

MAY 2022

THE CURRENT



Energy news from around Philadelphia and beyond



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- **The Energy Co-op is hiring a Marketing Manager**
- **New Member Orientation Webinar - May 17**
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Two More Member Social Events to Choose From

Let's have some more fun, fellow members! Beginning last week and through tomorrow night, we are hosting social gatherings across southeastern Pennsylvania, open to the entire Energy Co-op membership community. This is your opportunity to enjoy delicious food, refreshing beverages, and delightful conversation with others as mindful about energy as you. Light bites and your first drink are on us!

As if all that merriment isn't enough, Energy Co-op staff and board members will be present to listen to your thoughts about the future of our cooperative.

Over the years, members' input has been invaluable in developing new programs and initiatives. We look forward to hearing your thoughts about how we can continue to advance our mission and grow our renewable energy programs.

Sounds like fun, right!? There is still time to RSVP for two of these get togethers, and we do ask that you let us know in advance if you plan on attending. Please take a moment to [sign up now for one of the in-person events](#) and we'll see your cheerful self very soon.

PHS Pop Up Garden at South Street | 1438 South St., Philly, PA 19146
Wednesday, May 11, 5:30pm - 7:00pm

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

The Annual Member Meeting is Next Month

It's almost time for The Energy Co-op's Annual Member Meeting! After two years of virtual gatherings, we're thrilled to be convening in person next month. At the Annual Member Meeting, you'll hear about our progress during the past year and plans for the remainder 2022, and elect new directors to the board.

The Energy Co-op is member-owned, which means our members are our bosses. And we're democratic - one member, one vote. This is your chance to exercise your vote as a member-owner and learn about your cooperative's affairs, as well as engage with other Energy Co-op members, staff, and board members.

Keep an eye out for an email from us soon with the date and location. If you are unable to attend the meeting (though we hope you can be there!), we will also share materials that will allow you to record your vote.

Join Our Team

Are you a marketing professional looking for an exciting opportunity? The Energy Co-op is hiring a Marketing Manager!

The right candidate will demonstrate an ability to grow The Energy Co-op's membership through effective management of external member recruitment channels. Please see the [job description](#) for details and submission instructions. Apply today or forward to someone who may be interested.

New Member Orientation Webinar

Greetings to you new Energy Co-op members out there! If you joined in the past few months, please make plans for Tuesday, May 17, for our next [New Member Orientation webinar](#).

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.

Community Spotlight: Chester County

The next entry in our Community Spotlight series, in which we check in about what's new and exciting with renewable energy and sustainability in our members' towns and neighborhoods, focuses on Chester County. Let's have a look at what's been happening over the last month.

Two weeks ago, the County announced that it had reached the impressive [milestone of preserving 30% of its land as open space](#), a total of 147,000 acres. To commemorate the achievement, the Chester County Planning Commission and Chester County Parks + Preservation hosted an Open Space Summit on May 10.

In more open space preservation news, the Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County was [awarded a grant](#) by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to expand the New Leaf Sensory Garden in Kennett Square.

Finally, during Earth Week, the [Philadelphia Union planted 25 trees](#) at Eyre Park, near their home stadium on the Chester riverfront. The team will donate an additional 25 trees for every goal they score this season. Doop!

Coming Events

May Member Social Events

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

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Philadelphia OIC Smart Energy Class

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Ronald Fisher and Alexandra Kroger will present to [Philadelphia OIC's Smart Energy program](#), which offers customized job training and job placement

services for those who are interested in energy-oriented careers.

[New Member Orientation](#)

Tuesday, May 17, 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.

Annual Member Meeting

June 2022. Date and venue to be announced soon.

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.

What We're Reading

[Pennsylvania reaches the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative starting line](#)

After two-and-a-half years of effort led by Gov. Wolf, regulations were published that enable Pennsylvania to be the 12th state to join the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic program that caps carbon dioxide emissions from participating coal- and natural gas-fired power plants.

Utility Dive

[Philly's carbon emissions are dropping – but the city has a long way to go](#)

The city-wide greenhouse gas emissions inventory shows citywide emissions have dropped 20% since 2006 – significant progress, but still a long way from net-zero, where the city has promised to be by the year 2050.

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[Delaware County's Office of Sustainability receives the 2022 Pennsylvania Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence](#)

The Office received the prestigious award for its Sustain Delco initiative, one of just fifteen programs led by businesses, schools, and community organizations from across the state to receive such distinction.

County of Delaware, PA

[Winds of change - How American wind energy surpassed coal and nuclear for the first time in history](#)

On March 29, 2022, wind power produced more electricity in America than the nation's nuclear and coal plants combined. The 2,017 gigawatt-hours of wind power was enough to make wind the country's second-largest producer of electricity for the first time.

PennEnvironment

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



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