

PSE on bainbridge island



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Sunset over the harbor.

Working together on the Island's energy future

On June 13, the Bainbridge Island City Council voted to discontinue consideration of creating a City-run electric utility. We appreciate the many residents who engaged in discussions about the Island's energy future, which have centered around the following topics:

- **Reliability and undergrounding:** We are often asked about plans for reliability improvements, especially on the southern part of the island, and about plans to underground power lines. We will continue to work alongside customers to ensure a reliable and responsible energy future. Our current plans include several distribution projects to rebuild existing lines, install new underground distribution and more. You can read more about the projects below and on our [website](#).

- **More green power:** We have heard consistent support for bringing more green power to the island. From more wind and solar generation on and off the island, to biodigesters and battery storage, residents have suggested a variety of green and renewable power solutions. PSE is committed to expanding our supplies of renewable power, both on Bainbridge Island and across our service area.
- **Next steps in working with the City of Bainbridge Island and the Bainbridge community:** We received several questions about next steps following the June 13 Council decision. We will soon begin working with the City to determine next steps and consider workable solutions to the island's energy challenges. Continued citizen engagement is an essential part of that process. We will continue to keep you informed about opportunities to engage in this process.

As Vice President of Customer Operations and Communications, Andy Wappler, shared in this [recent video](#), we look forward to addressing these topics and continuing our work with the Bainbridge community. If you or your group would like to meet with us to discuss power issues within your community, please contact us at info@psebainbridge.com or 1-888-878-8632 to schedule a meeting.

Still want to receive these newsletters? When we began this newsletter in September 2016, we committed to providing updates on municipalization in each installment. With the municipalization effort concluded, we will continue to focus this newsletter on our work in and commitments to the Bainbridge community. **If you would no longer like to receive these newsletters, please [click here to unsubscribe](#).**



Crews underground power and utility lines.

Underground distribution project on Blakely Ave NE is underway

Work on the [Blakely Ave NE underground distribution](#) project began earlier this month and is expected to last about three to four months. Electric crews from PSE and Potelco are installing approximately two miles of new underground distribution feeder cable along Blakely Ave NE between Bucklin Hill Road and NE Oddfellows Road. For information on what to expect during construction, including information on anticipated road closures, detours and tree trimming, please refer to the [July construction update](#) on our website.

Later this year, we anticipate crews will begin work to replace standard overhead distribution wire with tree wire on [NE Bergman Road](#). We will keep you posted as the start date for this reliability improvement approaches. Additionally, the Sunrise Drive NE tree wire project, NE Lafayette Ave rebuild and Brien Drive SE rebuild are now expected to start construction in 2018. Visit our [current projects](#) information to learn more about reliability work planned for 2017 and 2018 on Bainbridge Island.



Campers create art at KiDiMu.

PSE supports Kids Discovery Museum summer programs

This July and August, young campers at the Kids Discovery Museum will embark on amazing adventures with science, arts, imaginative play and more. Known as [KiDiMu](#) by their pint-sized visitors, the nonprofit is a hands-on children's museum on Bainbridge Island dedicated to sparking children's curiosity through play and experiential learning.

"Puget Sound Energy has been a great friend of KiDiMu over the years," said executive director Susie Burdick. "We are truly grateful to have such a dedicated community partner." Due in part to PSE's support, KiDiMu can hire experienced educators, support children of all backgrounds through the scholarship program and offer engaging curricula that inspire kids to become lifelong learners. For more information about KiDiMu and their programs, please [visit the KiDiMu website](#).



A band plays at the Grand Old 4th celebration.

Happy 4th of July, Bainbridge Island!

This year's 4th of July celebrations were festive, varied and fun! We were honored to celebrate the weekend with Bainbridge Island residents: we volunteered with the [Rotary auction and rummage sale](#), helped sponsor the [Street Dance](#) and [Fun Run](#), and staffed a booth at the [Grand Old 4th parade](#).



Children create chalk art at the July 3rd Street Dance.

