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*Energy news from around Philadelphia and beyond*



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## **Happy Earth Month!**

Throughout April, individuals, organizations, and communities around the world will observe Earth Month - a time to support environmental stewardship and to feel hopeful for our planet's future. While The Energy Co-op's membership community prioritizes that critical work throughout the year, it's inspiring to see it amplified to an even greater degree each April.

This Earth Month, those that are already enrolled in one of The Energy Co-op's renewable energy programs may be wondering what else they can do to support the local green economy. If that describes you, you're in luck - we have a few ideas for you:

- Help grow our cooperative community and tell your friends and neighbors about The Energy Co-op's renewable energy programs.
  - Currently a member of either our [Renewable Electricity](#) or [Renewable Natural Gas \(RNG\)](#) program? Wonderful! Now, take this opportunity to enroll in the other and join the hundreds of members who already power their home or businesses with both clean electricity AND RNG.
  - Attend tonight's [Member-to-Member webinar](#) on the future of renewable electricity in Pennsylvania and RSVP for one of our May member social events. More on those below.
  - Listen for The Energy Co-op on [WHYY](#) as we continue our underwriting partnership with the station and share information about our renewable programs on their airwaves.
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## Tonight: Webinar on Renewable Electricity in PA

Please note the new date - tonight! Join us **this evening, Thursday, April 7, at 6:30pm** for the next installment in The Energy Co-op's Member-to-Member webinar series. This month, we welcome renewable electricity member Ron Fisher (who is also The Energy Co-op's Executive Director), presenting, [“Renewable Electricity – Why Pennsylvania is Falling Behind and What You Can Do About It.”](#)

Ron will discuss the structural impediments to growing renewable energy investment and jobs in PA, and why consumer demand—not unlikely-to-pass federal or state legislation—is the key to moving our Commonwealth's grid into the 21st century. [Register now](#) and we'll provide a link to join us at 6:30pm.

Launched in 2021, The Energy Co-op's Member-to-Member webinar series offers our members an opportunity to share their expertise on diverse topics with our cooperative community. If you would like to present later this year, please [get in touch](#) about your idea.

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## Four Energy Co-op Member Events in May

Let's get together next month! RSVP now for one four social events ([in-person](#) or [virtual](#)), where you'll have the chance to discuss The Energy Co-op's near- and long-term future and mingle with fellow members and Energy Co-op staff. We'll provide appetizers and a beverage - please bring your creative ideas and join us for a fun evening.

The Inn at Swarthmore  
10 South Chester Road, Swarthmore, PA 19081  
Thursday, May 5, 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Virtual meeting, on Zoom  
Tuesday, May 10, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Philadelphia Venue To Be Announced Soon

Philadelphia, PA  
Wednesday, May 11, 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Scoogi's Italian Kitchen  
738 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown, PA 19031  
Thursday, May 12, 5:30pm - 7:00pm

**All members that would like to attend must RSVP in advance.  
RSVP for [an in-person event here](#) or the [virtual event here](#).**

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## Donate Your SRECs

Philadelphia Green Capital Corp's [Share the Sun](#) program enables solar owners to donate their Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs) to directly support solar installations in low- and moderate-income (LMI) communities across Philadelphia. SRECs donated by 1 home can help 1 new family go solar.

During Earth Month 2022, PGCC seeks to bring rooftop solar to 100 LMI participants of [Solarize Philly](#) (which has already helped 750+ Philadelphia families go solar). To learn more about Share the Sun & donate your SRECs, visit [phillygreencapital.org/sharethesun](http://phillygreencapital.org/sharethesun).

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## Let us Know What You Think of *The Current*

At The Energy Co-op, we strive to provide thoughtful and engaging content to help our members sustainably and affordably buy, use, and understand energy. We want to know what topics and what types of content you would like to see more of in this monthly newsletter, *The Current*.

[Please take a moment to complete this survey](#) and share your thoughts. Your feedback is valuable to us and will help shape future issues of our most widely distributed publication.

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## Coming Events

### [Member-to-Member Webinar: Renewable Electricity – Why Pennsylvania is Falling Behind + What You Can Do About It](#)

*Thursday, April 7, 6:30pm*

[Virtual Event – Register Here](#)

Energy Co-op Executive Director Ron Fisher will explore the current state of renewable electricity in the U.S., renewable electricity challenges in PA, and a strategy for advancing renewable electricity in PA.

### [South Philly Food Co-op Owner Appreciation Day](#)

*Thursday, April 14, 9:00am - 9:00pm*

*2031 S. Juniper Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148*

The Energy Co-op will be outside of the store from 10:00am-12:00pm educating SPFC members about renewable energy. Come say hello!

## **May Member Social Events**

Meet fellow members and help shape the future of The Energy Co-op.

**Please RSVP in advance for an [in-person event](#) or the [virtual event](#).**

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### **[New Member Orientation](#)**

Tuesday, May 17 @ 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**

### **[PA Communities Should be Allowed to Choose Clean Energy](#)**

If passed, Senate Bill 275 and House Bill 1947 will preempt local officials' ability to limit the use of gas in buildings. Such a move would effectively take away communities' freedom to implement clean energy policies at the local level.

*Bucks County Courier Times*

### **[Driving an EV in Pennsylvania: Range Anxiety, Charging and Maintenance](#)**

Common questions on electric vehicle maintenance costs, charging, and range are answered for Pennsylvanians interested in switching out their gasoline-powered cars.

*StateImpact Pennsylvania*

### **[How Higher and More Volatile Energy Prices will Affect the Move to Clean Energy](#)**

Longer term, higher and more volatile energy prices will be a catalyst for individual and global efforts to decarbonize the energy grids, which is critical for meeting climate change goals.

*CNBC*

### **[American Companies Can't Sugarcoat Their Carbon Pollution Anymore](#)**

The Securities and Exchange Commission's new rule on climate will now require major corporations to publish information on climate risks, mitigation

plans, and Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions.  
*The Atlantic*

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## Blog Entries

### [Using Ecolabels to Find More Efficient, More Sustainable Products](#)

By Member Services Manager Noah Swistak

### [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

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