

PSE on bainbridge island



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Wildflowers at the Wild Horse Wind & Solar Facility.

As summer winds down and we begin to prepare for fall, read on to learn about upcoming opportunities to meet with PSE staff about the Island's energy future, prepare for storm season and more.

You're invited!

We're proud to serve Bainbridge Island and excited to begin a conversation with you to improve electric reliability, reduce Bainbridge Island's carbon footprint, increase energy efficiency and keep rates affordable across the Island. Our first steps to begin that work are two town hall meetings (one via telephone and one in-person) to listen to your concerns and ideas.

Join us to learn more and let your ideas be heard.

Telephone Town Hall | Wednesday, October 11 | 7 to 8 p.m.

It's easy to participate. You can get connected from home or dial in from wherever you are and join the conversation. Send an email to info@psebainbridge.com by midnight October 9, and we'll email you information about how to connect to the town hall call.

Community Town Hall | Monday, October 16 | 7 to 9 p.m. | Bainbridge Performing Arts Center | 200 Madison Avenue North

Andy Wappler, vice president of Corporate Affairs, and Jens Nedrud, manager of System Planning, will make a brief presentation and lead the conversation. Please join us at one (or both) of these events or send us your thoughts via our [Facebook page](#) or by email at info@psebainbridge.com.

If you or your group would like to meet with us to discuss power issues within your community, please contact us at info@psebainbridge.com or **1-888-878-8632** to schedule a meeting.



The HORSE digester was located at the Harbour Public House this past year.

Time is running out for HORSE biodigester

The High Solids Organic Waste Recycling System with Electrical Output (HORSE) bio-digester that spent almost a year at the Harbour Public House may be trotting off the island. The HORSE was a [pilot project](#) between PSE, Impact Bioenergy and the Harbour Public House to demonstrate the viability of using food waste to make electricity and fertilizer, and help further the discussion about a larger, permanent community digester on the Island.

Since June of this year when the HORSE left the Harbour Public House, we have been looking for a new home to continue the pilot and gather more information about this exciting technology. We are grateful Bainbridge Disposal has allowed PSE to store the HORSE on their property for several months while we search for a new host on the island. If a new home is not found by the end of September, we will need to move the bio-digester off the island. While many entities have shown interest in hosting the bio-digester, we have yet to find one that can host the HORSE.

“The HORSE was first brought to the island as a pilot project, and that project was successfully completed,” stated Karen Brubeck, community outreach manager for PSE. “It would be great to find another host and keep the digester on the island for another year of data and learning about the technology, and we have a few more weeks to make that happen.”

Regardless of where this HORSE ends up, PSE is working with the City to explore the potential of a larger, permanent community digester and will keep the community updated.



Part of the short video PSE shared before Movies in the Park this summer.

Goodbye summer, hello fall!

What a summer! From the festive Fourth of July to next Monday's Friends of the Farms Harvest Fair, it has been a busy, event-filled summer.

We kicked off August at **National Night Out**, an annual event promoting community safety and building police-community relationships. In August and September, we were proud to sponsor **Movies in the Park**, where we had the opportunity to show a short [video](#) about our ongoing commitment to the Island's energy future before the movies got underway.

While summer may be winding down, we have plenty to keep busy as we look ahead to fall.

See you at the fair?

This coming Monday, we'll attend the [Friends of the Farms Harvest Fair](#) and provide information on Green Power and Solar Choice. Drawing thousands of visitors each year, this annual, all-day, family-friendly event celebrates local farming with high-energy activities and hands-on opportunities to experience the value of local food. We hope to see you there!

Prepare for storm season

The City of Bainbridge Island's 3rd Annual [Three Days of Preparedness](#) offers Island residents an opportunity to learn more about the Island's preparedness plan and ways you can prepare for emergencies at home, at work and on your commute:

- On **September 27**, enjoy a film night featuring *The Geological Formation of Bainbridge Island*. There will be two showings of this popular film, so [get your tickets soon!](#)
- On **September 30**, join PSE and our partners for an exposition on disaster preparedness, including information and workshops on how to prepare for emergencies. Arrive early to snag your **free emergency starter kit** from PSE!
- On **October 1**, learn about community "HUBs." These community centers are intended to provide services that are typically limited during a disaster such as official information, shelter, basic sustenance and limited medical care.

We participate in this important community event to support the [Bainbridge Prepares](#) goal to become the most resilient town in Washington State. Please consider stopping by, and we'll look forward to talking with you about preparing for emergencies on the Island.



Students at IslandWood's School Overnight Program created a sign to label milkweed in May of last year. PSE sponsored the School Overnight Program both last year and this year.

Helpline House and IslandWood receive sponsorships

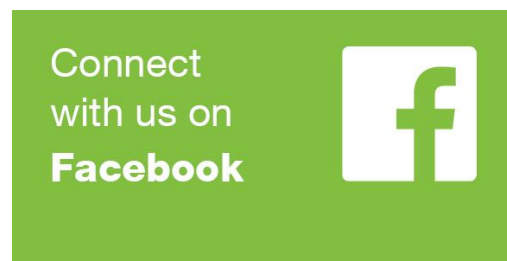
We recently awarded sponsorship awards to two community organizations:

- Helpline House's **Project Backpack** received a \$1,500 sponsorship to help the project's mission of providing back-to-school supplies to students with tight budgets. Students from pre-K through 12th grade who register for the project receive a new backpack with essential school supplies to start the year prepared. This year is Helpline House's 17th annual Project Backpack, and last year the project supported 143 local students!
- **IslandWood** received a \$2,000 grant to provide operating support for the 25 community events and programs offered to Bainbridge Island each year. IslandWood programs connect students and adults with their environment through learning experiences. The IslandWood School Overnight Program alone serves over 4,000 students per year!

We are grateful to be a part of the Bainbridge community and have the opportunity to support [IslandWood](#) and [Helpline House](#)'s efforts to make the Island a thriving place. Visit their websites for more information.

Follow us on Facebook

PSE has a Facebook page for our work on Bainbridge Island. Be sure to like and follow us to keep informed about PSE on Bainbridge Island!



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

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