

**PSE** on bainbridge island



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Happy shoppers leaving with purchased treasures from 2018 Rotary Auction.

## Successful summer events on Bainbridge

### Rotary Club Annual Auction & Rummage Sale

The Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island hosted their 58th Annual Auction & Rummage Sale on June 3, held at Woodward Middle School. Total revenues of over \$624,000 were raised due to the support of the Bainbridge and Puget Sound community. Just a small sample of the outpouring of community support:

- Over 1,500 Auction volunteers spent countless hours over a 10-day period taking in, organizing, and selling donations in 37 departments during the sale.

- Over 4,000 vehicles delivered over 150,000 items to be sold.
- Over 6,000 Auction attendees opened their billfolds to make purchases during the 6-hour sale.

The Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island puts the money raised to good use within the Island community and beyond. They issue community grants to local non-profit organizations; support large community and international humanitarian projects; and give college, career, and technical school scholarships based on community service and career objectives, respectively.

PSE is proud to join other Platinum level sponsors Bainbridge Island Ace Hardware, Dubious Family Foundation, Eileen Black, and Modern Collision in supporting this incredible event.



Revelers dance in the street amid a backdrop of chalk illustrations. Photo by Keith Brofsky.

## Street Dance is more than just a party

Each year, the Bainbridge Island Downtown Association (BIDA) produces the July 3 Street Dance, which has grown to be the largest and most popular local event of the summer holiday celebrations. The Street Dance is about collaboration, partnership, and community.

BIDA partners with the City of Bainbridge Island and others to produce an event that draws approximately 15,000 people. This year it featured three bands and a DJ, the Balloon Brothers, sidewalk chalk art, a bean bag toss, and much more to create a great

day of fun. Cinderella even stopped in with a program for the younger set.

This event featured a new element, Touch a Truck, where kids of all ages are invited to tour a firetruck, police cruiser, street sweeper, roadside mower, and ambulance. Slap cuffs, badges, and fireman's hats were distributed, while a giant bear hosted the police cruiser. Food vendors and sponsors all came together to provide a unique local experience.

Also new this year was a permanent power box provided through a partnership between the City of Bainbridge Island and PSE. The team worked to assure the event had adequate power to serve vendors, sponsors, musicians, stages, and displays.

Jerri Lane, Executive Director of BIDA said, "In the past, we had always struggled to provide adequate power for the needs of our various constituencies – this year was a breeze with the new power capabilities. Many thanks to the PSE and COBI teams who worked together to make it happen."

PSE is proud to sponsor this fun event while providing reliable power solutions to keep Bainbridge dancing!



Participants enjoying the Kids Dash at 2018 BYS Fun Run.

## **BYS Fun Run broke records again**

PSE is a year-round Silver sponsor for Bainbridge Youth Services (BYS), which includes sponsorship of the BYS 39th Annual 4th of July Fun Run – the non-profit's biggest fundraiser of the year. This year the event broke records for both participation in the 5K, 1-mile, and Kids Dash (1,209 people) and in the money raised, totaling \$30,170. Not only is the Fun Run one of the premier running events of the West Puget Sound, it is a fun, annual community tradition for families and friends.

Runners and walkers from ages nine months to 82 years and from as far away as Hong Kong, Thailand, Belgium, Germany, and Scotland came out for the event. Entire families, 119 teams, and individuals young and old came to run or walk – some pushing babies in strollers and others walking their dogs. People came from 47 cities in 21 states, including a woman from Virginia who first ran the Fun Run in 1986 and came back this year to run with her son.

Bainbridge Island Police Chief Matt Hamner and Fire Chief Hank Teran were friendly rivals in the 1-mile event, running with a record of 301 registrants, compared with 224 last year. In the 5K, 835 people signed up, compared with 800 last year, and the popular Kids Dash attracted nearly 80 youngsters.

A special treat for the Kids Dashers this year was an appearance by the entire Bainbridge High School cheerleading squad and members of the Bainbridge Island Rope Skippers. Kids Dash emcee Jon Green and Bainbridge Athletic Club's Amanda Stevenson had the kids literally jumping through hoops, running through human tunnels, and hopping their way to the finish line.

