

PSE on bainbridge island



Dear Neighbor,

Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing and working with you on the island this year.



PSE is committed to providing reliable power to Bainbridge customers.

City's electric utility effort

The City of Bainbridge Island is currently conducting a study to gauge the feasibility of taking over PSE's electric system on the Island. According to the City, their consultant, D. Hittle, plans to complete a draft report by early 2017.

We at PSE remain committed to being your power provider for many years to come. We want to continue to partner with the community on power solutions: from more green power and energy efficiency to continued reliability improvements, we will continue to provide safe, reliable, efficient service to all our customers on Bainbridge Island. Check out the article below on the Harbour Pub biodigester, just one of PSE's many investments in innovative power solutions.

If you are interested in hearing more from the City on their electric utility plans, or would like to express your opinion on their efforts, you can always attend a [council meeting](#) to speak during the public

comment period. We are also interested in your opinion on the City's efforts. If you would like to meet with us to discuss this issue, please contact us at info@psebainbridge.com to schedule a meeting.

PSE helps light Bainbridge

Winter's long nights will be [a little brighter](#) this year, with new state-of-the-art street lights, an art installation at Waypoint Park and continued support for community events. Read on to learn more.

LED retrofit grant

At the City Council meeting on January 3, PSE presented the City of Bainbridge Island with a \$15,038 grant to retrofit 207 street lights with light emitting diode (LED) lighting. The new LED lights will save the City over \$12,000 and 75,193 kWh each year. That is the same as eliminating the greenhouse gases from 11.2 cars each year!

These energy-saving, state-of-the-art investments also improve safety and reduce light pollution by focusing light on sidewalks and roadways, where it is needed most. We are pleased to support the City's energy efficiency goals and encourage you to learn more about the [energy incentives and rebates](#) we offer.



Left to right: Lars Larson of PSE, Val Tollefson (Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island) and Sarah Cann of PSE hold the LED grant check.



New LED streetlights focus light on the dark roadway.

Waypoint Park

Bainbridge Island welcomed a new public art installation in December, and PSE is funding lighting for the installation. "Tribute Baskets" by noted Portland, Oregon artist Christine Clark, features four large, nested metal baskets interwoven with patterns drawn from Suquamish, Scandinavian, Japanese and Filipino cultures.

Overseeing the installation is the City of Bainbridge Island's Public Art Program, which is administered by Arts & Humanities Bainbridge. PSE made a \$3,200 contribution to provide lighting to enhance the art and improve pedestrian safety. The lighting will be installed by spring 2017. Anne Smart, Executive Director of Arts & Humanities Bainbridge, said "PSE's generous contribution toward lighting will enhance both the Tribute Baskets and the Waypoint for the countless islanders and visitors who pass by each day."

To view the pieces, you can visit [Waypoint Park](#) at 551 Winslow Way E.



One of four "Tribute Baskets" installed at Waypoint Park. Photo courtesy of Don Willott.



Event-goers walk the trails of Bloedel Reserve with lanterns at Light the Night.

Light the Night solstice walk

PSE was proud to sponsor the 3rd annual Solstice Walk at the Bloedel Reserve on December 20, 21 and 22. Bloedel's Light the Night Solstice Walk is a candle-lit walk around the reserve, and is hosted with the aim of making "the year's shortest days a little brighter," said Bloedel's Programs & Events Manager, Shayla Miles. Attendees enjoyed hot cider and caroling before walking the reserve's trails with lanterns.

"PSE's ongoing partnership with Bloedel over the past several years has made a tremendous difference," said Ed Moydell, Executive Director of Bloedel Reserve. "It has allowed us to reach more Puget Sound community families through seasonal activities like the Super Squash Hunt, and now, the Solstice Walk. These new ways to connect with nature are becoming family traditions, and they wouldn't be possible without PSE's generous support."

This year, the event was expanded to three nights, yet the 600+ tickets still sold out! Tickets support the event costs and Bloedel Reserve's programs. To learn more about Bloedel Reserve and its programming, you can visit their [website](#).

Harbour Pub biodigester update

The pilot project's three partners (Impact Bioenergy, Harbour Public House, PSE) are pleased with the HORSE's progress and extended the lease to September 24, 2017!

The 6-month lease extension means the HORSE will be located at the Pub during summer months, when there is increased foot traffic. This has several benefits:

- An increase in educational opportunities about the digester
- A larger amount of food waste to add to the digester, which will produce more energy and biofertilizer
- The opportunity to learn from local farms about how well the HORSE's biofertilizer works on their crops

The HORSE has already made an impact on the Harbour Public House. The pub's owner Jeff Waite noted, "The 'feeding' of the HORSE has motivated our staff to look for additional ways of repurposing our waste streams." He hopes the digester will have a larger community impact, too: "Based on the positive feedback we are experiencing, we think it is time for a community-wide discussion on how the Island can move on more community-based installations," Waite said. PSE is eager to continue supporting community-based green energy solutions such as the biodigester. For more information on the Pub's HORSE biodigester, check out [this video](#) on the PSE Bainbridge website.



Food waste is added to the HORSE biodigester at the Harbour Public House.

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PSE has a new [Facebook](#) page for our work on Bainbridge Island. Like and follow us to learn more about our commitment to supporting the Bainbridge Island community, reliability improvement projects on the Island, our renewable energy and Green Power programs, and the many products and services we offer. We hope to see you there!

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.

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