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Energy news from around Philadelphia and beyond



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Share Your Thoughts on a New Initiative

Balmy summertime greetings, Energy Co-op members! We need your help.

The Energy Co-op is designing a new program to offer members an opportunity to address their carbon emissions while providing even more support for clean energy investment and jobs in Pennsylvania. We can't do it without your participation – member feedback will be crucial in the initial development of this initiative.

In the coming weeks, we will convene a focus group of Energy Co-op members to weigh in on the viability, design, and execution of the program. We expect the focus group to take no more than two hours of your time. If you are

interested in helping The Energy Co-op and making your voice heard, please write to info@theenergy.coop.

Be among the first to learn about this endeavor, help shape The Energy Co-op's direction, and help Pennsylvania move one step closer to the clean energy transition. We look forward to discussing with you new and exciting ways to advance our mission.

Meet Your Fellow Members on August 9

Members, let's get together in Northwest Philly next week! Sign up now for the next Energy Co-op member social event, taking place Tuesday, August 9 at Mount Airy Tap Room (300 W. Mount Pleasant Ave.), from 5:30pm-7:00pm.

Mingle with fellow members and Energy Co-op staff and discuss what's new and what lies ahead for our cooperative. We'll provide appetizers and a beverage - please bring your creative ideas and join us for a fun evening. [RSVP here if you would like to attend](#).

Become an Energy Co-op Member Ambassador

The Energy Co-op's [Member Ambassador training series](#) is a fun and easy way to make new friends, make a difference, and learn more about renewable energy. Don't miss this unique opportunity to develop the skills you might need to connect The Energy Co-op to your communities.

You'll meet other members of our cooperative community while growing our local, green energy economy. And you'll be able to – literally! – give the gift of renewable energy to friends and neighbors.

Participants will meet from 6pm-7pm on Wednesdays, September 14, 21, and 28. [Register today](#) or send an email to Member Services Manager Noah Swistak at noah@theenergy.coop if you have any questions.

Welcome, Colin Teague!

The Energy Co-op is delighted to introduce Colin Teague as our new marketing manager. Colin joins us having spent the last seven years developing and marketing virtual education programs for K-12 schools with a global education nonprofit organization. Prior to that, he served as a teacher in Chicago Public Schools.

When Colin isn't leading The Energy Co-op's marketing activities to grow membership and broaden the cooperative's impact in the community, he enjoys cooking, playing guitar, and making excursions to mountains around the Northeast to ski and mountain bike. Look for some of Colin's contributions in future issues of *The Current!*

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!

Next Community Spotlight: Bucks 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 September issue, we'll turn our attention to communities in Bucks County. So, all you Bucks County 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

[Energy Co-op Member Get-together](#)

Mount Airy Tap Room

[300 West Mount Pleasant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, 19119](#)

Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 5:30pm-7:00pm

[Please RSVP in advance](#)

Socialize with fellow members and staff - food, libations, and lively discussion await!

[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.

[Member Ambassador Training](#)

Wednesdays, September 16-30, 2022, 6:00pm

[Virtual Event - Register Here](#)

Meet other members of our cooperative community, learn about renewable energy, and help grow our local, green energy economy.

[Member-to-Member Webinar: A Few Easy Steps to Lower Energy Bills and a Reduced Carbon Footprint](#)

Thursday, September 22, 2022 6:00pm

[Virtual Event – Register Here](#)

Renewable electricity and RNG member Phil Coleman walks us through easy and inexpensive steps to save big on your annual energy bills while lessening your household's environmental impact.

What We're Reading

[Pa. legislature approves a new home repair assistance program](#)

The Whole Home Repair Program, which received rare bipartisan support in Harrisburg, will help homeowners and landlords weatherize and improve energy efficiency.

WHYY

[Penn partners with Philadelphia teachers to inspire climate action](#)

Bethany Wiggin, founder of the Penn Program in Environmental Humanities, is working with public high school teachers across Philadelphia to incorporate climate education into the classroom.

Penn Today

[Unsung climate hero: Heat pumps can cool homes and lower emissions](#)

According to the International Energy Agency, the number of heat pumps used worldwide must more than triple by 2030 in order for the planet to be on track to reach net-zero emissions by 2050.

The Hill

Blog Entries

[Faces of The Energy Co-op: Victoria Arenas](#)

By Ronald Fisher

[Decarbonizing U.S. Gas Utilities](#)

by Victoria Arenas

[How Natural Gas Prices Impact Renewable Electricity](#)

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