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Read on for more information about the start of construction of Port Madison Substation, Peak Energy Rewards, celebrating Earth Day, initiatives for the environment, and helping neighbors in need!

PSE Updates



Getting ready to upgrade the Port Madison Substation.

Construction at Port Madison Substation starts in late April

In the coming years, PSE will upgrade our three substations on Bainbridge Island to improve electric reliability and capacity. Starting this spring, we'll replace aging equipment and complete some upgrades at the Port Madison Substation. This work will start as soon as late April and continue through this fall. We'll continue to provide safe, reliable energy during construction and will minimize community impacts as much as possible.

To prepare for this work, we'll trim some trees along the existing power lines that feed the substation from across the bridge. You can expect some traffic impacts from time to time as we bring in and remove equipment at the substation. Thank you for your patience!



Join Peak Energy Rewards during Earth Month!

Peak Energy Rewards participants are eligible for higher PSE rebates on energy-efficient home products, such as heat pumps, water heaters, and windows. Improving your home's efficiency can help the environment by lowering your carbon footprint. Plus, you'll receive \$75 each year you participate!

About Peak Energy Rewards

Peak Energy Rewards is a voluntary energy-efficiency pilot program for Bainbridge Island customers who heat with electricity. The program uses smart technology to help meet our community's energy needs during winter when demand for electricity is forecasted to peak. It's part of our hybrid solution to ensure safe, dependable power for families and businesses on Bainbridge Island for years to come.

How it works

You can join by enrolling a qualifying smart thermostat.* If you don't already have one, you can get one installed through the program with a \$350 rebate to help cover costs. PSE will then adjust your temperature set point to smooth out electricity demand during peak periods or "demand response events." We'll lower it by a few degrees during events and may raise it ahead of time. You'll stay warm, and you can always opt out of an event by manually adjusting your thermostat.

How to join or request a speaker

To join, visit pse.com/peakenergyrewards and sign into your PSE account. If you have

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difference during Earth Month and year-round!

**Must have an AMI meter installed to participate*

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PSE feels strongly about being a good neighbor. One way we do this is through our philanthropic commitment and partnerships with the nonprofits and organizations in the communities we serve.



Learn more about nature and the environment at Earth Day Expo.

Celebrate Earth Day at Earth Day Expo on April 22!

Bainbridge Island Metro Park & Recreation District is hosting an Earth Day Expo on Saturday, April 22, from 10:00am-2:00pm at Battle Point Park!

Join in on the fun! Take part in any of the dozens of nature-focused activities. Learn to identify

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live owl to meet!

Admission is free and parking is available on-site. Puget Sound Energy will have a booth at the event and is a long-time partner of [Bainbridge Island Metro Park & Recreation District](#).



Help Bainbridge Island Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions 25% by 2025

The City of Bainbridge Island is working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 25% by 2025 and needs your help!

The City has a goal to sign up 550 households in the Bainbridge Island [Climate Smart Challenge](#), and complete actions to reduce 200 tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂), by May 31, 2023. How big of an impact will that make? Reducing 200 tons of CO₂ is equivalent to the annual electricity use for 39 homes!

Each month, the City will focus on a new Climate Smart topic with supporting events and tips to help you commit to new actions that will help earn you points. Everyone who has earned at least 10,000 points in the Challenge by the end of May will be entered to win one of five outdoor or indoor composting bins.

Monthly Climate Smart Topics & Events

Month	Topic	Community Events
March	Eat Green and Waste Less	April 12: Climate Smart Cooking Demo
April	Energy Conservation	May 11: Saving Energy with PSE's Peak Energy Rewards Program (webinar)
May	Sustainable Transportation	May 20: Kitsap Electric Vehicle and Bike Expo

information about the Challenge and upcoming community events, please visit the [City's Climate Smart website](#).

For more information, contact Autumn Salamack, Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Officer, at asalamack@bainbridgewa.gov, 206-780-8590.



Distributing food to people in need.

Helpline House assists Bainbridge neighbors in need

2022 was another busy year for [Helpline House](#). More Island households needed rental and mortgage assistance in 2022 than in previous years. According to the USDA Consumer Price Index, food was 10.4% higher in December '22 than in December '21. Helpline House continued to see daily visits to the food bank increase throughout the year as inflation raged and took a toll on households' grocery and household bills. They distributed 615,935 pounds of food this year to the Island community; that's 51 thousand pounds of food each month.

Through partnerships, Helpline House offered over 350 services and scholarships to children and youth. They helped 125 households 'keep the lights' on through assistance for electric bills, and further assisted 656 times with all things related to housing: rent, mortgage, utilities,

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2022. And that is exactly why Helpline House is here – to support the community,” noted Maria Metzler, Executive Director.

PSE is proud to support the critical work of Helpline House.



Working toward a cleaner and more equitable energy future with solar grants.

Puget Sound Energy awards nearly \$800K in solar installation grants

Puget Sound Energy, through our [Green Power](#) and [Solar Choice](#) programs, has awarded \$753,620 in grant funding to 10 organizations and tribes across our electric service area to install new solar projects.

Recipients range from local non-profits and tribal entities serving low-income and Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) community members. In addition to saving recipients money on their utilities, the projects will serve to further clean energy in the region.

Congratulations to two recipients in Kitsap County – [Fishline Food Bank and Comprehensive Services](#) and the [Suquamish Tribe](#)! Read the full press release [here](#).

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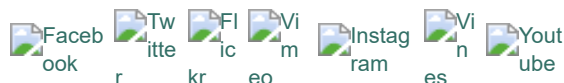


Let us know what you think

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 or call us at **1-888-878-8632**.

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