

**PSE** on bainbridge island



## PSE Bainbridge Update • October 2020



Pictured: Fletcher Bay

This month, we're sharing news about an exciting contest geared towards the small business community, recent sponsorship partnerships, and an update for the Winslow Tap transmission line upgrade project. We are also sharing updates regarding the ongoing community engagement process for the "missing link" transmission line. Thanks for reading!

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## Small Business Energy Makeover Contest

We know that small businesses across the Puget Sound have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Bainbridge Island is no exception. That's why PSE is providing a unique opportunity to help businesses through the Small Business Energy Makeover

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energy efficient and cosmetic upgrades to help them save money and improve their business. The winning businesses will also be featured on KING 5 Evening.



**Nominations are open now and close Sunday, October 18th.** All PSE customers who nominate a business will also be entered into a draw to win one of five Nest smart thermostats. Nominate your favorite small business or learn more by going to [pse.com/energymakeover](https://pse.com/energymakeover).

## 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.

## Winslow Tap transmission pole replacements

You may recall, PSE announced plans in 2019

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[line](#). The Winslow Tap line is the only line that serves the Winslow substation, which serves 3,500 customers in the south end. The transmission line was built in the 1960s and its equipment is nearing the end of useful life and needs to be replaced.



The fieldwork we conducted this summer revealed that some of the existing poles and equipment need to be replaced sooner than we had anticipated.

In late September, we began replacing specific poles and equipment to ensure continued safety and electric reliability. Crews have made significant progress and are on track to complete the work this fall. We appreciate the impacted community's flexibility during construction, which allowed crews to prioritize completion of this work before storm season picks up.

Work continues on the design of the overall Winslow Tap rebuild project, which will replace aging infrastructure and improve safety and access so we can continue to serve customers reliably into the future. For the latest information on this fall's targeted pole replacement and the overall rebuild project, please visit [pse.com/bainbridgewt](https://pse.com/bainbridgewt).





## Update on the “missing link” transmission line community engagement

As part of our solution to improve reliability on the island, we’re planning to build the “missing link” transmission line between the Murden Cove and Winslow substations. This year, we launched a community engagement process to help inform our routing process for a new transmission line to improve electric reliability on Bainbridge Island.

We’ve had multiple meetings with the Community Sounding Board (CSB) to gather input and feedback on the routing process and routing criteria, as well as providing insights into the transmission line project need and the other investments PSE is making in reliability and grid modernization on the island.

We’ve also hosted two information sessions with industry experts on topics we heard people had questions about, such as undergrounding power lines. Slides and notes from previous meetings are available on our website: [psebainbridge.participate.online](https://psebainbridge.participate.online).

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line and how these can potentially be synthesized for a preferred route. This meeting is open to the public, visit this page for more details on how to call in: [psebainbridge.participate.online](https://psebainbridge.participate.online).

- Later this fall, PSE will host the first of two community workshops on the new transmission line project. The first workshop will invite the community to provide feedback on route segments, and the second workshop will ask community members to provide input on route options. Stay tuned for more information!

Visit this page to learn more, including how to join the next CSB meeting: [psebainbridge.participate.online](https://psebainbridge.participate.online).

## PSE on Bainbridge

PSE feels strongly about being a good neighbor. We do this through our philanthropic commitment to the non-profit communities we serve. This month, we highlight an organization we proudly sponsor in times of uncertainty during the COVID pandemic.

## Bainbridge Prepares: Virtual Day of Preparedness



Being prepared for whatever life throws our way is as important as ever, which is one of the reasons PSE was proud to sponsor the Virtual Day of Preparedness hosted by Bainbridge Prepares!

The online-based day of preparedness discussed the history of earthquakes on Bainbridge Island, emotional resilience in times of disaster, and a Q&A with disaster preparedness experts. Though the event was virtual, it drew a crowd!

For more information on Bainbridge Prepares and all the work they are doing to become the most resilient town in Washington, please visit [bainbridgeprepares.org](https://bainbridgeprepares.org).

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## Kitsap Humane Society's Animal Krackers!

PSE is proud to be a sponsor of Kitsap Humane Society's 27th Annual Animal Krackers presented by Peninsula Subaru. The benefit auction raises money for lifesaving care and support for the more than 6,000 animals who come through the KHS doors every year.

This year's virtual event will be a two-part party: Online Auction and the Virtual Live Event.

- October 12-16: The online auction will be live and will include unique items and experiences.
- Friday, October 16: The Virtual Live Event will be livestreamed from 7 - 8 p.m. and will include experiences you won't want to miss!

To learn more about the Animal Krackers event, please visit [kitsaphumane.org/event/animalkrackers](https://kitsaphumane.org/event/animalkrackers).

We are proud to support Kitsap Humane Society's spay and neutering educational program as one of our powerful partners!

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