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The Community Net-Zero Education Project
Newsletter



THE PATH TO PROGRESS: UNPACKING RECENT CLIMATE SUCCESSES

By Leonard Nakamura

This past summer we learned that our climate warming to date of only 1.3 degrees Celsius results in sharply accelerated worldwide weather disasters. Yet there has also been very good news. The climate movement is stirring around the world and has some major victories to report.

Although the world is not yet on track for net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, global amelioration of climate change has accelerated faster than climate scientists were expecting. This has been happening particularly in China, in Europe and now the US. There has been a positive feedback loop where greater demand for solar, wind, EVs and batteries have led to declines in production and installation costs and spurred yet further demand. On top of...

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REMINDER TO VOTE

Get ready for PA's upcoming Municipal Election! Ensure your registration is up-to-date & make sure you know your polling place.

November 7th, 2023
7:00AM - 8:00PM

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QUIET CLEAN PHILLY: GETTING RID OF GAS- POWERED LEAF BLOWERS

By Valerie Glauser

A new group, Quiet Clean Philly (QCP), is making considerable progress toward their goal of passing legislation to phase out gas-powered leaf blowers in the City of Philadelphia. Gas-powered leaf blowers are some of the most air and noise polluting devices in regular use. These leaf blowers generate toxic air pollution in our neighborhoods, schools, and public spaces, and..

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GREEN OR GREENWASHED?

By Ken Beiser

When corporations or other vendors make **claims about their environmental behavior**, they are trying to make consumers think better of them. Why? They seek improved sales, differentiation from competitors, a positive image to help recruiting, or to gain favorable treatment from government, investors, or even lenders. Should we doubt their claims or accept what we are told? DOUBT!

Better environmental behavior usually requires hard work from businesses: Greater care in creating a good or service, greater care in procuring energy, more diligence in selecting suppliers & assessing...

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VOTE REMINDER

In 2021, billionaire Jeff Yass donated over \$1 million to support the successful election of PA Supreme Court Justice Kevin Bronson, which reduced the Democratic majority on the court. Now, he aims to replicate this with Republican Carolyn Carluccio, supported by PA pro-Life. The Democratic candidate, Daniel McCaffery, is a pro-union candidate & is "strongly recommended" by the state bar association. The composition of the Supreme Court is critical for PA's future, particularly on environmental matters like RGGI. With a mayoral election in Philadelphia, every vote in this off-year election is significant.

Keep the environment & your values in mind when voting. Learn about the candidates at vote411.org

Be sure to vote. Every vote counts!