

PSE on bainbridge island



PSE Bainbridge Update • December 2020



Pictured: Entrance to the Bainbridge Island Metro Park and Recreation's Holiday at Fay celebration.

Season's greetings! As 2020 draws to a close, we're taking time to reflect on what an unprecedented and challenging year it has been. As a provider of an essential service, our focus has been continuing to provide reliable electric service to our customers across Western Washington, and keeping our employees and the communities we serve safe while continuing to do our important work. We've also assisted more than 14,800 customers who have experienced hardship because of COVID-19 with over \$8.5 million in bill assistance through our [Crisis Affected Customer Assistance Program](#) (CACAP). We're incredibly proud of the work we've done in this space and look forward to continuing to support the communities we serve through new initiatives in 2021.

Read on to save the date for an online community workshop in January 2021. We have exciting news to share about the Green Direct program and how it's contributing to our deep decarbonization goals. We're also shining the spotlight on the All in WA Child care



Pictured: Skookumchuck Wind Facility

PSE Green Direct customers begin receiving renewable energy from Skookumchuck Wind Facility

We're excited to announce that our Green Direct customers are now receiving renewable energy from the largest wind project in Western Washington, Skookumchuck Wind Facility. Watch this [video](#) for a closer look at the facility, and also the breathtaking scenery of the project site in Lewis and Thurston counties.

The [Green Direct program](#) is a ground-breaking initiative designed to provide PSE corporate and governmental customers the ability to purchase 100 percent of their energy from a dedicated, local, renewable energy resource, while providing them with a stable, cost efficient solution.

By adding more renewables to PSE's portfolio, Green Direct also furthers PSE's deep



Go all in to help Washington State

Across Washington State in 2020, families are suffering from record breaking unemployment, housing and food insecurity, growing mental health challenges and loss of access to child care. In response to this crisis, major philanthropic organizations and local companies have come together to launch the [All in WA Child Care Initiative](#), with the goal of raising \$10 million to expand access to affordable, quality child care for the state's most impacted families.

PSE is proud to have contributed \$300,000 to support the initiative, which will help close revenue gaps for child care businesses, help providers purchase supplies and equipment to meet new COVID-19 guidelines, and provide financial aid to impacted families - particularly essential workers - who are not eligible for public subsidy. Show your support and [donate](#) today.

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,



Save the date!

Join us for an online community workshop in early 2021 to share feedback on the “missing link” transmission line project. The community workshop will be held via Zoom on Thurs., Jan. 21, from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Stay tuned for more information about the event in the new year.

Learn more about the project: psebainbridge.participate.online

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

needed assistance



When COVID-19 began to impact the Bainbridge Island community, [Bainbridge Community Foundation](#) (BCF) activated its Community Response Fund to provide financial resources to local nonprofit organizations for urgent health and human service needs.

Puget Sound Energy's contributions to the fund have helped us support nutritious food distribution programs, emergency supplies, childcare, housing and rental assistance, and other essential services," said Jim Hopper, Executive Director of BCF. "Because of the generosity of our donors such as PSE, we'll be able to continue responding to our community's needs." To date, BCF has awarded \$861,295 in grants for emergency assistance, with \$131,000 coming directly from the Community Response Fund.

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We are **RAISING** Resilience Together

Resilient Families = Resilient Communities



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[Raising Resilience](#) has launched a new effort to support Bainbridge Island families during the unprecedented challenges many are experiencing because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The We Are Raising Resilience Together awareness and fundraising campaign is providing critical programs to support families during this challenging time. Families and businesses can join the campaign by taking the [pledge](#) and becoming resilience ambassadors. Join us in this inspiring mission!



Pictured: This year's pumpkin pyramid

Haunted Hayride hits the road!

The [Bainbridge Island Metro Park and Recreation District](#) got creative this year and adapted their much loved Haunted Hayride event to a drive-by format. The new format was a safe, family-friendly, festive outing that was enjoyed by all. "We're so grateful that PSE sees the benefit of community events and seeks to contribute to their continuation", said Emily Swift, Community Outreach Coordinator. "It's more important than ever that we find ways to safely come together and support one another. Thank you PSE!"

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