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Energy news from around Philadelphia and beyond



Want to Beat the Stock Market? Invest in a Cleaner Pennsylvania.

Enrolling in The Energy Co-op's renewable natural gas program is a no-brainer.

RNG is mainly methane created when organic waste decomposes. Think landfill, wastewater treatment, farm waste. Our RNG program promotes collection and use of this biogas, thus reducing demand for natural gas recovered by destructive means or, worse yet, wasted by flaring. Less demand, less drilling, less fracking—a cleaner Pennsylvania.

Sure, our RNG program will cost a little more. But we estimate only 50 cents a day more for the average PGW residential account or 90 cents a day more for residential PECO customers. You throw more than that in your change bucket every day.

So, if you're looking for a sure return on investment, don't look to Wall Street. Instead, invest in a cleaner Pennsylvania.

[Sign up for The Energy Co-op's renewable natural gas program today!](#)

New Clean Energy Partnership with Clean Air Council

We are always excited to work with local, like-minded partners to advance our

and their shared sustainability mission and message.

So last month, The Energy Co-op and the Clean Air Council finalized and launched a joint effort that will initially focus on informing the Council's donors and members about the benefits to the environment of using our renewable natural gas, or RNG.

In addition, the Clean Air Council is offering to Energy Co-op members a discount on registration for its Run for Clean Air!

The Run for Clean Air began in 1981 as Philadelphia's largest Earth Day celebration and is proud to celebrate Earth Day's 50th Anniversary this year. Located on the beautiful banks of the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia, the Run is a celebration of sustainable and healthy neighborhoods, clean air, and improvements in the region's overall environmental health. Year after year, thousands of runners, walkers, volunteers and families choose to celebrate Earth Day with Clean Air Council, including many Energy Co-op members.

This year, Energy Co-op members are eligible for \$10 off their registration fee using the promo code CooperativeEnergy at checkout. [Early registration starts today!](#)

When: Saturday April 18th, 10k Run starts at 7:30am, 5k Run and 3k Walk starts at 7:45am, Kids' Fun Run starts at 9am

Where: MLK Drive, next to the Philadelphia Art Museum

And Speaking of Earth Month!

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day on April 22nd, The Energy Co-op is planning with the Philadelphia Energy Authority, Weavers Way Food Co-op, and the Clean Air Council to organize informative workshops during the month of April on several clean energy and sustainability topics.

Stay tuned for more updates on our Earth Month activities and events in our April 2020 newsletter and member emails. Please join us to learn about protecting and celebrating our beautiful home!

February Member Events

Thank you to those Energy Co-op members who took the time last month to meet with us for lunch in Mount Airy and dinner in Center City. Thanks also for sharing all your great ideas about how our members can connect The Energy Co-op to their neighborhoods! In addition to lively conversations on a number of clean energy topics, member volunteers were generous in offering to help spread the word about The Energy Co-op by introducing us in a variety of ways to their friends, community organizations, congregations, local businesses, and others who share our mission of creating a sustainable energy future. Since then, we have been sorting through all the suggestions and plan to get back to those members this month with our wish list.

Meanwhile, to everyone who was unable to attend the events in February, keep

an eye out later this month for an invitation to more member get-togethers later this year.

A Warning about Bad Actors in the Energy Industry

In the past few months, we have learned about several of our members being the victims of something called “slamming”. Slamming is when an energy supplier enrolls someone as a customer without their knowledge or consent, very often during a telephone call. So, be wary of any calls you receive about your renewable electricity or renewable natural gas service from people claiming to represent The Energy Co-op. Although you can call us whenever you wish, The Energy Co-op will only contact you by telephone about matters pertaining to your existing service or in response to an inquiry you made, not for solicitation.

You should also know that some companies engaged in slamming will even pretend that they represent your utility—like PECO or PGW—and are calling about a problem with your bill or service. Before you know it, instead of sourcing your energy from The Energy Co-op and supporting green energy jobs in Pennsylvania, you’re buying who knows what from who knows whom. So, take care when answering those calls. And of course, make sure you carefully read any paperwork that you are asked to sign. If The Energy Co-op is already supplying your renewable electricity or renewable natural gas, we have no reason to ask you to sign anything. Finally, if you believe you’ve been slammed, please call us at (215) 413-2122 and give some thought to [filing a complaint with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission](#).

Events!

Congratulations to Energy Co-op Staff member Bryan Hutchinson for his appointment to the East Goshen Township Sustainability Advisory Committee! The Committee will present a seminar on March 24, 2020 between 6:30 and 8-30pm at the Township Offices on Solar/Geothermal options. A panel of 5, including Bryan, will discuss Energy Audits, Township Code Requirements, Solar, Geothermal, and Tax Incentives and grants. The panel discussion will be followed by breakout sessions led by the panelists and other experts. Learn more [here](#).

The Energy Co-op is dedicated to educating our community on energy and would love to do speaking engagements at events in your community! Know about any educational events in your area? Invite us! Send us details at info@theenergy.coop or give us a call at (215) 413-2122.

Our Newest Blog Posts

[Clean Jobs In Pennsylvania? Growing Fast With More To Come](#) --

Pennsylvania’s green energy sector is growing, according to a new study on 2019’s clean job landscape.

[Energy Co-op Faces: Meryl Sands](#) --Learn more about our new Member

Recruitment and Business Development Lead, Meryl Sands!

[Pennsylvania Moves to Cut Carbon Emissions and Join RGGI](#)--Governor Wolf has directed the DEP to regulate carbon emissions so Pennsylvania can join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.



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