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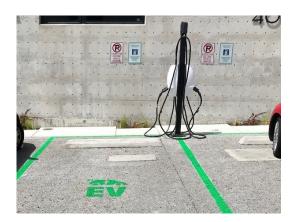


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Pictured: Driftwood at Fay Bainbridge State Park

This month, we're updating you on the ongoing community engagement process for the "missing link" transmission line. We're also sharing news on an organization we proudly sponsored this year and some exciting new EV charging stations on the island. Thanks for reading!



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be able to quickly and conveniently charge their EVs with a new charging station proved by PSE Up & Go Electric.

Electric vehicle charging just got more convenient for residents of Winslow Cohousing on Bainbridge Island with the installation of a new charging station from PSE Up & Go Electric.

PSE Up & Go Electric installs EV charging stations on Bainbridge Island

Puget Sound Energy brought fast and reliable electric vehicle charging to nearly 150 Bainbridge Island residents this summer as part of our efforts to create a better energy future.

Through the PSE Up & Go Electric multifamily pilot program, we installed three electric vehicle charging stations – each of which contains multiple charging ports for simultaneous charging – at Winslow Cohousing, Grow Community and the Walk on Bainbridge Island. Residents of these three multifamily properties can now quickly charge their cars right where they live. We were especially excited to partner with these three communities because of their dedication to electric vehicles and renewable energy. The Walk and Grow communities will be incorporating solar power into their new charging stations, and Winslow Cohousing has its own EV Charging Task Force.

While these three charging stations are dedicated for the use of the properties' residents, we plan to open eight public charging stations for the use of all drivers in our service area by 2022. That's to go with further efforts to expand charging under the PSE Up & Go Electric pilot programs, including installing charging stations at single-family homes, workplaces and additional multifamily properties.

There are over 1,900 EVs in Kitsap County. By making it more convenient to charge at home, at work and on the go, we hope to encourage even more customers to switch to an electric vehicle. For more information on electric vehicles, visit <u>pse.com/electriccars</u>.

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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.



Join us for a Community Sounding Board transmission line information session

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've launched a community engagement process to gather input and feedback with the goal to understand community values and interests around the transmission line.

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related topics. The second information session will be held on **Thursday, September 17 between 5 - 7:30 p.m.**, and will cover electric and magnetic fields (EMF) and how undergrounding electric lines works.

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Slides and notes from past meetings are available on our website. Visit this page to learn more, including how to join the next CSB meeting: <u>https://psebainbridge.participate.online/</u>

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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 Community Foundation's Community Response Fund



PSE was incredibly proud to donate to the Bainbridge Community Foundation's Community Response Fund for emergency relief as a part of our effort to support customers who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our donation has helped the foundation expand its reach and support the Bainbridge community.

For more information on BCF and all the work they are going, please visit <u>https://bainbridgecf.org/</u>.

We are all in on All in WA's Digital Equity initiative!

Puget Sound Energy is proud to support All in Washington's newly

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provides critical resources to close the digital divide and support remote learning for students across the state as schools return to session.

Our contribution is going towards purchasing hardware and providing hardware support to ensure that children in our communities have access to distance learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information on the Digital Equity Initiative and all the other work All in Washington is doing to support our communities, visit <u>allinwa.org</u>.

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

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