Bainbridge's historic downtown hosts another successful Street Dance

Produced by the Bainbridge Island Downtown Association (BIDA), this year was the 30th Anniversary of the Bainbridge Island Downtown Street Dance, a free event PSE has sponsored for several years. With 15,000 people attending each year, Winslow Way, the

scenic heart of downtown Bainbridge Island, is transformed into a lively venue with music, food, local beer and wine, and family activities.

Held the evening of July 3rd, families flocked to the streets to enjoy three local bands: The Hep Replacements, Buckshot, and Psycho Sushi, and music provided by DJ Music Masters (a favorite of teens and youth). The kids' area featured street chalk, a face painting station, the Balloon Brothers, a glitter tattoo station and games. New this year in the Beer & Wine Garden was the addition of local wines from Fletcher Bay Winery, a welcome complement to the Island-crafted ales always available for guests of the Garden. With all the dancing and activities to make revelers hungry, the Island's wonderful restaurants and a variety of food vendors offered everything from barbeque, to vegan delights, Thai dishes, pizza and hot dogs.

"On behalf of the board and staff of the Bainbridge Island Downtown Association, we'd like to express our deepest gratitude to Puget Sound Energy for being a major sponsor," said BIDA Executive Director Jerri Lane. "Without PSE's support this event would not be possible."

We hope to see you next year!



Runners rest after the Fun Run.

Fun Run breaks record!

PSE is proud to have sponsored the Bainbridge Youth Services iconic 4th of July Fun Run, which hit new records on all fronts this year. Now in its 38th year, the Bainbridge Island nonprofit's biggest fundraiser of the year attracted more than 1,100 participants, compared with 916 last year. The Fun Run is an annual, family friendly 5K, 1 mile and Kids Dash event. Runners and walkers from ages 1 to 85 and from as far away as Peru and Spain came out for the event in downtown Bainbridge Island. PSE's support is helping

Bainbridge Youth Services reach more kids with its free and confidential counseling, free tutoring and other services for community youth aged 10-21.



Rotary Auction & Rummage Sale participants rush to view items as the event begins.

Rotary Auction & Rummage Sale

PSE staff and their families were honored to again support the Bainbridge Rotary Auction & Rummage Sale by helping unload and sort donations for the July 1 event. The more than 200,000 items sold were donated by members of the Bainbridge community.

The auction and sale is a long-standing community event, held annually for 57 years. Donated items are sorted, cleaned and tested, and sold in 37 departments spread over six acres for the sale. Afterwards, "Green Team" volunteers work to rescue, re-home and recycle unsold items.

This year's sale was a huge success, producing a record gross income of over \$585,000! All sale proceeds are reinvested into the Bainbridge community and international projects through grants to non-profit organizations, funding for community projects, local scholarships and international humanitarian projects.



Bystanders enjoy the Grand Old 4th parade.

Grand Old 4th celebrates 50 years

The 2017 Grand Old 4th of July celebration carried the theme “1967,” marking the 50 years the Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce has been putting on one of the island’s favorite community parties. More than 25,000 people attended this year’s celebration, which featured more than 100 street fair vendors, local bands and a Kids Zone with puppets and pony rides. More than 100 cars and other vehicles were also entered in this year’s classic and antique car show, with a special prize for the best 1967 car.

With support from PSE, Chamber staff and about 100 volunteers for the event itself, the Grand Old 4th was a rousing success!

Success! Green Direct fully supported

Early this spring, PSE launched **Green Direct**, a program for commercial and municipal customers to purchase renewable energy from a local facility. We are pleased to report the program is fully subscribed, is undergoing permitting and should be online for 2019.

PSE teamed up with government customers and large businesses, signing long-term service agreements with King and Whatcom counties, the Port of Seattle, Sound Transit, State of Washington, the cities of Anacortes, Bellevue, Snoqualmie and Mercer Island, and other partners that will result in the construction of the new facility in 2018.

PSE is proud to be a national leader in this large-scale green energy purchasing program (known as a “green tariff”) and looks forward to seeing the facility begin operations.

PSE is currently preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit projects for Phase II of the Green Direct program. The next open enrollment season will begin May 1, 2018. For more information on PSE's green and renewable energy programs, [visit our website](#).

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