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Energy news from around Philadelphia and beyond



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- **Keeping the temperature low doesn't have to mean high bills**
- **Member discount for the next Center City Business Association event**
- **Contribute to our blog!**

Vote, then Attend the Annual Member Meeting!

We're just over two weeks away from one of our cooperative's most important (and fun!) events - The Energy Co-op's Annual Member Meeting. Join us on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 5:30pm at the gorgeous and conveniently located Masonic Temple at One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Your participation is crucial. The Annual Member Meeting is your opportunity to exercise your right to vote as a member-owner, learn about your cooperative's affairs, and engage with other Energy Co-op members, our staff, and Board members.

We are fortunate to be able to host this year's Annual Member Meeting in-person for the first time since 2019. Following the Board member elections,

you'll have a chance to network and socialize with your fellow members, win door prizes, and enjoy tasty free food. We hope you'll **join us on June 23!**

Energy Co-op members can [vote in our Board election and RSVP to attend the meeting here using this online proxy form](#). Online voting is open to all members, including those who cannot join us for the meeting.

Stay Cool This Summer Without the High Bills

Summertime air conditioning can send your home's energy usage northward, and indications are that June, July, and August [may be particularly toasty this year](#). A number of groups have published summer energy advice to help keep that usage down and those bills under control. We've found a few of the most helpful sets of suggestions and linked them here, along with some highlighted tips.

The [U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Saver program](#) details over a dozen ideas to conserve, including to "avoid placing lamps or TV sets near your room air-conditioning thermostat."

If you're in the market for a new air conditioner, ENERGY STAR has published their [Most Efficient in 2022](#) guide, with directories of [room air conditioners](#) and [central air conditioners](#) "that deliver cutting edge energy efficiency along with the latest in technological innovation."

Finally, the [Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission](#) has tips to get you ready for heat waves, such as "keeping drapes closed and shades drawn, as the amount of energy required to cool your home will be considerably less."

Member Discount for CCBA Event

We are proud to partner with the Center City Business Association to bring you their Sustainable Philadelphia event series. The next installment, taking place online on Thursday, June 23, 2022, from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, is *Clean Air: Let's Clear the Air on How it Impacts Your Business, and Your Home*.

Presenting is Joseph Otis Minott, Esq., Executive Director and Chief Counsel of the Clean Air Council. Tune in for a discussion about the work of the Clean Air Council: activities, priorities, accomplishments, and how the work of Philadelphia's oldest environmental organization impacts the businesses, workers, and residential communities of Center City Philadelphia.

The event includes a panel discussion, time for Q&A, and networking. As an Energy Co-op member, you will receive the \$10 Member Price - [follow this link to the event on CCBA's website](#). After clicking *Register Now*, use the drop down for *\$20 Guest and Partners*. You can then enter code *10off*.

Author an Article for The Energy Co-op's Blog!

Have a captivating story to tell, useful information to share, or the inside scoop

about a topic that appeals to other Energy Co-op members? This is your chance to author an item for [The Energy Co-op's blog](#)! Member contributions can be educational, funny, analytical, or all of the above!

Readers look to The Energy Co-op's blog for the latest on the cooperative and in the renewable energy sector, guidance on how to buy and use energy, and items that fit under a broader sustainability umbrella. For a sampling of the types of articles regularly featured, some pieces that may have slipped under your radar recently include [The Vital Role of Renewable Energy in Sustainable Design](#), member Vivian Lehrer Stadlin's [How a Book Inspired Me to Change My Energy Choices](#), and the staff-authored [PA Climate Action Plan Provides Framework for Reducing GHG Emissions](#).

Get in touch at info@theenergy.coop if you have an idea for a post and want to get started. Or, if penning a blog entry sounds like fun but you aren't sure as to how or where or when to begin, drop us a line and together we'll set you on the right path.

Next Community Spotlight: Delaware County

Throughout 2022, *The Current* has been focusing on different communities in southeastern Pennsylvania, highlighting member activity, as well as news about renewable energy and sustainability.

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?

In the July issue, we'll turn our attention to communities in Delaware County. So, all you Delco Energy Co-op members, please share with us what's new or interesting with renewable energy or sustainability in your town. Email us at info@theenergy.coop – we'd be grateful for your contribution.

Coming Events

[Sustainable Philadelphia - Clean Air: Let's Clear the Air on How it Impacts Your Business, and Your Home](#)

Thursday, June 23, 2022, 12:00pm

[Virtual Event - Register Here](#)

Presented by Center City Business Association. Energy Co-op members use code **10off** to receive a \$10 discount on registration.

[The Energy Co-op's Annual Member Meeting](#)

Thursday, June 23, 2022, 5:30pm

[The Masonic Temple at One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107](#)

Hear about our progress during the past year and plans for the remainder of 2022, and elect new directors to The Energy Co-op's Board of Directors.

[New Member Orientation](#)

Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 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.

What We're Reading

[Biden invokes Defense Production Act to boost domestic manufacturing in clean energy, grid sectors](#)

The U.S. Department of Energy aims to build up domestic production of solar panels, electric transformers, heat pumps, insulation and hydrogen-related equipment.

Utility Dive

[Influx of renewables has regional operator planning for future electric grid](#)

Over the next 15 years, PJM Interconnection expects to add 100,000 megawatts of renewable power from sources including onshore and offshore wind, solar, and battery storage.

StateImpact Pennsylvania

[Solar farm to power Philly government buildings gains momentum after Covid, supply chain delays](#)

The 80 MW Adams County solar farm is anticipated to power 22% of demand coming from Philadelphia government buildings, as a significant step towards the city's goal of sourcing 100% of its electricity from renewables by 2030.

pv magazine

[Philadelphia prepares to convert 120,000 streetlights to LEDs](#)

The upgrade will save the City \$5.4 million annually and reduce carbon emissions by 15,000 metric tons each year, or the equivalent of taking nearly 12,000 cars off the road.

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Blog Entries

[Reforming the U.S. Transmission Grid](#)

By Energy Program Director Alexandra Kroger

[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



