality rate. 42% higher than white women
- Endocrine Disrupting chemicals
 - EDCs are chemicals that interfere with and mimic our hormones
 - Hijacks your hormones but doesn't send the right messages
 - Affects biological processes and causes disease
 - Small exposures add up
 - Ex: J&J's talc powder was revealed to cause uterine cancer.
 - Common toxic chemicals in beauty products: PFAs & Formaldehyde
- Action Items
 - [Check the Linked Resources](#)
 - [Tea on Toxic Beauty Website](#)
 - [Beauty Impact Working group](#)
 - For more information or ways to stay involved, contact X Braithwaite at xbraithwaite@cleanwater.org
- Partner Updates:
 - New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection: [Webinar](#)- New Jersey's Interagency Council on Climate Resilience. [For more information](#)
 - Greater Newark Conservancy: June 13th- 2nd Annual Newark Grows School Garden Tour. [For more information](#)
 - [Flyer](#)
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 - Clean Water Action: [Water, Rights, and Environmental Justice in New Jersey Prisons](#)
 - Clean water Action: [Link to register](#) for Behind the Bars: Water, Rights & Environmental Justice
 - [Flyer](#)



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