Monthly highlights from your energy neighbor, PSE on Bainbridge Island.

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Fall colors at Hopkins Ridge wind facility.

Welcome to fall!

We are back from our August newsletter hiatus and are excited to tell you about our upcoming events on the Island. As the wind and rain begin again, we have information for you about how to prepare for storm season, and the 3 Days of Preparedness event will keep you ready for potential emergencies on Bainbridge.

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THREE DAYS OF PREPAREDNESS



Poster for the 2018 3 Days of Preparedness

3 Days of Preparedness

Bainbridge Island's fourth annual <u>Bainbridge Prepares</u> event kicks off later this month. Plan your time now so you don't miss a thing!

Film night – Friday, September 26

Enjoy an evening of scientific discovery by watching The Geological Formation of Bainbridge Island. There will be free screenings at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., however seating is limited so <u>reserve your tickets</u> now!

This is the last year this film will be shown, so if you've previously missed viewing this popular film, be sure to reserve your spot soon. We'll be giving away a 3-day emergency backpack at each screening.

PSE is proud to once again sponsor the Preparedness Days film night.

Bainbridge Prepares Expo – Saturday, September 29

Join us at City Hall between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to participate in workshops and learn what you can do to prepare for emergencies at home, work, and on your commute. Ride the

"Big Shaker" to experience an earthquake simulation.

HUB demonstration – Sunday, September 30

Day three gives you access to Bainbridge Island's system of neighborhood gathering sites for emergencies. Put your knowledge into practice and join your community to take the tour!



Pole and transformer down during 2016 storm on Bainbridge Island.

Prepare for storm season

Our beautiful summer weather is slowly turning very fall-like. The rains have started and many of the trees are sporting fall colors. This is the time when everyone should be thinking about preparing for winter storms.

Check out the information on our <u>website</u> for ways you and your family can be prepared for storm season and what to do in the event the lights do go out.

How power is restored after a storm

Throughout the year, we've continued to work on Bainbridge Island to improve the island's electric reliability. However, we may still face storms that take the power out.

When that happens, hundreds of our employees and partners work tirelessly to get the

lights back on - there is no higher priority for us than safely restoring power. We also bring in additional crews from Canada, Oregon, and Montana when needed to help bolster our response.

We first work to begin repairs as close to the source of generation as we can. Until we've found and repaired any damage to our large transmission lines, we won't know the extent of the damage further down the line. This method also ensures the most customers have their power restored as quickly as possible.

We prioritize restoring power to essential services, such as hospitals, water systems, energy, and transportation. Once the transmission system, substations, and essential services are back online, we work our way down the transmission lines to the smaller distribution circuits that feed your neighborhoods and homes.

For more information on the Island's <u>electric system</u> and our <u>reliability</u> improvement efforts, including the <u>frequently asked questions</u> about reliability.





Congratulations Bainbridge Island!

Number 1 in renewables programs

This summer, our partner, 3Degrees, travelled through Bainbridge neighborhoods to ask residents to sign up for one of our renewable programs – Green Power or Solar Choice.

Your response was about twice what we see in other communities! Bainbridge Island, you are now #1 in renewables program (green power and solar choice) participation by percentage of population.



Megan Karch, IslandWood CEO and Renee Zimmerman, PSE Community Projects Manager at the Foundation event

PSE in the community

IslandWood and the Fletcher Bay Foundation hosted a family-friendly afternoon to celebrate surpassing their \$500k Community Fund matching challenge. This exciting milestone will allow IslandWood to create an endowment to support their community programs. PSE was one of many business sponsors of the Community Fund.

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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 <u>info@psebainbridge.com</u> or call us toll-free at **1-888-878-8632**.

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