

PSE on bainbridge island



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Pictured: View of PSE's Wild Horse and Solar Facility.

Read on for details on preparing for storm season, the Missing Link Project's online public event summaries, and the PSE Foundation's work on Bainbridge Island. Thank you for reading!

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Storm season is here. Make sure you're prepared!

Here in the Pacific Northwest, winter is the wettest, windiest, and darkest time of the year. It's also storm season, which means it's time to prepare for unexpected power outages.

PSE works hard to provide safe, reliable service to our customers. However, when it comes to storms, sometimes situations arise that are beyond our control. While you can count on us to work to restore power as quickly as possible, there are some basic steps you can take to make sure you're ready for storm season.

To help prepare for an outage, we encourage you to:

- Get prepared for any emergency — have a [plan](#) and create an emergency kit.
- Download the [MyPSE](#) app to track and report power outages in your neighborhood and check on estimated restoration times.
- Stay informed during power outages at the [Alerts and advisories](#) page.
- Learn more about [outage notifications](#).

For additional storm tips, [visit our website!](#)

Investing in electric reliability and grid modernization - project updates

to exploring new technologies. Our proposed plan is a [unique solution designed for Bainbridge Island](#) – combining new technologies and grid infrastructure to ensure safe, dependable power for families and businesses for years to come. We will partner with the community to implement these solutions.



Missing Link Project (Murden Cove - Winslow 115kv) community announcement & Community Sounding Board (CSB) summaries

After more than a year of technical review and community engagement, PSE selected a route for the Missing Link Project on Bainbridge Island. This is an important step towards improving electric reliability for the two-thirds of the island currently at risk of power outages due to lack of transmission system redundancy. PSE worked diligently to understand which route option meets the technical project needs while using community feedback to inform the decision.

The community announcement was held on Tuesday, November 30, followed by the final Community Sounding Board (CSB) meeting on Thursday, December 2. If you were unable

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



Puget Sound Energy Foundation

Get to know the Puget Sound Energy Foundation (PSEF)!

Established in 2006, the [Puget Sound Energy Foundation](#) works to keep communities safe, supported, and thriving across PSE's service territory. The Foundation is a nonprofit entity operating entirely independently of PSE, which means none of its funds come from customers' rates.

Over the past two years, the Foundation has provided grants to assist our communities in dealing with insecurities created during or worsened by the pandemic. First launched in 2020, the PSE Foundation extended its COVID-19 community focus through 2021 to help address the ongoing and compounding impacts to our communities. Our 2021 grant awards focused on the most immediate needs such as childcare, housing, food and other essential services.

You can view the [full list of 2021 grant recipients](#), and you can reach out to Foundation staff at www.psefoundation.org/about.

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Puget Sound Energy Foundation (PSEF) 2021 Kitsap County grant recipients!

The Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Foundation has announced the recipients of nearly \$800,000 in competitive grant awards to help our communities heal from the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2021 recipients are comprised of 89 community-based nonprofit organizations that are working to address challenges exacerbated by the pandemic throughout PSE's service territory.

Funds will specifically support programs addressing health and welfare insecurities, and focus on immediate needs such as food, childcare, shelter and access to other essential services with a specific intent to address racial inequality by ensuring nearly fifty percent of funding designated to organizations that primarily serve communities of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.

Across Kitsap County, 7 organizations received grants to support their work – with 3 located right here on Bainbridge Island! The recipients include:

- [Bainbridge Prepares](#) (Bainbridge)
- [Central Kitsap Food Bank](#)
- [Island Volunteer Caregivers](#) (Bainbridge)
- [Kitsap Harvest](#)
- [Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center](#)
- [North Kitsap Fishline](#)
- [Peacock Family Services](#) (Bainbridge)

Be sure to keep an eye out, as we will be highlighting the work of each of these incredible organizations in our newsletter over the next few months! The full list of 2021 grant recipients is available for [download](#).



PSEF grants at work in our community: Island Volunteer Caregivers (IVC)

The Puget Sound Energy Foundation (PSEF) is delighted to award Island Volunteer Caregivers (IVC) with a grant to fund training for three island organizations and their clients. Bainbridge Island Senior Community Center (est. 1983), Helpline House (est. 1967), and IVC (est. 1996) have served the needs of a fast-growing population of seniors and those with disabilities on Bainbridge for a combined total of 120 years and counting! In recent years, the three organizations have increased their cooperative efforts to serve their participants numbering currently over 400 individuals for IVC; 1600 BISCC's membership; and Helpline's 684 served in the past year.

These three organizations are all committed to enhancing the lives of their individual participants, and they work cooperatively towards that goal. Combined, they provide a variety of services and needs from transportation, life enrichment, education, health and emergency, and in the past two years, they have worked together to successfully pivot to meet the unique and particular needs in light of COVID.

With the pandemic the past two years, the increased isolation, depression and length of time away from friends, family and community has taken a toll. With that in mind, the training for staff members will expand their knowledge of depression and social isolation; provide tools to help them to better engage with participants who have seen the challenges of aging and disabilities increase substantially during these COVID years; be

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community.

The grant funding for the training could not have come at a more important time. It will allow these three organizations to continue working together to address these substantial aging issues and help shine more light on the serious needs of those suffering with issues of aging, social isolation, and depression, as well as the impact on health and financial and social services in the community.

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