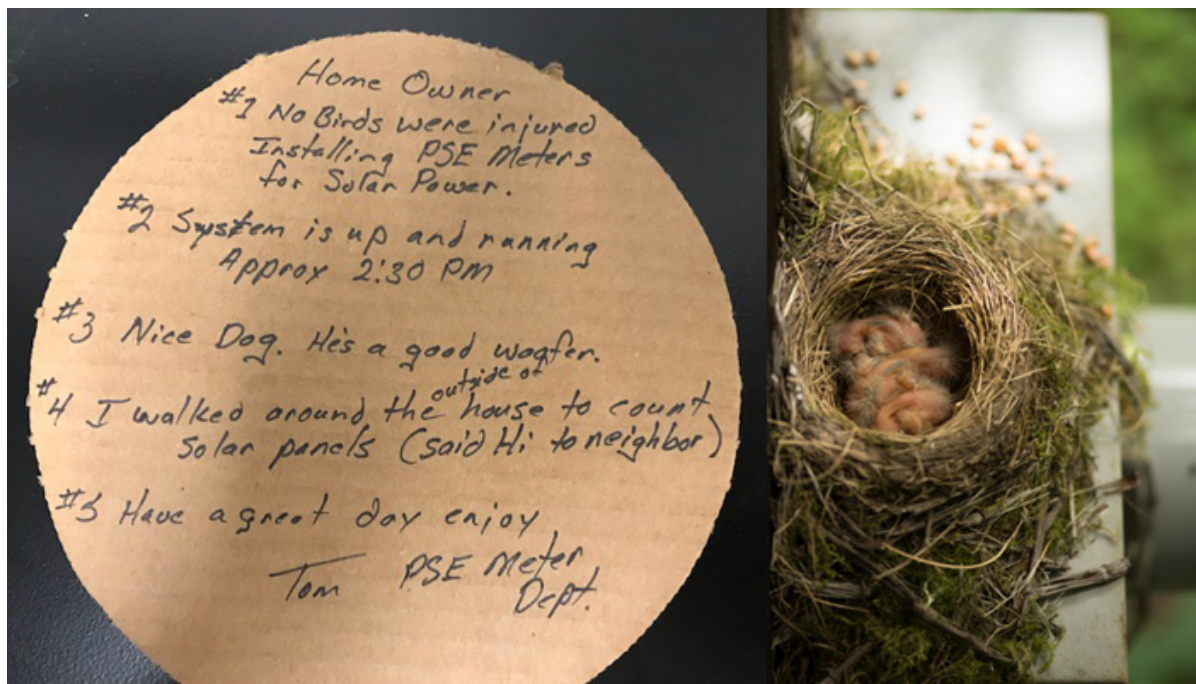
Fun Run proceeds help provide free mental health counseling and tutoring, and job training scholarships for local youth ages 12 through 21. In addition to signing up for the race, 11 percent of participants gave an extra donation to BYS.



## Grand Old 4th - July 4

The Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce and many sponsors once again put on one of the island's favorite community parties, the 2018 Grand Old 4th of July celebration. More than 25,000 people attended this year's celebration, which featured street fair vendors, local bands, and a special fun spot for kids.

PSE is proud to continue our support of this great event. With Chamber staff and about 100 volunteers for the event itself, the Grand Old 4th is always a rousing success!



## A shout out to our PSE meter department

A Bainbridge Island customer recently let us know about the great experience she had with one of our meter installers. Tom left a note explaining that he took special care of a bird's nest with eggs while installing a meter for her solar panels. The customer sent a photo of the hatched birds to let us know they are all safe and thriving.

"I had solar panels installed about two months ago and the PSE worker who installed the meter was amazing. He left a note about the care he gave to a nest on the meter. I just want him to know the eggs hatched and the mother is happily caring for them. Kudos to Tom for his wonderful customer service!"

**A note from the newsletter team: we will take a hiatus in August and send out our next newsletter in September. Have a great rest of the summer!**

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Thank you,

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