

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

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PSE would like to wish you a very peaceful, happy, and joyous holiday season!

Celebrating the holiday season on Bainbridge



Santa and his elves at the BIDA tree lighting ceremony.

BIDA Tree Lighting Ceremony

PSE supports various events for the Bainbridge Island Downtown Association, including the annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony that took place November 24 at Winslow Green. The evening entertainment included local community members of the Bainbridge High School band playing several music selections to set the tone and help to get attendees in the Christmas spirit.

Ballet performances, offering several selections from the Nutcracker, were provided by the Bainbridge Ballet, and members of the Bainbridge Performing Arts and Ovation's Crescendo Choir sang popular Christmas songs.

To top everything off, Santa took time out of his busy schedule to make an appearance with Mrs. Claus and some of his elves to kick off the tree lighting ceremony, while ending the evening with photos with children and adults alike.



Deborah Rhee and Dinah Satterwhite with Renee Zimmerman, PSE Community Projects Manager.

Bainbridge Island Studio Tour

This November/December, PSE was a proud sponsor of the winter Bainbridge Island Studio Tour at the Masonic Lodge. Deborah Rhee and Dinah Satterwhite were two of the artists displaying their work at the lodge. This self-guided art show on Bainbridge Island has enjoyed great success and we enjoy meeting the artists and discussing their work in person. We hope you were also able to attend; however, if you missed it, there will be another show in August 2019.

Deborah Rhee is an Australian-born artist whose art consists of working with layers of oil paint and glaze. Her paintings are a journey in color frequency, layering the color until a harmonious frequency is realized.

Dinah Satterwhite, a fine art photographer and photographic teacher, has been directing the Studio Tour for the past 10 years, while being an artist participant for over 20 years.



Frozen branches

Winter Wonderland

PSE was a proud sponsor of the Bainbridge Island's Annual Winter Wonderland Tree Lighting event this past weekend. We provided energy efficiency information to attendees – a great way to [lower your energy bill](#) in the winter months.



Pleasant Beach Village pool

Support to Pleasant Beach Village

PSE provided a \$12,925 commercial industrial retrofit grant to Pleasant Beach Village that allowed them to save almost 63,600 kilowatt hours of energy annually. Over the last four years, they had burned through three pumps, running them at 100 percent 24/7, when it wasn't necessary to do so for proper pool maintenance.

By partnering with PSE and Aquatic Specialty Services, Pleasant Beach Village installed a new pump and digital flow meter control for their outdoor pool. This new pump saves energy by allowing the pump speed to be set to the most appropriate flow rate that meets the filtration requirements for when the pool is used, either running continuously during open season or intermittently during off season.

"I am very thankful for both PSE and Aquatic Specialty Services for helping us solve our pump motor problem while simultaneously decreasing the amount of energy our pool consumes," stated Ryan Eichten, Pleasant Beach Village property manager.



David Brown, PSE Outreach Coordinator; Maria Metzler, Helpline House Executive Director; Renee Zimmerman, PSE Community Projects Manager; Baby Hank

Helpline House Food Bank

Helpline House serves over 2,500 people annually and focuses on providing basic services for those in need on Bainbridge Island, including social work consultation and addressing food insecurities. PSE is happy to provide financial support to Helpline House to further deliver their mission.



Fletcher Bay Road NE after a snowstorm last February.

Restoring power after a storm

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Have you ever wondered how PSE gets the lights back on after an outage? In a large storm, hundreds of our employees and partners work tirelessly to get the lights back on – there is no higher priority for us than safely restoring power. We also bring in additional crews from Canada, Oregon and Montana when needed to help bolster our response.



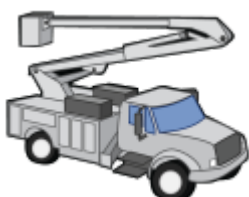
Puget Sound Energy crews focus first on restoring power to high-voltage transmission lines that provide power to substations serving large numbers of customers in a broad geographic area.



Priority for power restoration also goes to essential services such as hospitals, water/waste water systems, energy and transportation.

