

**PSE** on bainbridge island

## PSE Bainbridge Update • August 2021



Pictured: Puget Sound Energy's Wild Horse Wind Facility near Ellensburg, Wash.

Read on for information on a series of information sessions PSE is hosting for the Bainbridge community! We're also sharing details about an online auction hosted by the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art as well as a deadline extension for a PSE Foundation HEALing grant. Thank you for reading!

## Investing in electric reliability and grid modernization - project updates

Electric reliability on the island needs to be improved. In finding solutions, PSE committed to exploring new technologies. Our proposed plan is a [unique solution designed for Bainbridge Island](#) – combining new technologies and grid infrastructure to ensure safe,



## Underground transmission line information session recap

On Monday, August 16, PSE hosted an hour-long informational session on undergrounding transmission lines. Over 100 community members registered to attend, and participants asked dozens of thoughtful questions about the potential of undergrounding lines on Bainbridge Island.

Attendees heard from Lowell Rogers, Principal at Oak Strategic, and Andy Swayne, PSE's Senior Municipal Liaison Manager, who explained what it would take to underground transmission lines, the costs associated with the work, and the benefits as well as the drawbacks of such a project. Andy and Lowell then answered the public's questions about a wide variety of topics, including PSE's wildfire mitigation efforts, the lifecycle of underground transmission lines, and the potential cost to both customers and the City.

Thanks to all the Bainbridge community members who participated! This session is just one of many opportunities to engage with PSE's work on Bainbridge Island, so keep an eye out for future events where you can learn more about future projects and provide feedback.



## Upcoming information session on electric and magnetic fields

Join us on Wednesday, September 29 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Zoom for an information session on electric and magnetic fields (EMF)! **You can RSVP for the information session on electric and magnetic fields at [psebainbridge.participate.online](https://psebainbridge.participate.online).**

In the last feedback period we heard questions and interest from the community in electric and magnetic fields (EMF). In response to community interest, we are hosting an information session with an independent, board-certified health physicist to discuss what EMF is, where frequencies are found, and how that relates to health. At this information session, members of the community will have the opportunity to submit questions.



## DEADLINE EXTENDED - Apply for a PSE

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We know it continues to be a tough time for our communities and the organizations that support them. That's why the PSE Foundation has extended their competitive grant application deadline to September 24, and are offering grant support services!

PSE Foundation wants to help Communities HEAL from the pandemic through their 2021 competitive grant program with a focus on **housing, food, childcare or other essential services**. The grant program is open to 501C3 community nonprofits and tribal governments serving the public without discrimination within PSE's 10-county service area.

For those who may need a little extra support to complete their application, PSE Foundation has grant writing resources available. Email [rachel.benner@pse.com](mailto:rachel.benner@pse.com) to get started. More program details and the link to apply can be found on the Foundation website at [PSEFoundation.org](https://PSEFoundation.org). If you have questions please email [psefoundation@pse.com](mailto:psefoundation@pse.com).

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## Green Power on Bainbridge Island

PSE electric customers can match their energy use with a mix of renewable resources—including wind, solar, biogas, and geothermal power, through the Green Power program. Currently, the City of Bainbridge Island matches 100% of their electric use with Green Power and is a certified EPA Green Power Community. Join the 1,695 Renewables customers on Bainbridge Island—the highest participation rate in PSE’s service area—and match some or all of your energy use with Green Power today! [pse.com/greenpower](https://pse.com/greenpower)

## PSE on Bainbridge Island

PSE feels strongly about being a good neighbor. We do this through our philanthropic commitment to the nonprofit communities we serve.

# BID & BUY FOR BIMA

## ONLINE AUCTION & COLLECTORS MARKETPLACE

### Bid & Buy for BIMA

Puget Sound Energy is proud to sponsor the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art's (BIMA) annual fine arts auction!

Join us for the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art's (BIMA) annual fine arts online auction, where you can bid on Northwest art and craft, unique experiences, and fine wine and spirits. Accompanying this event, is the affordable Collectors Marketplace of art, craft, jewelry, antiques, and collectibles – something for every art lover and every budget!

On September 19, 2021 at 10 a.m., BIMA members receive first access to purchase collectors marketplace items, and bid or take advantage of buy-it-now prices for the auction items. Then beginning September 22 at 10 a.m. the fine wine and spirits section will open and bidding will be open to the general public. The auction closes on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 5 p.m. Proceeds from the online auction support these programs, exhibitions and enables us to keep BIMA free to all.

In 2020, the event had over 700 households bidding and buying from all over the country.

“We were absolutely blown away by how our community came together to support our mission during last year’s online fundraising event. From right here on Bainbridge Island to South Carolina, over in Seattle to New Mexico, we had bidders and buyers showing their love for BIMA from all across the country,” stated Peter Raffa, Director of Development.

There are over 100 auction items including artwork from Kurt Solssman, Preston Singletary, Steve Jensen, Marceil DeLacy, Max Grover, Chris Maynard, and David Eisenhower. Plus experiences include a trip to Palm Desert, monotype workshop with an artist, a vacation rental in Winthrop, and a weekend stay at the Inn at Pleasant Beach. Local artisans have donated jewelry and a local collector recently donated 80 vintage jewelry pieces for the marketplace and auction.

For more information on the Bid & Buy for BIMA visit [biartmuseum.org/event/bid-buy-for-bima-2021](https://biartmuseum.org/event/bid-buy-for-bima-2021) or contact Jessica Miller at [JMiller@biartmuseum.org](mailto:JMiller@biartmuseum.org).



## Bainbridge Island's Day of Preparedness

Bainbridge Island's Day of Preparedness will be Saturday, September 25. Bainbridge Prepares, the City of Bainbridge Island, the Bainbridge Island Fire Department, and BI Community Pharmacy will offer fall immunizations for Covid-19, the flu, and potentially other vaccines, and have materials to help the community prepare for earthquakes, wildfires, and other disasters. PSE is proud to be a Community Partner of Bainbridge Prepares!

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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) or call us at **1-888-878-8632**.

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