

PSE on bainbridge island



PSE Bainbridge Update • June 2018



Sunrise at Wild Horse Wind and Solar Facility.

Successful renewable energy outreach extended

PSE is committed to helping Bainbridge Island lower its carbon footprint. One way we do that is to engage with the community on renewable energy every year. In May 2018, we canvassed Bainbridge Island neighborhoods to educate you about our renewables programs – Green Power and Solar Choice.

“This is a great opportunity for customers to meet face to face with knowledgeable staff, have their questions answered and begin participating in the program of their choice,” stated Karen Brubeck, PSE outreach manager on Bainbridge Island. “With approximately 10 percent of Bainbridge Island homes already participating in these programs, the community on Bainbridge has already displayed a strong commitment towards renewable energy.”

Throughout the four weekends in May, the team enrolled an additional 121 customers to

either Green Power or Solar Choice or 28 percent of all those they spoke to. Due to this remarkable success, we are adding additional canvassing dates in June and July.

Remember, both these programs are a cost effective way to lower your carbon footprint. By paying a few dollars more a month, renewable power is generated at a separate location and added to the power grid on your behalf. Sign up today – [Green Power](#) or [Solar Choice](#).



The HORSE biodigester at its former location at Harbour Public House.

Renewable energy home grown at Pleasant

Beach Village

PSE's sponsored pilot project of the anaerobic biodigester continues to demonstrate the viability of using food waste to make electricity and fertilizer. During the first year of the pilot, the digester was hosted by the Harbour Public House. For this second and final year, the digester moved to Pleasant Beach Village where we expect it to generate up to 2,550 kilowatt hours of energy per year – enough to charge the batteries for the village's electric bicycles.

The digester's manufacturer, Impact Bioenergy and the team at Pleasant Beach Village are currently discussing how to optimize and yield more energy by experimenting with digester settings over the summer.

Community digester proposal presented to City

Council

Since 2015, we have led a discussion on the island with the City of Bainbridge and other interested community stakeholders about a community digester. We funded two feasibility studies to explore the use of anaerobic digestion to convert residential, commercial, and agricultural pre- and post- consumer organic waste on the island into locally-generated renewable energy and soil amendment products with zero waste.

At the June 5 City Council meeting, Puget Sound Energy and our partner Impact Bioenergy presented this research to the Bainbridge Island City Council. The council showed great interest in the project and noted that the city staff should continue to work on the project as time allows in 2018 and put it in the city work plan in 2019.

We are committed to promoting the expansion of renewable energy sources by funding studies like this; bringing together key stakeholders to facilitate discussion; and providing relevant expertise. Our intent is to help uncover viable project opportunities that developers and/or the community can pursue, own and operate; with PSE as the interconnecting entity.



The Bainbridge Island Museum of Art lights up for its annual BIMA BASH!

BIMA BASH! Art and Experiences Auction

Weekend

Bainbridge Island Museum of Art's 5th annual BIMA BASH!, sponsored in part by Puget Sound Energy, was an incredible success. The event featured two days of entertainment, live music, auctions including over 200 pieces of art and enchanting experiences, and astounding generosity from throughout the region.

Because of their sponsors, 100 percent of the proceeds from this fundraising weekend go toward maintaining BIMA's operations and programs that support the museum's mission to engage a diverse population in the contemporary art and craft of the Puget Sound Region.

Hunger doesn't take a vacation

For hundreds of low income Bainbridge families, summer means a struggle to afford extra expenses to care for children while they work. Child care costs skyrocket. School-provided free lunches disappear. A few summers ago a mom told Marilyn Gremse, food bank manager, that all she could afford to leave her children is the same peanut butter sandwich, and not much else, every day she had to work. The “hunger doesn't take a vacation idea” was born in that moment.

PSE is proud to help sponsor this program as it begins again this June. With volunteers and donations, Helpline House packs over 400 bags of food to distribute to kids needing a little extra during the summer break. Food items include kid-friendly snacks and quick lunches including cereals, granola bars, peanut butter and jam, fruit cups, canned tuna and meats and individual packets of crackers, raisins and dried fruits.

To donate or volunteer for this program, or any others that Helpline House offers, visit www.helplinehouse.org.



KiDiMu celebration participants walk through Winslow led by a marching band.

Kids Discovery Museum marks its anniversary

KiDiMu celebrated its anniversary on Saturday, June 2. The festivities included free admission and special programs that began with a free walk through Winslow led by marching band musicians.

After the short loop through town, the participants enjoyed complimentary programming throughout the day. In the morning, Project Canine's therapy dog helped teach children how to safely approach four-legged friends and all young artists were invited to join in on a special project. In the afternoon, children decorated pillowcases for their emergency kits and either collaborated on an outdoor mural or played with bubbles.

All day, PSE hosted a safety tent offering activities and books for kids to stop by and enjoy.

According to executive director, Susie Burdick, "This special event is our way to celebrate our partnerships and thank the community for its continued support with what we do best – engaging generations in playful learning. Seeing KiDiMu kids turn into advocates of their museum and the values it represents is truly inspiring. And the walk is a lot of fun!"



Last year's Grand Ole Fourth parade moves through Winslow.

Upcoming events on Bainbridge

Saturday, June 30

BI Rotary Auction and Rummage sale hosted by the Bainbridge Island Rotary

We are pleased to sponsor this great event again this year. For information visit, bainbridgerotaryauction.org.

Tuesday, July 3

Bainbridge Street Dance hosted by Bainbridge Island Downtown Association

Stop by our safety booth while you're enjoying the dance. For information, visit bainbridgedowntown.org.

Wednesday, July 4

Bainbridge Youth Services Fun Run

39th Annual – registration from 7 to 8:30 am

For information, visit bifunrun.org.

Bainbridge Grand Old Fourth

Stop by our safety booth while you're celebrating.

For information, visit grandold4th.com.

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