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Renewable Natural Gas Program Available to All Members on 11/1!

Enrollment Is Now Open for Members in Philadelphia, Too

The Energy Co-op's renewable natural gas (RNG) program began in 2015. But since its inception it has only served natural gas consumers in the PECO service territory. Until now, RNG was never available inside the city limits of Philadelphia. Now, it is! The Energy Co-op is proud to offer the first ever option for renewable natural gas in the PGW service territory.

Read more about RNG and The Energy Co-op's program in this WHYY article.

Sign Up Today!

Tickets Are Still Available for 40th Anniversary Celebration!

Join us this Wednesday, 5:30-7:30pm at WHYY for our 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Member tickets are discounted thanks to our generous sponsors such as <u>Customized Energy Solutions</u>, <u>Loving Hand Home Care</u>, and <u>Provident</u> <u>Technology</u>. Get yours <u>here</u>!

When: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Where: WHYY - 150 North 6th Street, Philadelphia

Winter Is Coming! So Are Our New Energy Efficiency Audits for Members

The Energy Co-op is thrilled to partner with the Energy Coordinating Agency to offer Home Energy Efficiency Audits to our members! Starting later this winter, Energy Co-op members will be eligible to register for a comprehensive audit of their home energy consumption and equipment in order to cut costs and use energy more efficiently. A special discounted fee will be available throughout the winter. The program will become available to electricity and renewable natural gas members on December 1st. Keep an eye out for updates and instructions on how to enroll!

The Energy Co-op Welcomes American Energy Supply as Heating Oil Vendor

We are excited to add American Energy Supply (AES), a family-founded and women-owned and operated company, to our roster of quality, reliable heating oil suppliers. AES is the first new vendor we have added since 2015, and they will be helping us fill in our service territory to better serve our members. AES is also a full service heating and cooling company. We are very glad to work with them--and with our other vendors--to provide quality service and reliably affordable home heating oil to our members!



The Energy Co-op On the Move In October!

- Energy Co-op staff and members volunteered at WHYY's Fall Fundraiser earlier this month. We're happy to support another member-supported organization in Philadelphia in meeting their fundraising goals, and thank WHYY's on-air hosts for mentioning us on the air!
- Executive Director Ronald Fisher spoke at Immaculata University Lifelong Learning Institute and the Chestnut Hill Rotary Club Chapter this month on the future of renewable electricity. Community education on energy is a key aspect of our mission. So if you know of any future opportunities for speaking engagements in your community, please email us at <u>info@theenergy.coop</u>!
- Ron was also interviewed by Charles Ellison on <u>WURD</u> and Kay Wood of <u>Planet Philadelphia</u> on Gtown Radio.

Renewable Energy and Sustainability in the News

- In Case You Hadn't Heard--<u>The Energy Co-op is Bringing Renewable</u> <u>Natural Gas to Philly</u>
- The PA legislature back in session And a <u>community solar bill</u> is still under consideration
- <u>Governor Wolf Takes Action to Cap and Trade Carbon Emissions from</u> <u>Fossil Fuel Plants</u>

Blog Posts

Four Things Co-operatives Can Do that Corporations Can't

<u>The Energy Co-op</u> – A Co-operative Business in Action

Weavers Way and the Cooperative Legacy

A Look Ahead—Executive Director Ronald Fisher

So, far, it has been a great year for The Energy Co-op. And our staff is working hard to finish strong in 2019. Besides the RNG roll-out, our upcoming energy efficiency audit program launch, and wrapping up plans for the festive 40th anniversary party this week on November 6th, we are making plans for 2020.

And key among our goals for the coming year will be to continue the member engagement initiated last year with this monthly newsletter and informative blog posts, and then again earlier this year with our member dinners and lunches and, ultimately, with the formation of our member volunteer committee. Members on that committee have been a great help to us during 2019. Many of our speaking opportunities and new relationships in 2019 grew out of suggestions or connections made by them. In that regard, a special shout-out goes out to members Bob Groves, Cathy Leonard, and Saffra Milano. And thanks to the other members who have shared their views and insights with us during the year.

Next year, we'll want to meet even more members, both here in our office on Walnut Street and out in your neighborhoods. A cooperative is a community, after all—a community of members and their neighborhoods. So in addition to inviting all of you to join us here from time to time, we also plan to get out of our office and meet you, our members, where you live. Or nearby, at least. And help you help us spread the news about The Energy Co-op and its mission throughout Philadelphia.



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