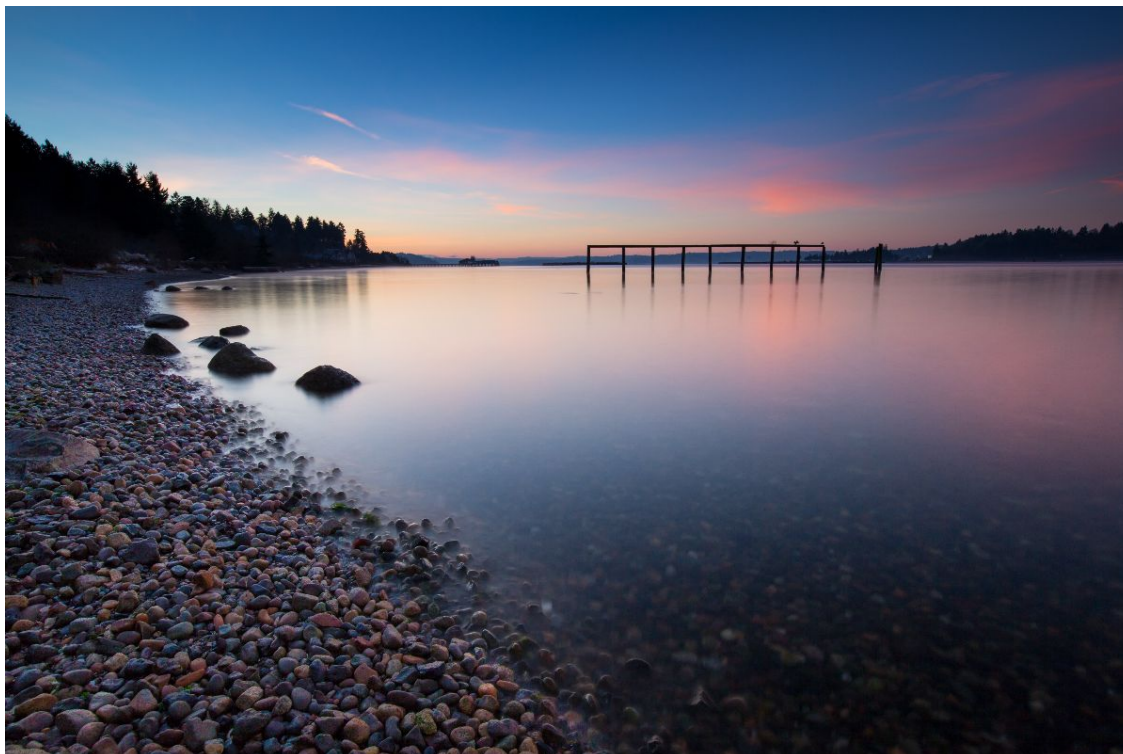


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# PSE on bainbridge island



## PSE Bainbridge Update • October 2022



Pictured: Sunrise on Bainbridge Island.

Read on for more information about PSE's tree inventory fieldwork, tips to increase energy efficiency and lower your bills, how PSE and the West Sound Wildlife Shelter collaborate to rehabilitate birds, and our ongoing partnerships with local non-profits!

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## Tree inventory fieldwork

Recently, you may have seen metal tags on trees along the alignment of Puget Sound Energy's [Murden Cove – Winslow 115 kV transmission line project](#) to improve electric reliability on Bainbridge Island. In September, PSE consultants inventoried existing conditions along the transmission line corridor, including inventorying trees, wetlands, and streams. Trees are tagged with an identification number so we can document the size and species. At this time, we are creating an inventory of the trees, and the tagging does not indicate which trees will be trimmed or removed. The goal of this effort, in significant part, is to minimize impacts to trees, critical areas, and waters as we design the new transmission line. You can learn more about this fieldwork [here](#).



## Increase your energy efficiency and lower your bills

PSE customers will see higher energy bills in late 2022 and into 2023. This is due to a combination of factors including state policy objectives for clean energy, and our continued investments in system reliability and grid modernization through projects like the [Bainbridge Island solutions package](#).

Higher bills are never welcome, even less so at a time when so many are feeling the impacts of record inflation. PSE has a number of programs to help customers save money and reduce their bills and is working to make these programs more impactful, more accessible, and easier to sign up for than ever before.

