Since 1967, Protecting Everyone’s Right to Breathe Clean Air

Meet Jonathan Zaikowski, our new Membership Coordinator. Jon worked in the green energy market before joining the Council in March. He met the Council’s #1 in middle school, interned in the office during high school, and is excited to have full-time now.

Before going to Wake Forest University, Jon grew up in the suburbs just outside Philadelphia. While he enjoyed his time at Wake, he knows that after graduation he wants to come back and live in Philadelphia and work for an organization dedicated to protecting everyone’s right to breathe clean air. The Council works through public education, community advocacy, and government oversight to ensure enforcement of environmental laws.

His favorite part of Joe’s Corner is to thank you. To thank you for your generosity. To thank you for continuing to support our work. And to thank you in the most important way — by making sure your gifts do the most good for our air. Next time you send us a donation, please consider designating a small amount extra for our endowment.

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Let us not waste a single moment in dithering. Let us not waste one minute in inaction. Let us not waste a single second in making a difference that will truly matter.

Thank you.

How I See It: Joe’s Corner

This issue is my 30th at the Council, and funding is one of my perennial concerns. Grants are awarded and denied. Event spouses come and go. Members join and leave. Sometimes finances are good, and sometimes they’re bad. In the flurry of it all, an endowment is a helpful insurance, especially when finances are bad. Now, thanks to you, it’s a little bit less of a concern.

This spring, we ran our annual matching-gifts campaign to build our reserve funding. It was a wild success with you, our members, raising to the occasion. The average gift was over $100. That’s the highest we’ve ever recorded.

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We are all responsible — from coal burning power plants to how recklessly we use energy. The ‘little’ contributions in our lives add up. An air conditioner running with no one home. A TV on in the background. Even leaving your electronics plugged in while not in use. They all waste power.

Of course, little things can add up the other way. Have you taken the time to contact your representatives to let them know you’re concerned about climate change? Have you implemented easy energy savings at home such as air drying your laundry or unplugging your cable box when you go out (or use more energy than your fridge)? If you’re a Pennsylvania resident, you have switched to a green electricity provider. I believe you get the most bang for your buck by switching to Community Energy (www.CommunityEnergyPA.com/Council). Community Energy was the first green electricity company in Pennsylvania and is the only one building new wind and solar farms. A further listing of companies that green electricity can be found at www.ChoosePAWind.com.

CO2 levels are worsening every day. If we all make a few small changes, we can make a big difference.

If you’d like to get in touch with Joe, you can email him at joe_minott@cleanair.org or call 215-567-4004 ext. 108.
Clean Air on the Radio

In northeastern Pennsylvania, residents are concerned about air quality and health effects of small, natural gas facilities. With skills honed from the Clean Air Council, they decided to stand up for their own environmental health. "We take the knowledge and skills they developed," Brandywine Mushrooms & Breads (BMB) says, "and learn about their natural resources. The workshops also develop local leaders, public awareness, and in the community, we work with the knowledge and skills they developed, Brandywine Mushrooms & Breads (BMB) is a business in the region that has grown under the guidance of these environmental activists. Their goal is to provide local, sustainable, and organic food products that are free from harmful pesticides and chemicals. The workshops help BMB to promote their products and educate others about the impact of environmental activism on local communities. The workshops focus on sustainable practices and reducing waste, which helps to reduce the overall environmental impact of their products.

In addition, the workshops promote a healthy and sustainable lifestyle. Participants are encouraged to adopt healthy eating habits and lifestyle changes that benefit both their personal health and the environment. The workshops also provide a platform for community members to share their experiences and support one another in their efforts to create a more sustainable future. In conclusion, the workshops conducted by the Clean Air Council in northeastern Pennsylvania are making a positive impact on the community by raising awareness about environmental issues, promoting sustainable practices, and empowering individuals to take action for a healthier and more sustainable future. "We are optimistic that we will see more of these workshops in the future," a spokesperson for the Clean Air Council said. The workshops continue to inspire and empower individuals to take action for a healthier and more sustainable future in northeastern Pennsylvania."