

# PSE on bainbridge island



Dear Neighbor,

Storm season is upon us. We did a lot of work this summer to help keep the lights on, but Mother Nature will continue to batter the Pacific Northwest. Please be prepared. Read on for more of what we're doing on the Island.

## **City's electric utility effort**

The City of Bainbridge Island is still pursuing its effort to learn how they might form their own electric utility; the end result being the City trying to buy an electric system from an unwilling seller.

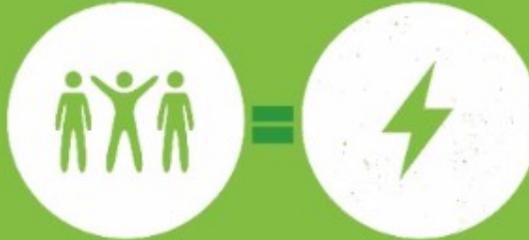
D. Hittle, the consultant hired to do the \$100,000 feasibility study, plans to complete a draft report by the end of the year, with a final version released the first part of 2017. The City has not yet laid out a process for how the interested public can comment on the report or the municipalization process.

You can always attend a City Council meeting and speak during the public comment period to express your opinions on the City's effort. If you are hosting a meeting and you'd like a PSE representative to attend and discuss this issue, please let us know.



We made a powerful difference in 2015

44,212  
participants



412,036,000  
kilowatt-hours  
of green energy

For one year, that's enough energy to:



brew  
**824,072,000**  
pots of coffee

OR



wash  
**441,467,143**  
loads of laundry

OR



power  
**41,203,600,000**  
cell phone charges

Source assumptions: A 1 kWh full size (10/12 cup) automatic drip filter coffee maker used for 30 minutes per day uses 182.5 kWh/year; an Energy Star washer used to wash 300 loads of laundry annually uses 280 kWh/year; a 5W cell phone charger charging for 2 hours per day uses 3.65 kWh/year; PSE Green Power Program usage in 2015: 405,996 MWh.

## Create NEW renewable energy today

If you're like us, you value local, renewable energy sources but short of installing a solar array, what can you do to help? Through PSE's [Green Power](#) program, you can increase green energy resources in the Pacific Northwest right now.

Through a small additional payment sent in with your monthly energy bill, we buy clean energy on your behalf from independent producers in the region. This commitment makes it possible for local energy innovators in wind, solar, landfill gas and agricultural waste to secure funding to bring new renewable generation to the market – funding that would otherwise not be available to these local innovators.

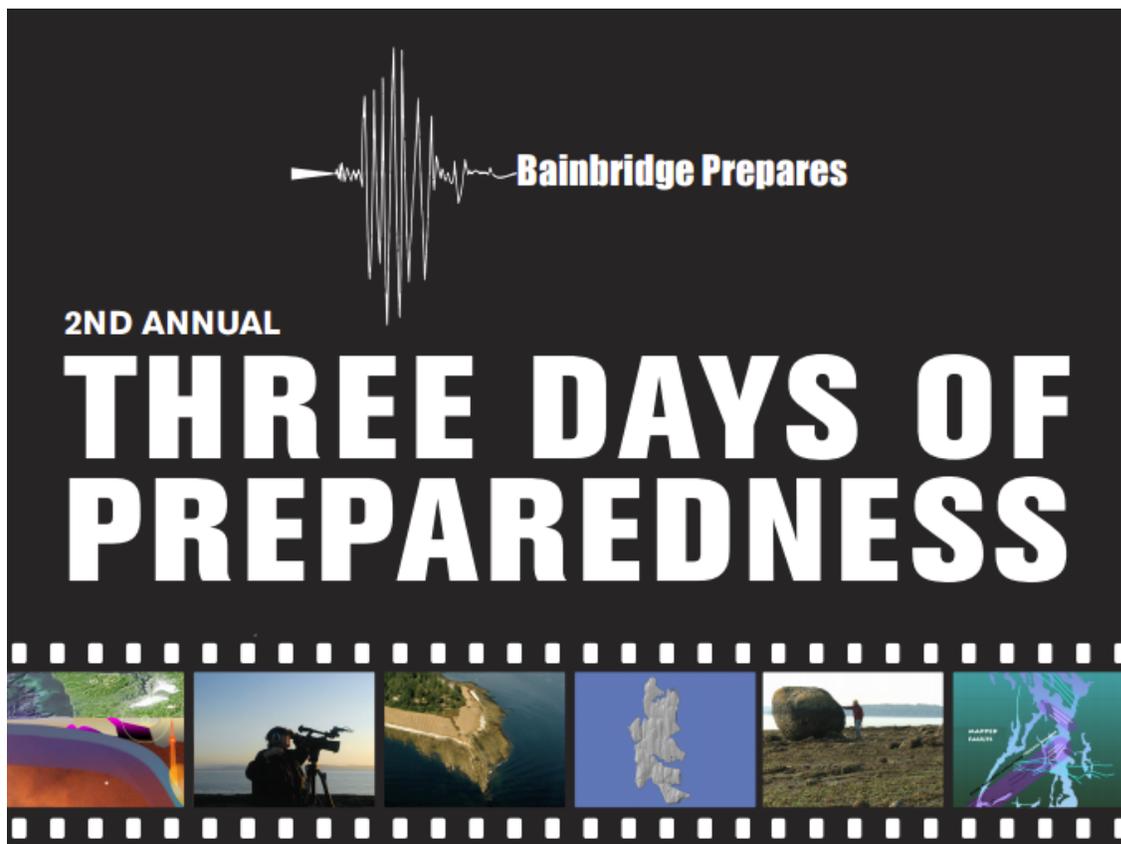
Currently 10 percent of Bainbridge Islanders participate in the Green Power program and while this is the second-highest community participation rate in our service area, challenge yourselves to do more. It's easy. Visit [pse.com/greenpower](http://pse.com/greenpower) to learn more and sign up today!