Energy efficiency is one of the most effective ways customers can cut their bills, even during the darkest and coldest days of the year. Here are a few pointers to get started:

1. **It's never too late to insulate.** Effective insulation and air sealing can lower your heating bill as much as 8% year-round. Now through the end of the year, PSE has increased rebates on [weatherization upgrades](#)!
2. **Let the sunshine in.** Take advantage of natural light on rare sunny winter days, so you can turn off a few lights. Bonus: Sunshine can help naturally heat your home! If your heating system needs an upgrade, check out our rebates on [efficient heating systems](#).
3. **Turn down the thermostat to turn up the savings.** You can save 10% on heating by turning the thermostat down 7 to 10 degrees while you're asleep or away. Buy a discounted smart thermostat on the [PSE Marketplace](#) today.

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whenever possible, and check out our rebates on [efficient water-heating equipment](#) and [clothes washers](#).

5. **Bonus tip:** If you have a furnace, it's likely responsible for half your energy bill. Change the filters regularly to prevent your furnace from overworking and save up to 7% on your bill.

To learn more about these programs and start saving energy and money, visit [pse.com/lower](https://pse.com/lower).

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## PSE on Bainbridge Island

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.



## PSE Avian Protection Program & West Sound Wildlife Shelter

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approach throughout our service area. Since the 1980's PSE has been working to protect birds and their habitats by responding to bird-power line interactions, implementing bird-friendly construction standards to reduce the risk of bird electrocutions and collisions, coordinating with Vegetation Management and construction project managers to minimize impacts on nesting birds and habitat, and coordinating with State and federal wildlife agencies, wildlife rehabilitators, and others to help address avian concerns region-wide.

One of the Program's most important resources is its partnerships with local entities, including wildlife rehabilitation facilities. Whenever injured birds are found near PSE facilities, the PSE avian protection program team coordinates with the local rehabber, and when wildlife rehabilitator staff find or receive birds that may have been injured on PSE equipment they notify PSE so we can install the appropriate avian protection and make our system safer for birds.

PSE's Avian Protection Program participated in the West Sound Wildlife Shelter's Raptor Rhapsody Event once again this year. The event was a great success. People came from near and far to meet the live animal ambassadors and were also able to visit the PSE Avian Protection Program table and staff.

"The West Sound Wildlife Shelter and Puget Sound Energy have had a long relationship, beginning over a decade ago with the Puget Sound Energy Avian Protection Program. This program has been such a valuable resource for the Shelter," emphasized Lisa Horn, West Sound Wildlife Shelter Executive Director.

Our Avian Protection Program is recognized by federal wildlife officials as an industry model for reducing the impact of utility equipment on migrating and resident bird populations. Check out the website to learn more!



# scarlet ROAD

*paving the way from  
sexual exploitation to wholeness*

## Scarlet Road believes in freedom for every person

[Scarlet Road](#) believes in a vibrant life of freedom for every person. Through holistic care, Scarlet Road offers the hope of freedom to those who have been sexually exploited. They intervene and educate in order to prevent victimization, they provide survivor-led crisis intervention and resources to exit the industry safely, and they journey alongside survivors to find full healing from exploitation. PSE is proud to support the important work of Scarlet Road.

Sexual exploitation in Kitsap County:

- Exploitation happens all throughout our community every single day
- The average age of entry into sexual exploitation on the Kitsap Peninsula is 15 years old
- Survivors have complex PTSD, ongoing safety concerns, and barriers to being self-supporting

How can you get involved?

- Give a donation or become a monthly donor!
- Offer your time, expertise, and skills as a volunteer!
- Further educate and spread the word about the issue and Scarlet Road!





## Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center

Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center (KIAC) is the trusted hub for immigrants in the West Salish/Puget Sound Region. KIAC works for the well-being and empowerment of immigrants through education, advocacy, and social justice delivered through three primary service lines — Immigration Legal Services, Family Services, and Tax & Business Services.

In the face of anti-immigrant misinformation and continued systemic oppression, KIAC's role as a hub of services, now more than ever, is truly pivotal. KIAC relies on community support to make this work possible. Visit [kitsapiac.org](https://kitsapiac.org) to watch their video and learn more. Chip in today and make a difference in the lives of immigrants!

As Thangam Chandrasekaran, KIAC's Interim Executive Director, writes, "We cannot overstate the value of a hub where immigrants who seek services feel safe and seen. KIAC's role is timelier than ever, and we appreciate Puget Sound Energy's support of this work."

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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](mailto:info@psebainbridge.com) or call us at **1-888-878-8632**.

Thank you,  
Your PSE Bainbridge Team

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