

PSE on bainbridge island



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Pictured: The Japanese Sand and Stone Garden at Bloedel Reserve.

We're reaching out to stay connected and share our hopes that you, your family and loved ones are safe and healthy given the COVID-19 pandemic. As a provider of essential services, we're working to ensure that we're here for our customers, our employees and the communities we serve as coronavirus impacts our region.

We're mindful that some customers are experiencing hardship as a result of coronavirus, and encourage you to visit pse.com/covidhelp to learn how you may be eligible for help with your electric bill. Please visit pse.com/COVID19 to learn more about the measurable actions we're taking to protect our communities.

Investing in electric reliability and grid

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.



Community Sounding Board meetings resume online

As part of our solution to improve reliability on Bainbridge Island, we're planning to build the "missing link" transmission line between the Murden Cove and Winslow substations. There are many ways the community can be involved, including a Community Sounding Board (CSB), community workshops, a comment form where community members can provide input and feedback 24/7, as well as by email and phone.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we've adjusted our approach to hold the CSB meetings virtually while social distancing recommendations are still in place. The first CSB meeting is now planned for **Thursday, May 14 from 5 – 6:30 p.m.**, and will be held online via Webex. CSB meetings are open to the public to observe, and there will be a brief opportunity for public comment at each meeting.



Supporting communities dealing with the impacts of COVID-19

In order to help our community partners, the [PSE Foundation and PSE](#) teamed up to donate more than a million dollars to support COVID-19 relief efforts across our community. The PSE Foundation donated \$130,000 to regional food banks throughout our service area to support their operational costs.

All nine food banks in Kitsap County received assistance, including Bainbridge Island's own [Helpline House](#). Andy Wappler, Vice President of Customer Operations and Communications shared a heartfelt thank you to Helpline House. "The work you do every day makes a difference for countless families. In addition to addressing hunger, your food bank provides a social touch point for some of our most vulnerable neighbors."

For more information on how you can help Helpline House, please visit their [webpage](#).



Pictured: Irene Herman, Marta Holt, Phedra Elliott and Julie Stone accepting the donation in early March from PSE's David Brown.

Powerful Partner spotlight – Housing Resources Bainbridge

We're proud to call [Housing Resources Bainbridge](#) (HRB) one of our [2020 Powerful Partners](#). In early March, we presented a \$10,000 donation to help them further their mission to provide and maintain affordable housing opportunities on Bainbridge Island. We share their values and believe that affordable housing is an important issue across the Puget Sound region.

"Housing Resources Bainbridge is thrilled to join with PSE in 2020 through their Powerful Partnerships program", said Phedra Elliott, Executive Director. "PSE believes in preserving the vitality of our community, and the funds from the Powerful Partnership program will allow HRB to continue working towards our vision of a diverse community where there are affordable homes available to everyone."

Through this partnership, we'll be educating the community about [energy efficiency](#), current [rebates](#) we offer to reduce electricity usage and costs, as well as safety and emergency preparedness.

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