

# February 2020 Newsletter

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**PSE** on bainbridge island



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Pictured: A PSE Nissan Leaf electric vehicle

## Ready to make the switch to an electric vehicle?

Not only can electric vehicles dramatically reduce your carbon emissions, they can be more fun to drive, boast impressive technology and can be more affordable than regular cars. Maybe that's why over 50,000 Washingtonians have already gone

electric, meeting the State's [2020 goal](#) for participation.

Through our Up & Go Electric program, PSE continues to support the growth of electric transportation through education, charging infrastructure and pilot programs. Visit [pse.com](https://pse.com) for tips on ownership, to learn about free test drives, to calculate your potential cash and carbon savings, and sign up for the [Up & Go Electric newsletter](#).

## 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.



## Thanks for joining our first online information session!

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Renee Zimmerman, Community Projects Manager, participated on the panel with Mark Lenssen, Supervisor, Energy Management Engineering. Together, they led a discussion focused on:

- Overview of PSE's package of projects on Bainbridge Island.
- How targeted conservation and demand response helps address the island's capacity need by reducing demand. Combined with the proposed battery, these "non-wire" solutions help postpone the need for a new substation for 10 years if successfully adopted by the community.
- Programs and tools PSE is focused on and expected timing for launching the tools over the next year.

Visit this [link](#) to listen to the recording.



## Kicking off the community engagement process for the "missing link" transmission line

As part of our solution to improve reliability on the island, we're planning to build the new "[missing link](#)" transmission line. It's our goal to understand community values and interests around the new transmission line, so we're launching a community engagement process to gather input and feedback. There are many ways the community can be involved, including a Community Sounding Board (CSB), community workshops, an online open house where community members can provide input and feedback 24/7, and email and phone.



The 20-member CSB will provide input and feedback on criteria, route segments and other project related topics identified by PSE during the transmission line routing process. Members were selected from a pool of applicants, and represent a variety of geographic, organizational and individual interests from inside and outside the [project study area](#).

The CSB's first meeting is on Thursday, March 5, from 5-7 p.m. at the Blakely Elementary School Commons. All CSB meetings are open to the public to observe, and there will be a brief opportunity for public comment at each meeting. We anticipate the first community workshop will be held in late spring 2020, when we will also launch our online open house.

We're excited to involve the community in the routing process and hope you will actively engage as the process moves forward. Visit [pse.com/bainbridge](https://pse.com/bainbridge) to stay updated on ways to become involved in PSE's plans to improve electric reliability on Bainbridge Island.



Pictured: West Sound Wildlife Shelter employee Lacey Brazeau, holding a Peregrine Falcon, Scout

## 2019 Powerful Partners celebration

On Feb. 13, PSE joined 24 Powerful Partner organizations to celebrate the fantastic work we achieved together in 2019. Attendees included [Bainbridge Youth Services](#) and [West Sound Wildlife Shelter](#) (WSWS), who were recipients in 2019.

WSWS bought a special guest along to join in the celebrations - Scout, a male Peregrine Falcon. Scout is an education ambassador for the shelter, and Lacey Brazeau led a discussion about WSWS's work to rehabilitate animals and educate the communities they work in.

"While the shelter's main focus is the rehabilitation and release of injured and orphaned wildlife, we also have significant interest in community education", said Lisa Horn, Executive Director. "It's a special privilege to bring our education ambassadors to the public, so guests can see the ambassadors more closely, for better insight and appreciation."

We're excited to work with another 24 Powerful Partners for 2020, including [Housing Resources Bainbridge](#), and also the [Kitsap Humane Society](#) and the [Great Peninsula Conservancy](#), which help to serve all of Kitsap. We work TOGETHER with our partners to educate, support and inspire others – our teams, our customers and the communities we serve to help preserve and protect our environment for future generations.



Pictured: Attendees at the Feb. 12 community meeting

## Improving neighborhood electric reliability for the Crystal Springs/Point

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## White area

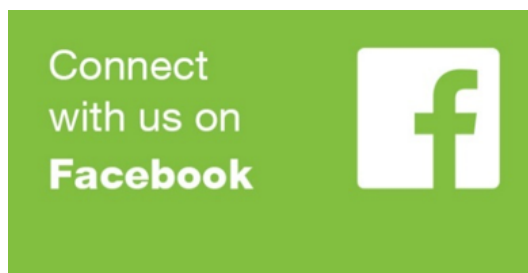
We invited nearby property owners to a community meeting on Feb. 12 to learn about the Crystal Springs/Point White Drive NE reliability [project](#). The project involves taking sections of existing overhead line and relocating them underground, and installing [tree wire](#) on the remaining overhead spans. Once completed, the homes and businesses served by these local distribution lines will benefit from improved electric reliability (view [map](#)).

We appreciated the opportunity to discuss the local electric reliability challenges in the Point White area, our proposed solution and project timeline. More than two dozen neighbors attended the meeting, asked questions and talked with various PSE subject matter experts to provide their feedback on the project.

Please visit the [project webpage](#) to view the project presentation and to stay updated on our progress.

## Follow us on Facebook

PSE has a [Facebook page](#) for our work on Bainbridge Island. Be sure to like and follow us to stay informed about PSE on Bainbridge Island!



## Let us know what you think

Whether you have questions about our work on Bainbridge Island, the programs we offer or other questions about PSE's services, we want to hear from you. Please contact us at [info@psebainbridge.com](mailto:info@psebainbridge.com) or call us at **1-88-878-8632**.

Thank you,

Your PSE Bainbridge Team

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