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This month we're sharing a recap of our Oct. 17 community meeting and asking you to save the date for a future information session. We're also sharing articles from some recent sponsorship events and inviting you to join us at the West Sound Wildlife Shelter's holiday open house and the Bainbridge Downtown Associations' annual tree lighting ceremony.

Investing in electric reliability and grid modernization



Attendees at the Oct. 17 community meeting.

Sharing our plans with the community

We were pleased to see so many of you at the community meeting on Oct. 17 where Andy Wappler, Vice President of Customer Operations & Communications, and Jens Nedrud, Manager of System Planning, shared our plans to improve electric reliability and modernize the grid on Bainbridge Island.

As a recap, Wappler and Nedrud explained that electric reliability on the Island needs to be improved. Bainbridge Island customers experience more frequent outages than our average customer. Trees, aging infrastructure, and the design of the existing transmission system that leaves two-thirds of island's system without backup transmission all contribute to poor reliability. In addition, population growth and ferry electrification are creating more electric demand.

Nedrud reported that in looking for solutions to these challenges, his team considered both traditional wires alternatives and “non-wires” alternatives, which are options that do not include poles, wires and substations.

The resulting project package combines new technologies and grid infrastructure to

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- Adding the “missing link” transmission line to improve reliability.
- Rebuilding an aging transmission line for resiliency.
- Solving the island’s capacity needs using non-wires solutions, specifically through a utility-scale battery and targeted conservation and demand response tools.



“We’re proud to serve Bainbridge Island and to deliver a package of projects that improves reliability, addresses the island’s growing demand needs, and aligns with the community’s values,” said Wappler. Wappler closed by saying that the project team will partner with the community to implement these solutions.

In addition to the presentation, we had great conversations with the 70-plus attendees and answered questions on the package of projects and other topics, like undergrounding, tree trimming, clean energy and improvements to the distribution system.

To view the meeting materials, visit pse.com/bainbridge and click on the reliability banner.

Read some local media coverage of the event [here](#).

Help us shape project-related information sessions

Our next step is to share more details on topics related to our package of projects. What project-related topics are you curious about? We want to hear from you! Please visit our [online open house](#) to leave a comment or a question and help us shape these conversations.

Sponsorships



Pictured left to right: Matt Perry, Government Relations Manager, PSE; Phedra Elliot, Executive Director, Housing Resources Bainbridge; Penny Lamping, Fundraising & Communications Manager, Housing Resource Bainbridge; Linda Lincoln, Board Chair, Housing Resource Bainbridge; Renee Zimmerman, Community Projects Manager, PSE.

Housing Resources Bainbridge annual fundraising breakfast

It was great to see many people attend [Housing Resources Bainbridge's](#) (HRB) annual fundraising breakfast on Oct. 10. HRB's mission is to preserve the diversity and vitality of Bainbridge Island by providing and maintaining affordable housing opportunities in the community. PSE sponsors HRB as a celebration of what the Bainbridge Island community can achieve when everyone works together to make a positive change.

During the breakfast, Steven Falk from Lafayette, California shared his experiences trying to get housing approved in the Bay Area. [Dr. Peter Bang-Knudsen](#), Superintendent, shared his thoughts on why the affordable housing crisis is negatively impacting the Bainbridge Island School District.



PSE joined Windemere and Kwik Lok as 2019 partners of Bainbridge Youth Services.

Bainbridge Youth Services (BYS) breakfast

PSE is proud to sponsor this [important organization](#) that has provided free, confidential counseling to Bainbridge Island youth for over 50 years. BYS is one of 24 non-profit organizations throughout our service territory in Western Washington that we are calling our [Powerful Partners](#) in 2019. This partnership allows us to provide more than financial sponsorship; we also partner with BYS to help them educate their clients, employees and donors on energy conservation strategies and safety and emergency preparedness.

The breakfast was BYS's annual fundraising event, held on Oct. 16, and was an opportunity for the community to financially support the fantastic work that BYS is doing in the Bainbridge community for local teens.

Turn Back Time Gala

There were smiles all round as everyone donned their best 1950's outfit for the [Bainbridge Island Historical Museum's](#) first annual fundraising gala! The event sold out – because who wouldn't love an evening of mid-century fun and entertainment? All proceeds from the tickets, live auction and paddle call go directly to supporting the museum and

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Island. We're proud that our ongoing sponsorship of this organization can bring fun events like this to the Bainbridge Island community.

Pictured left to right: Brianna Kosowitz, Executive Director, Bainbridge Island Historical Museum; Elvis, our entertainment for the evening; Renee Zimmerman, Community Projects Manager, PSE.

Upcoming events

Annual tree lighting ceremony

Come join in the festive fun at the [Bainbridge Island Downtown Association's](#) annual holiday tree lighting ceremony between 6-7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Winslow Green. This event is a much-loved holiday tradition for the Bainbridge Island community that PSE is proud to sponsor.

After the tree lighting ceremony, join us in a short walk down to the waterfront to view a special boat lit up with holiday lights, and enjoy the carolers. See you there!

West Sound Wildlife Shelter's holiday open house

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from the Pacific Northwest and meet their educational ambassador birds. There will be kids' crafts, cider, cookies, face painting, and PSE staff will be on hand to discuss emergency preparedness and share safety tips for storm season.

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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**.

Thank you,

Your PSE Bainbridge Team

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