

# THE CURRENT



*Energy news from around Philadelphia and beyond*



**In this month's newsletter -**

- **Members in Montgomery County - we want to hear from you!**
- **New Member Orientation Webinar - February 10, 2022**
- **Farewell, Bryan Hutchinson!**
- **Sign up for a spring get-together**
- **The Energy Co-op is hiring Member Services Interns**

## **Community Spotlights**

Throughout 2022, monthly newsletter issues will focus on different communities in southeastern Pennsylvania, highlighting member activity, as well as news about renewable energy and sustainability. Upcoming editions of *The Current* will shine a light on what our members are up to and relevant stories from around the Delaware Valley and beyond.

To produce these features, we need your help! Has your Environmental Advisory Council been particularly active in recent months? What green building features did you incorporate into your home design? Is there a new renewable energy project or installation in your town? What is your municipal government doing to promote the use of renewable energy? Whatever it is, we

want to know!

We'll begin in the March issue by turning our attention to Montgomery County. So, all you Montco Energy Co-op members, please share with us what's new or interesting with renewable energy or sustainability in your community. Email us at [info@theenergy.coop](mailto:info@theenergy.coop) – we'd be grateful for your contribution.

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## First New Member Orientation of 2022

A cheerful hello to all the new Energy Co-op members out there! If you joined in the past few months, please make plans for next Thursday, February 10, for our first [New Member Orientation webinar](#) of 2022.

Member Services Manager Noah Swistak will present a spirited and interactive program on member benefits, our energy programs, the online member portal, the organization's past, present, and future, and how to get involved to help grow our cooperative community. Please come with your questions and ready to learn all about our cooperative.

Not a new member but looking to better acquaint yourself with Energy Co-op member benefits? You're invited, as well! Anyone planning to attend should [register today](#), and we'll see you (virtually) next week.

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## Three Cheers for Bryan Hutchinson

A heartfelt farewell to Staff Accountant Bryan Hutchinson on his retirement after over five years as an Energy Co-op employee. We're tremendously grateful for his dedication to our mission, membership, and success. Bryan served on The Energy Co-op's Board of Directors prior to assuming his role on the staff and has been a member of our cooperative for over two decades.

While The Energy Co-op will miss his invaluable accounting expertise, we look forward to continuing to supply his home with 100% wind and solar for years to come. Take care Bryan, but we have a feeling we'll be seeing you soon!



# Engage With Our Staff and Your Fellow Members

Join us this spring for conversation about the future of our cooperative. We are planning to convene for a lunch, dinner, or other fun event, and provide an opportunity for members to share their thoughts about how The Energy Co-op can continue to advance its mission.

[Please complete this short form](#) and let us know your preference about what type of event most interests you. We will send you a formal invitation in the coming weeks. Looking forward to connecting with everyone this spring!

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## Internship Opportunity with The Energy Co-op

Know a recent college graduate or graduating senior with interest in renewable energy or sustainability? Please share with them this unique opportunity for a [Member Services Internship](#) with The Energy Co-op, a stepping stone to a career in renewable energy.

The program is ideal for someone early in their career with an interest in developing an extensive understanding of renewable energy markets, procurement, and supply. Energy Co-op Member Services Interns gain valuable training and professional experience while supporting our cooperative's thousands of member households and businesses. [Share the opportunity](#) with someone you know!

The position openings come as we say farewell to Claire Glidden and Michelle Herzberg, our Member Services Interns who have provided invaluable help to our cooperative members over the past several months. It's been a joy having you with us Claire and Michelle, and we look forward to you remaining close friends of The Energy Co-op as you continue your professional journeys.

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## Coming Events

### [New Member Orientation](#)

*Thursday, February 10 @ 6:00pm*

[Virtual Event - Register Here!](#)

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

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## What We're Reading

### [3 Philly Experts on How the City Can Burn Less Fossil Fuel to Heat Homes](#)

Locals with unique experience and views on energy and climate, including The Energy Co-op's Alexandra Kroger, explain how weatherization, geothermal heating, and biofuels could impact Philadelphians.

*Philadelphia Inquirer*

### [Four Facts about Electricity Costs & RGGI in Pennsylvania](#)

Data and details on the Pennsylvania DEP's proposed CO2 Budget Trading Program, which would enable the Commonwealth to participate in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

*National Resources Defense Council*

### **[DOE Awards \\$35 Million to Small Businesses Pursuing Clean Energy and Climate Solutions](#)**

The funding will support 158 projects across 29 states that will aim to develop an array of clean energy technology, from climate research tools to improved batteries for electric vehicles.

*U.S. Department of Energy*

### **[Going from Gas to Electric – Can PA Switch Gears in a Few Years?](#)**

Under the new Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, PA is slated to receive \$2.8 billion to improve public transit options, which the state hopes will help electrify its own fleet as well as other public transportation.

*City and State PA*

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## **Blog Entries**

### **[Biofuels: Not a Single Solution but a Step](#)**

By Energy Program Director Alexandra Kroger

### **[Faces of The Energy Co-op: Michelle Herzberg](#)**

By Executive Director Ronald Fisher

### **[Philadelphia Energy Authority Grows the City's Clean Energy Economy](#)**

By Energy Program Director Alexandra Kroger

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