

PSE on bainbridge island



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A live transmission wire looks just the same as a de-energized one. This one came down on Day Rd in the winds over the President Day weekend. A reminder to always stay away from downed power lines.

Winter reminded us it's still here over last weekend. In this newsletter issue, we tell you about our 2018 Powerful Partner on Bainbridge Island, a repair to Murden Cove substation and some events on the horizon.



Maria Metzler, Executive Director of Helpline House accepts a \$10,000 check from Karen Brubeck, PSE outreach manager.

Powerful Partner in 2018

This year, PSE is partnering with 24 non-profit organizations across our 6,000 square mile service area to both help families in need and protect the environment.

Helpline House on Bainbridge Island is one of those partners with a \$10,000 grant from PSE. This money will be used to fill backpacks with core school supplies for those students who need them and create critical personal grooming supplies in preassembled kits for clients to use.

"PSE's support for Helpline not only allows us to continue to provide hygiene kits and items students need, but also extends to providing information about how to reduce energy costs and offers safety kits for Helpline's community," stated Maria Metzler, executive director. "We are thrilled with the opportunities that come from being a Powerful Partner."

For 50 years, Helpline House has been providing resources to Bainbridge and North Kitsap residents in emotional or financial crisis. Their foodbank, staffed by over 130 volunteers, provides nutritional support for families and individuals in need. Their mission speaks to the premise that members of a healthy and whole community depend on one another.



Transformer similar to the one required at the Murden Cove substation.

Did you see?

Did you notice a large electric transformer roll onto the Island a few weeks ago? We got a few questions about it. One of the transformers at the Murden Cove substation (Sportsman Club Rd NE) failed and needed to be replaced. Some customers experienced a short power outage until we could get everyone back up by rerouting the power. Everything was back to normal with the new transformer installed and tested a few days later.



Mairead Shutt, executive director and Stacy Hemingway and Julie Meyers, BSF Gala co-chairs, at the BSF Gala February 10. Photo by Flying Photography.

Helping Bainbridge Island schools

On February 10, Bainbridge Schools Foundation (BSF) celebrated their annual Gala Auction Dinner, raising \$500,000 for the Bainbridge Island schools.

Mairead Shutt, BSF's executive director, thanked PSE for the generous sponsorship of the annual gathering. "The night was a great success for our schools," Ms. Shutt continued. "Together, we are investing in public education and making a difference for our students and teachers. Everyone's support has an immediate and tangible impact for every student in our schools."

Bainbridge Schools Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization working in partnership with the Bainbridge public school community to raise funds, leverage resources and act as a catalyst to involve the community in public education.



Green Power and Solar Choice teams will be on Bainbridge Island Feb. 25 at the Chilly Hilly Bike Race finish line.

Upcoming events on the Island

Chilly Hilly Bike Race

Feb. 25, 2018

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Join the PSE Green Power and Solar Choice teams at the Finish Line Festival for the Chilly Hilly Ride!

Bicycling Magazine named Chilly Hilly "one of four classic rides" in the nation. Registration fees for the ride help Cascade Bicycle Club provide bicycle education programs for families, school groups, and more.

For more information about the event and Cascade Bicycle Club, visit the Chilly Hilly [event page](#).

BYS Fun Run artwork contest deadline approaching

March 16, 2018

Bainbridge Youth Services (BYS) invites Bainbridge High School and Eagle Harbor High School students to submit a design for this year's BYS 4th of July Fun Run!

Prizes will be awarded for the top three designs: \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place. The winning design will appear on T-shirts that will be worn by hundreds of people at the Fun Run!

To participate, submit your artwork **by Friday, March 16** to the BYS office in the **BSH 100 Building**, room #103, 9330 High School Rd NE.

For questions about the contest, please contact BYS Fun Run coordinator Karen West at km.west@comcast.net.

Bainbridge Youth Services has served Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap youth and their families for 50 years. They provide professional, no-fee, confidential counseling and intervention for adolescents in the community, ages 12-19. PSE is happy to be an annual sponsor of BYS.

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Thank you,

Your PSE Bainbridge Team

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