

Monthly highlights from your energy neighbor, PSE on Bainbridge Island.

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## PSE on bainbridge island



Dear Neighbor,

PSE is proud to serve Bainbridge and to have been a part of this community for decades. We want to continue to serve you for years to come. Read on for important updates about the City of Bainbridge Island's feasibility study regarding a city-run electric utility.



## Letter to the Bainbridge Community

As you are likely aware, there is a discussion happening at City Hall about the City of Bainbridge Island taking over the electric system from PSE. The City has just completed a feasibility study, outlining what it would take for the City to buy the system from PSE and set up a new electric utility.

You may have questions about this topic, about the study, or about PSE and our plans for the future. We are here to answer your questions, to listen to your views and to work with you.

This is an important conversation and one PSE will actively engage in. We have set up local resources to provide information to the public, including a local website - [pse.com/bainbridge](https://pse.com/bainbridge) - and Facebook page - [@pseonbainbridge](https://www.facebook.com/pseonbainbridge). In addition, we are hosting two upcoming events to answer questions and hear

from the community.

Please join us at one of these events or send us your thoughts via our Facebook page or by email at [info@psebainbridge.com](mailto:info@psebainbridge.com).

**Telephone Town Hall**  
**Thursday, February 16**  
**7 to 8 p.m.**

It's easy to participate. Send an email to [info@psebainbridge.com](mailto:info@psebainbridge.com) by 11 p.m. February 15 and we'll email you information about how to connect to the town hall.

**Community Town Hall**  
**Monday, February 27**  
**7 to 9 p.m.**

[Bainbridge Performing Arts Center](#)  
200 Madison Avenue North

You'll have the opportunity to ask questions, get answers, and share your thoughts and concerns.



Grow Community is the largest planned solar community in Washington State. *Photo by Grow Community.*

## **PSE awards over \$40,000 to the Grow Community on Bainbridge Island**

For over a decade, PSE's commercial and multifamily new construction programs have supported business owners and developers with an array of financial incentives to reduce energy costs for the end-user. In 2011, we began a partnership with the developers (Bainbridge Island Holdings, BIH) and general contractor (PHC Construction) of the Grow Community on Bainbridge Island to incentivize energy-efficient construction. PSE provides incentives for better insulated walls, high-efficiency windows and water heaters, and other items.

Grow Community is already the largest planned solar community in Washington state with every single-family home and duplex in the Village powered by photovoltaics. These solar panels are connected to PSE's power grid so surplus power is transferred onto the grid, allowing the residents to offset the cost of power drawn from PSE. Called net-metering, this allows each home to offset all of their annual electricity use with their solar energy generation, while also capturing the financial benefits that come with producing renewable energy.

Grow Community Bainbridge set lofty goals for energy efficiency and production throughout their three-phase construction process. All homes at Grow Community are certified 5 Star Built Green with current combined solar production capacity of over 300,000 kilowatt-hours per year. The total simulated energy savings (per home) for the various homes at Grow measures at or above 30 percent beyond current Washington State Energy Code.

We recently presented the developer with a rebate check of over \$40,000 to help offset the costs of installing more efficient equipment.

To learn more about our [commercial](#), [residential](#) and [new construction](#) programs, you can visit our [rebates and incentives](#) website.



Grow Community emphasizes sustainable living and connecting families with nature and their neighbors.



Left to right: Greg Lotakis of BIH, Brandon Keller of PHC, Joie Olsen of BIH and Persia Asvaraksh of BIH stand with a \$40,301.00 incentive check from PSE.

## Check out the website!

We've made some big changes to [psebainbridge.com](http://psebainbridge.com). Check them out! Given the city's electric utility effort, we want to provide more resources to Bainbridge residents who are curious about the electric system on the Island. Along with the familiar community and calendar updates, you will now see more information on how the Bainbridge electric system works, details on the city's electric utility effort and a page of frequently asked questions (FAQs). Let us know what you think!

## Follow us on Facebook

PSE has a [Facebook](#) page for our work on Bainbridge Island. Be sure to like and follow us to keep informed about PSE on Bainbridge Island!

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## 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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