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Energy news from around Philadelphia and beyond



In this month's newsletter:

- Celebrating local, state, and federal renewable energy milestones
- Learning more about wind turbines in our Renewable Energy Classroom
- Join us for a New Member Orientation on February 16
- Exploring green tax credits for your 2022 taxes
- Join our team!

Renewable Energy Milestones

As a member of The Energy Co-op, you help build Pennsylvania's clean energy future every day. Whether you are enrolled in our Renewable Electricity or Renewable Natural Gas programs, are spreading the word to your friends and neighbors about how to support renewable energy, have attended a recent member event, or broadened your understanding of renewable energy, you are playing a crucial role in creating a greener Pennsylvania. As we look ahead to a bright 2023, let's reflect on some recent renewable energy milestones.

Nationally, renewable energy has, for the first time, [been projected to reach one quarter of all electricity generation in the United States](#). While this important milestone will not officially be reached until 2024, this projection represents the high-water mark of American renewable energy generation. As a member of The Energy Co-op, your demand for renewable electricity has played an important part in building new wind and solar generation.

In 2022, Pennsylvania became the [12th state to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative](#), a vital cap and trade program that will mitigate CO2 emissions from the Commonwealth's power sector and increase local renewable energy generation. While the program has [faced barriers to implementation](#), there is hope that [2023 will be the year it is officially declared constitutional and implemented](#).

Philadelphia has been ambitious over the past few years in setting its climate goals as well. [The Municipal Energy Master Plan](#) set three goals for 2030:

1. Reduce emissions from City-owned buildings by 50 percent
2. Reduce built environment energy use by 20 percent in municipal buildings
3. Transition all municipal buildings to 100 percent renewable electricity

The city built on these goals in recent years, and has pledged to [reach carbon neutrality by 2050](#).

Through your membership, you helped to make these achievements a reality, and continue to make an important impact on the present and future of renewable energy.

Renewable Energy Classroom

Welcome back to our Renewable Energy Classroom, where we highlight different aspects of the generation, purchase, delivery, or use of renewable energy with a new video or article each month.

In this month's Renewable Energy Classroom, let's learn about how wind turbines work. For members of The Energy Co-op who are enrolled in our Renewable Electricity program, much of your renewable electricity is sourced from wind power. Check out this video below from [TED-Ed](#) on what happens inside a turbine to convert wind power into electricity, and how that generated electricity reaches your house in usable form.



New Member Orientation - February 16

Hello to all new members of The Energy Co-op! If you enrolled as a member in the past few months, or just need a refresher on all things Energy Co-op, please make plans to attend our New Member Orientation Webinar on Thursday, February 16, at 6pm.

Executive Director Divya Desai and Membership Coordinator Eric Miller will present an interactive program on member benefits, our energy programs, the organization's past, present, and future, and how to get involved to help grow our cooperative community. Please come with questions and be ready to learn all about our cooperative.

Anyone planning to attend should [register here](#). We look forward to seeing you later this month!

Join our Team!

The Energy Co-op is currently looking for a qualified candidate to fill our Membership Manager position.

The [Membership Manager](#) will lead the success of our membership growth and engagement. This role will manage new member recruitment and retention strategies and ensure quality experiences for prospective and current members, focusing primarily on outreach, services, and communications.

If you or someone you know has relevant experience and an interest in renewable energy, help us spread the word about this opening. And if this sounds like you, we welcome you to learn more and [apply today!](#)

Let Us Know How We're Doing!

For many folks shopping around for a new renewable energy supplier, internet search engine results and reviews are their first stop. While this information is great for an overview, it can lack the nuance necessary to explain why a supplier is worthy of your choice.

As a member of The Energy Co-op, you are keenly aware of the importance of member ownership and transparency when it comes to your energy supply. If

you are satisfied with the service that we are providing you, [please rate and leave a review for The Energy Co-op on Google Reviews](#). A few minutes of your time could help grow The Energy Co-op's membership community and ensure that our neighbors have all the information they need when shopping for renewable energy.

Are You Reaping the Benefits of Green Tax Credits?

Did you know that you can receive a tax credit for installing and updating green and energy efficient equipment and appliances in your home? Tax season is officially here, and the IRS and Department of Energy have released updated clean energy tax credits for 2023. In addition to powering your homes and businesses with 100% renewable energy, many members of The Energy Co-op have also taken the proactive step of ensuring that their space is as green as possible by installing solar panels, completing a home energy audit, or updating their doors, windows, or insulation to improve efficiency. If this sounds like you, [find out if you are eligible for a clean energy tax credit](#) before filling out your taxes!

Coming Events

[New Member Orientation Webinar](#)

Thursday, February 16, 2023, 6pm - 7pm

We'll highlight the benefits associated with Energy Co-op membership and explain how to best take advantage of them.

[Virtual Event - Register Here](#)

We've Moved!

We are excited to announce that The Energy Co-op's address has changed! Our new physical and mailing address is:

The Energy Co-op
50 S 16th St, Floor 17
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Please direct any mailed communications to our new address.

What We're Reading

[Rethinking PGW: Philly's gas utility is failing residents, ratepayers, and the environment](#)

PGW is the nation's largest municipally owned gas utility, but many Philadelphians believe that it must boost its sustainability, safety, and transparency to live up to its potential in building our clean energy future.

Billy Penn

[Will the next Mayor prioritize or destabilize Philly's sustainability](#)

[goals?](#)

The Office of Sustainability is one of Philadelphia's most important bulwarks in making Philadelphia more green: A look ahead to how a new mayor could affect its budget and Philadelphia's sustainability goals.

Green Philly

[Coming 2023: Delaware County's first zero waste report. Will it address incinerator use?](#)

Delaware County contracted Zero Waste Associates to help reduce the amount of trash that ends up in incinerators. After a year of public comment and focus groups, Zero Waste Associates will release its first report early this year.

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Blog Posts

[How to Shop for Renewable Electricity in Pennsylvania](#)

By The Energy Co-op Staff

[Faces of The Energy Co-op: Gabe Hochenberger](#)

By Colin Teague

[Faces of The Energy Co-op: Eric Miller](#)

By Noah Swistak



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