We also have outreach associates available at the Farmers Market on October 22 and 29 to answer questions such as which resources make up the Green Power portfolio, what kind of impact you would have as a participant, and how to enroll.



## Harbour Pub biodigester update

Check out the [short video](#) on the website highlighting our interest in alternative fuel sources.



# Bainbridge Prepares

The 3-day event was a great success! On the first night, PSE sponsored the screening of the [film](#), "The Geographical Formation of Bainbridge," produced and directed by Cameron Snow, a well-known local videographer and artist. The film reminds us of one of the reasons we need to be prepared living on an island in an area prone to earthquakes.

Within minutes of opening the doors, the 250-person theater was full, with 150 being turned away. We are partnering with the City of Bainbridge Island to arrange for another showing of the film sometime in early 2017 – please stay tuned.

On the second night, a local panel of experts in emergency preparedness provided timely information and answered questions from over 200 attendees. Panelists were Tim Walsh, Washington Department of Natural Resources; Dave Rasmussen, Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management; Doug Schulze, City of Bainbridge Island; Jared Moravec, Bainbridge Island Fire Department; and Scott James, author of Prepared Neighborhoods.

The final day was a combination of information booths and concurrent presentations at City Hall. Throughout the day, over 700 people came through the doors to learn about retrofitting for an earthquake; being prepared at home, in your car and at work; surviving disaster; and readying your pets for emergencies.

The 3-day event could not have been as successful without the agencies, businesses and residents who came together to make it happen. It was a partnership between the City of Bainbridge Island, Kitsap Regional Library, PSE, Bainbridge Island Fire Department, Bainbridge Island School District, Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island and Bainbridge Island Parks & Recreation.



## Prepare for storm season

We had our first storm of the season with several thousand Islanders without power last Thursday and Friday. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we worked to safely and quickly turn the lights back on.

Fortunately the area missed “the big one” predicted for the weekend, but its prediction gave everyone a chance to prepare. While you maybe didn’t need your extra batteries, flashlights, water and other storm supplies this past weekend, store them in a safe place for next time. We never know when emergencies will happen – be they earthquakes, floods or high winds.

## Nov. 2 - High voltage demo at City Hall

On Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., we are sponsoring a demonstration and discussion of how to be safe around electricity for residents and businesses on Bainbridge Island. Through slides and a very dramatic high voltage display, you'll learn what high-voltage electricity can do and how to avoid disaster.

Bainbridge City Hall, 280 Madison Ave. N  
Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## Let us know what you think

Whether you have questions about our work on Bainbridge Island, the programs we offer, or other questions about PSE’s services, we want to hear from you. Please contact us at [info@psebainbridge.com](mailto:info@psebainbridge.com).

Thank you,

Your PSE Bainbridge Team

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