

PSE on bainbridge island



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Pictured: Puget Sound Energy's Lower Snake River Wind Project near Pomeroy, Wash.

Read on for information about PSE Foundation's HEAL grants, the first request for proposals (RFP) for long-range energy needs, and an announcement on upcoming information sessions. We're also sharing updates on the Bainbridge Island Rotary Auction, the Indipino Community of Bainbridge Island & Vicinity film screening, and the Housing Resources Bainbridge first digital newsletter. Thanks for reading!



PSE Foundation's Community HEALing grants open now

The PSE Foundation has announced a Community HEALing focus for its competitive grant cycle. Grant applications of up to \$25,000 will be considered through August 31 for local community nonprofits and tribal governments serving the public within PSE's 10-county service area. The grant's purpose is to support immediate needs such as housing, food, childcare or other essential services and will intentionally allocate a portion of funding to organizations that focus on and support the communities of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.

More details and the link to apply can be found on the Foundation website:

www.psefoundation.org.

The PSE Foundation is a nonprofit organization operating independently of Puget Sound Energy. None of the dollars given come from PSE utility customers.

PSE seeks bid for new energy resources

PSE has issued a request for proposals (RFP) for new energy and capacity to meet customers' long-range electricity needs. This is PSE's first All-Source RFP issued since the passage of Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA), which sets statewide policy goals for the elimination of coal-fired resources by December 31, 2025, 80 percent carbon free generation and overall carbon neutral electricity by 2030, and 100 percent carbon free electricity by 2045.

In January 2021, PSE set its aspirational "Beyond Net Zero Carbon" energy company goal. Through this initiative, PSE targets reduction of its own carbon emissions to net zero

“The new resources and technologies we could see from this process are exciting, because they would provide both environmental and reliability benefits,” said Ron Roberts, PSE’s senior vice president of energy supply. “PSE has a strong preference for renewable resources, and we are hoping to find that combination of renewable resources that will prove to be a sustainable, reliable and low-cost way to meet the needs of our customers identified in the RFP.”

PSE filed its All-Source RFP with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in April and after a public comment period and open meeting the commission approved the RFP on June 14. Proposals are due to PSE by Sept. 1, 2021.

More information about PSE’s RFPs is available at www.pse.com/rfp.

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, dependable power for families and businesses for years to come. We will partner with the community to implement these solutions.



PSE will host online information sessions this year

PSE has heard interest from the Bainbridge Island community on underground transmission lines and electromagnetic fields (EMF). To provide more information on the topics, PSE will be hosting two information sessions, one specifically on underground transmission lines and another specifically on EMF. The information session on underground transmission lines will be held on **August 16, 2021** and will provide information on the benefits, challenges, and processes involved with underground transmission lines. You'll also be able to submit questions to a panel that an underground transmission line expert and representatives from PSE. **You can RSVP for the information session on underground transmission lines at psebainbridge.participate.online.**

The information session on EMF will be held in September.

