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Energy news from around Philadelphia and beyond



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**Global energy markets are highly volatile now.
Details to follow in a special message to members later
this month. Keep an eye out!**

ecoWURD Environmental Justice Summit

We look forward to seeing The Energy Co-op membership community on Monday, October 11, 2021, Indigenous Peoples' Day, for the third annual [ecoWURD Environmental Justice Summit](#). The Energy Co-op is proud to serve as a sponsor of the event, being held at the idyllic [Bartram's Garden](#) in southwest Philadelphia.

[ecoWURD](#) is a production of [WURD Radio](#), Pennsylvania's only Black-owned talk radio station. The multimedia environmental justice journalism initiative examines Black communities at the intersection of race, health, income & the

environment.

Interviews with Energy Co-op Executive Director Ronald Fisher and Energy Program Director Alexandra Kroger will be featured on ecoWURD leading up to the Summit and during the live broadcast. Spots are also running on ecoWURD through November informing listeners about The Energy Co-op's renewable energy offerings.

[Charles Ellison](#), host of ecoWURD's *Reality Check*, will host panels focused on the climate change crisis and the relationship between violence and the environment, and Zulene Mayfield, founder of [Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living](#), will be the summit's keynote speaker. Zulene's decades of environmental justice work were recently [featured in the Philadelphia Inquirer](#).

Energy Co-op staff will be present throughout the afternoon to speak with members about the cooperative, and to inform the public about our renewable energy programs. Please come say hello and bring your friends who would like to be introduced to our work.

The Summit runs from 1pm-4pm and is free for all to attend. [Details and an RSVP link are available here](#). The [Bartram's Garden website includes directions](#) to the site.

October is National Co-op Month

As a member, you know The Energy Co-op is a different kind of renewable energy supplier. And a big part of what makes us unique is that we are a member-owned cooperative. With October being [National Co-op Month](#), it's the perfect opportunity to recognize our current membership and look ahead to a promising future.

Our thousands of member-owners have a say in how our cooperative does business. Members democratically elect The Energy Co-op's Board of Directors each year, and the staff provide opportunities for the membership community to offer their feedback on strategic decision-making.

The Energy Co-op is a long-standing member of [PACA, the Philadelphia Area Cooperative Alliance](#), through which we collaborate with other co-ops and support the cooperative movement in the Delaware Valley. Divya Desai, The Energy Co-op's Operations Director, currently serves on PACA's Board of Directors. Several of our strategic partners are other local cooperatives, including [Weavers Way](#), [Mariposa Food Co-op](#), and [Kensington Community Food Co-op](#).

The Energy Co-op has been meeting our members' needs by seeking and supporting novel solutions to energy challenges for over 40 years. During National Co-op Month, we're reminded of our members' commitment to the cause and to this community.

Member Appreciation Celebration

Join us to celebrate our members, our Member Ambassadors, and our new partnership with Kensington Community Food Co-op! Members – and prospective members! – of both cooperatives are invited to attend. First round of drinks is on us!

We'll be at Kensington Community Food Co-op's patio on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 2pm-4pm - [2670 Coral St. Philadelphia, PA 19125](#). Please bring proof of vaccination and a mask to wear when not eating or drinking.

Renewable Natural Gas Webinar

Concerned about drilling and fracking? [Join The Energy Co-op for a webinar on an alternative - Renewable Natural Gas \(RNG\)](#)!

Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) is comprised primarily of methane that forms naturally from the decomposition of organic waste in landfills and other waste treatment facilities. It's often flared, reducing it to CO₂ and wasting the energy content of its methane component. However, RNG can also be used like conventional natural gas—but without any drilling or fracking.

Join us on October 12, 2021 at 5:30pm for an informative webinar to learn about what RNG is, why you should use it, what you can do to get involved, and more! It's free! [Register here](#).

Join our Team!

The Energy Co-op is [looking for a part-time bookkeeper](#)! The position is open to candidates with strong knowledge, experience, and skills in business accounting, internal or external auditing, and sales and business taxes and tax returns. The individual will perform both day-to-day bookkeeping functions as well as preparing monthly reports and year-end financial statements and will be a valuable member of The Energy Co-op's small but mighty team.

If you or someone you know has relevant experience and who may also have an interest in renewable energy, help us spread the word about this opening. And if this sounds like you, we welcome you to [apply today](#)!

**Our next Member-to-Member webinar will focus on ESG investing!
If you are knowledgeable on the subject and interested in sharing your expertise, please get in touch at info@theenergy.coop.**

The Energy Co-op in the Community

Our staff had an awesome time October 2 at Haverford Township Day, educating about our renewable energy programs. Thanks to the organizers and everyone who stopped by our table!



Coming Events

[ecoWURD Environmental Justice Summit: Indigenous Peoples' Day](#)

Monday, October 11 from 1:00pm - 4:00pm

[Bartram's Garden – 5400 Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19143](#)

The event will feature conversations focused on the climate change crisis and the relationship between violence and the environment.

[RNG Webinar](#)

Tuesday, October 12 @ 5:30pm

Virtual Event

Join us to learn about the benefits of Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) and what you can do to get involved!

[Philadelphia Grocery Co-op Day](#)

Tuesday, October 19 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm

[Kensington Community Food Co-op - 2670 Coral St, Philadelphia, PA 19125](#)

We'll be tabling at this event to celebrate our partnerships with Weavers Way, Mariposa, and Kensington Community Food Co-ops. Come say hi!

[Member Appreciation Celebration](#)

Saturday, October 23 from 2:00pm - 4:00pm

[Kensington Community Food Co-op - 2670 Coral St, Philadelphia, PA 19125](#)

A celebration of our members, Member Ambassadors, and partnership with Kensington Community Food Co-op.

[New Member Orientation](#)

Tuesday, November 16 @ 6:00pm

Virtual Event

This webinar will highlight the benefits associated with Energy Co-op membership and explain how to best take advantage of them.

What We're Reading

[Gov. Wolf Announces 'Pennsylvania Climate Action Plan 2021'](#)

The plan charts adaptation pathways for public health, overburdened and vulnerable populations, infrastructure, agriculture, recreation and tourism, and forests, ecosystems, and wildlife.

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

[Without action on climate change, Hurricane Ida is just the beginning](#)

Without swift and substantial action to reduce both methane and carbon emissions, we're on a dangerous track to deadlier and more frequent natural disasters.

Pennsylvania Capital-Star

[The Philadelphia Energy Authority Launches the Philadelphia Green Capital Corp. to Grow City's Clean Energy Economy](#)

As a non-profit green bank PGCC's vision is to spur the growth of a thriving, clean energy market that serves all Philadelphians.

Renewables Now

[PA's Largest Municipal Solar Project Inaugurated to Supply Chambersburg with Electricity In Franklin County](#)

The system covers 86 acres and is expected to produce enough electricity to power more than 2,600 homes, or 10 percent of the borough's annual electricity needs.

PA Environment Digest

Blog Entries

[Uncommon Common Area Energy](#)

By Member Recruitment & Business Development Lead Meryl Sands + Member Services Lead Noah Swistak

[The Vital Role of Renewable Energy in Sustainable Design](#)

By Member Services Lead Noah Swistak

[The Bipartisan Infrastructure Plan: What It Means for Clean Energy, Climate Change, the Green Economy, and Environmental Justice](#)

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