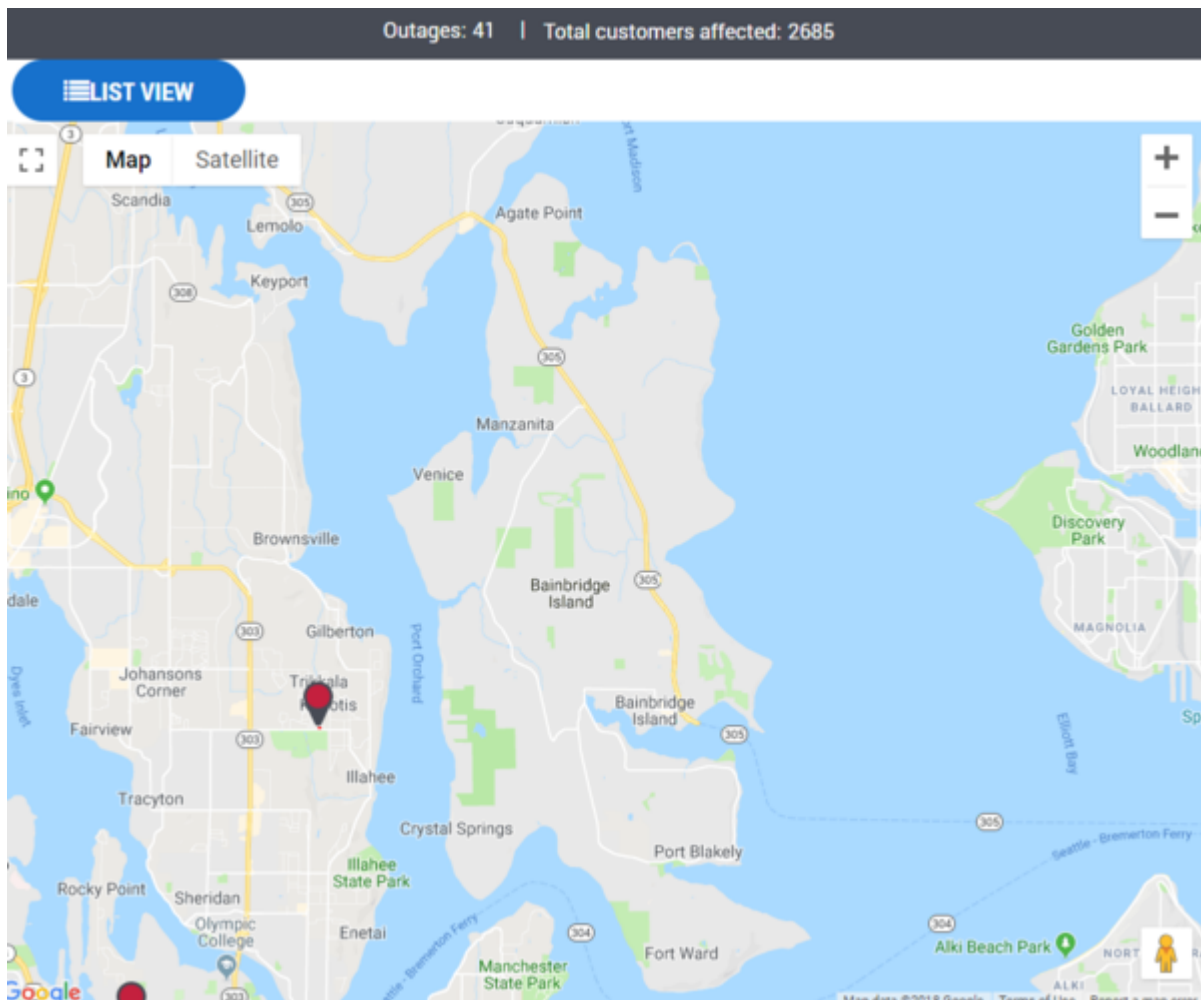


Once the high-voltage transmission system and substations are back online, PSE crews focus on repairing damage to distribution and service lines – the lines that directly serve homes and businesses. During an outage, one part of a neighborhood may have its lights on while another remains without power. Because our electric system works in sections or circuits, PSE crews re-route power around the damaged areas, thereby isolating the section that requires repairs.



Assess, restore, repair

Depending upon the severity of a power outage, it may take PSE crews many hours to provide accurate power-restoration estimates. PSE's first priority in restoring power is safety to the public and employees. Crews make certain that downed power lines do not create a safety hazard. Once the damage is assessed, PSE crews restore power as quickly as possible. Following restoration, crews will schedule any follow-up repairs needed to permanently repair the damaged electric system.



A view of Bainbridge Island from our outage map.

Stay informed

If you're away from home when the power goes out, you can check our [outage map](#) for status updates and estimated restoration times. Downloading the myPSE app will also allow you to report and track outages from anywhere on your mobile device - [you can download it here](#).

Storms and fallen branches are part of life in the Pacific Northwest. Each and every year, we invest in reliability and system improvements to reduce the number and duration of outages customers experience on the Island. For more information on the Island's electric system and our reliability improvement efforts, check our electric system page and frequently asked questions about reliability.

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