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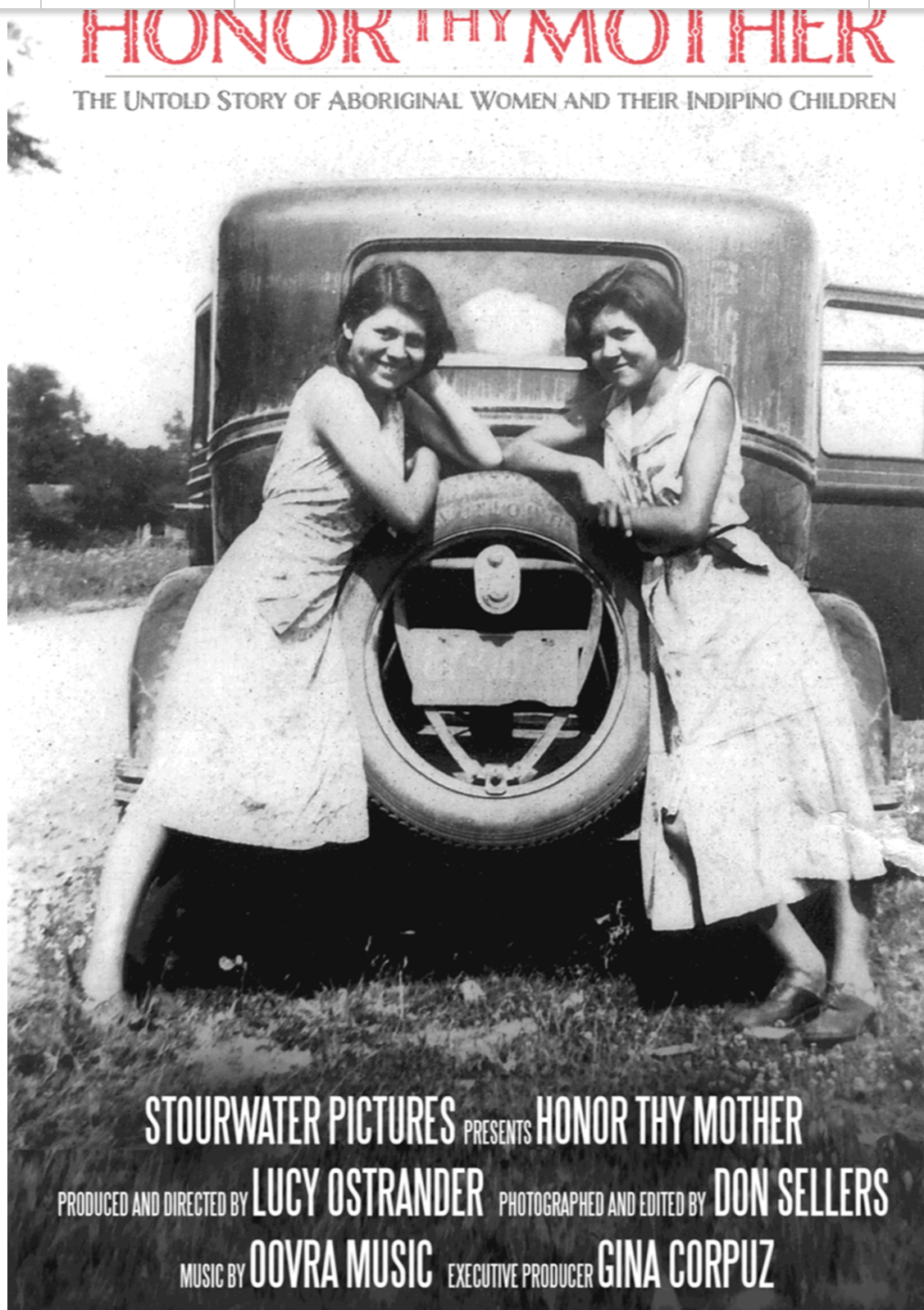
PSE feels strongly about being a good neighbor. We do this through our philanthropic commitment to the nonprofit communities we serve.



Bainbridge Island Rotary Auction

This year's Bainbridge Island Rotary Auction was hosted online, and the auction generated \$114,527! Member donations gave an additional \$1,610. The auction had 285 individuals who donated 985 items and consisted of 299 buyers who purchased 670 items! "Generous donations from our sponsors offset expenses allowing all of the money raised to be returned to our community in the form of grants and scholarships," said Marina Cofer-Wildsmith, President of Bainbridge Island Rotary.

PSE is proud to support Bainbridge Island Rotary.

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PSE sponsors film "Honor Thy Mother"

PSE is sponsoring the film "Honor Thy Mother". The film was commissioned by the Indipino Community of Bainbridge Island & Vicinity and produced by the award-winning Stourwater Pictures. The West Sound Film Festival in Bremerton will screen the acclaimed

“Honor Thy Mother” is the untold story of 36 Aboriginal women from Canada and Native women from tribes in Washington and Alaska who migrated in the 1940s to Bainbridge Island, the traditional territory of the Suquamish people. As survivors of Indian Residential Schools, they came, some still in their teens, to pick berries for Japanese American farmers, fell in love and married Filipino immigrants. They settled on the Island to raise their mixed-heritage, (Indigenous mother and Filipino father) Indipino children. The voices of the Indipino children, now elders, are integral in the storytelling of their mother’s courage and resilience marrying Asian men and risking disenfranchisement from their 19 different tribes. Many Indipino children grew up in homes burdened with their father and mother’s traumatic, collective memory of the Island’s Japanese Americans forced removal after President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 in 1942.

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PSE supports Housing Resources Bainbridge first digital newsletter

Puget Sound Energy sponsored the first edition of the Housing Resources Bainbridge (HRB) digital newsletter — The Homepage. When HRB is not developing new homes or repairing older ones, it can be hard for someone who is not a resident in the HRB community to see the work that happens day in day out. This quarterly newsletter allows them to highlight the stories of impact and efforts underway. In an interview with Rental

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association at Ferncliff Village, providing low interest loans and help with refinancing during times of financial stress, providing rental assistance and social services to qualified households, and more. As Holt says, "We see our tenants as clients to be supported and advocated for, not as assets or liabilities on the bottom line of the books."

HRB thanks PSE for helping us share the message that affordable housing is a means to a more inclusive and healthy community.

The first newsletter featured Brittany Wisner, who grew up on Bainbridge and just moved back home thanks to an HRB apartment. She works at Bainbridge Youth Services and now lives in the community she serves. HRB also explained what a community land trust is and how this model allows HRB to keep its homes permanently affordable to low- and moderate-income households. To receive the fall issue, sign up [here](#).

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