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Don't miss our special guests in the Auditorium!



**Free family fun!**  
**Saturday, April 25**  
**10 am-2 pm**



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## A Message From Your Commissioners

As your publicly elected PUD Board of Commissioners, we are guided by a simple promise: to provide safe, reliable, and affordable electricity and water that support the quality of life in our communities today and for generations to come. That promise shapes every decision we make on your behalf.

Keeping rates affordable is more important than ever. We work diligently to manage costs responsibly, invest wisely and plan for the future. Every dollar is reinvested into the grid and our water systems, our people who make them reliable and safe, and the infrastructure that serves you.

We are always thinking of ways we can help lower your bill. From providing rebates on energy-efficient appliances to our income-qualified programs that help those in need.

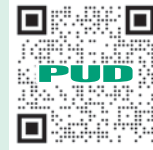


You'll read more about our Community Energy Fund in the pages of this Current and how we're thinking of new ways to raise funds that will provide relief for our most vulnerable customers.

We are proud of our long history of listening to our customer-owners and being accountable to the communities we serve. It is our privilege to serve you. Together, we will continue delivering affordable, reliable electricity and water while stewarding these essential resources with care and responsibility.

Your input matters, and we encourage you to stay engaged—whether by attending commission meetings, visiting one of our community events or reaching out with questions. Our board meetings are currently held twice each month. You can participate by joining us in person, by using Zoom or by phoning in. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you now and always.

Please visit [snopud.com/commission](https://snopud.com/commission) for board meeting information and a link to attend virtually.



Commissioners left to right: Julieta Altamirano-Crosby (Vice-President), Tanya Olson (Secretary), and Sidney Logan (President)

## Community Matters

At Snohomish County PUD, your feedback and involvement are at the heart of every decision we make. I want to take a moment to personally thank you for being such an essential part of our community. Whether you've attended an event, sent us a suggestion, or simply shared your story, you inspire us to do better every day.

I want to emphasize just how much your voice matters. Your ideas, questions, and concerns help chart our course as your public power and water utility.

In these pages, you'll read about events like our Energy Block Party, Hydropower Appreciation Day and the Community Energy Run. These community events are more than celebrations; they're opportunities for

us to hear from you, learn about your priorities, and shape future policy and programs. PUD employees are out at events throughout the year—commission meetings, open houses, festivals, and neighborhood meetings—we invite you to connect with our team and share what matters most to you.

I'm proud of each member of Team PUD who volunteers their time to serve our community, whether it's in our schools or at events throughout Snohomish County and Camano Island. Their dedication reflects our shared commitment to making a positive impact and supporting the neighborhoods we call home.

At Snohomish County PUD, we believe our strength lies in listening to our customer-owners. Your participa-



John Haarlow, PUD  
CEO/General  
Manager

tion and input play a vital role in ensuring that our services remain responsive, innovative, and closely aligned with the values of our community.

By engaging with us—whether through attending events, sharing feedback, or voicing concerns—you actively help shape the direction of our public power and water utility. Together, we are powering a brighter and more sustainable future for everyone.

Thank you for guiding us with your voice and for joining us at these important events.

# Energy Talk

## Powering Tomorrow: Storage, Small Modular Reactors & Fusion Explained

April 25, 11 am to 12:30 pm in the PUD Auditorium

Curious about our energy future? Join industry leaders from Snohomish PUD, Helion, and Energy Northwest as they share insights at the Energy Block Party. This presentation will cover three transformative topics:

- **Energy Storage:** Discover the latest advancements in storing renewable energy and how these technologies are shaping grid reliability at the PUD.
- **Small Modular Reactors (SMRs):** Learn about the next generation of nuclear energy and its potential to provide safe, scalable, and clean energy. Experts from Energy Northwest will talk about their project currently underway in Richland, Washington.
- **Fusion Energy:** Learn about fusion energy and its promise for clean, abundant electricity. Helion will share details around their plans to deliver fusion energy to the grid by 2030.

Each speaker will deliver a concise overview of their area of expertise. There will be a facilitated Q&A session after the presentation, allowing attendees to ask questions and engage directly with the experts.

## Accelerating Reliability

PUD's SnoSMART program, partially funded through a \$30 million grant from the Department of Energy, will accelerate grid advancements from 20 years to five. Benefits include reduced outage times, decreased wildfire risk, and improved grid efficiency. Equipment has started to arrive, and installation planning is under way. Staff are working hard on new internal systems to help streamline how we restore your power.



## Storing Energy, Managing Costs

Construction is underway on the Arlington Battery Energy Storage System near the PUD's new North County office in Arlington's Cascade Industrial Center. This 25MW, 100-MWh system will provide PUD with the ability to store energy from the grid to better manage power purchases and help keep costs down as prices fluctuate throughout the year. The system is expected to be completed by the end of 2026.

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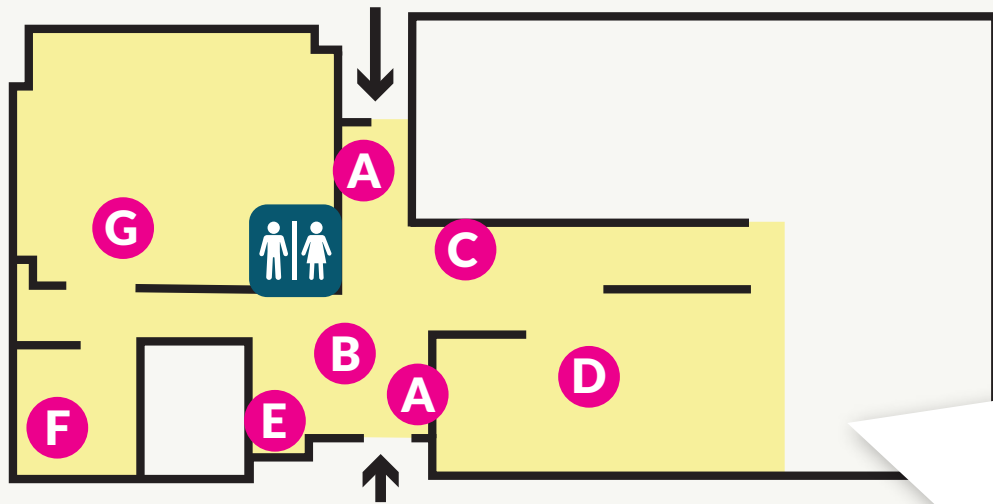
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# Come on inside!

- A Welcome Tables**  
Question? Stop here and let us assist you.
  - B Meet a Commissioner**
  - C Work for the PUD**  
Learn about current openings and apprenticeship programs.
  - D Customer Service**  
Customer Service experts will be available for questions and assistance.
  - E Energy Efficiency**  
Talk with energy-efficiency pros about PUD programs and rebates, plus get help from Snohomish County Weatherization Program reps – all the resources to make your home more efficient in one place.
  - F Celebrate our Energy Future Room (and Cake Walk!)**  
Discover how today's innovations are shaping tomorrow. Meet PUD experts from Rates, Resource Planning, and Connect Up – and don't miss the Cake Walk for fun and prizes!
  - G Auditorium Presentations**
    - 10 am & 1 pm: **Wanda Flippelfairy** water education for kids (35 mins).
    - 11 am to 12:30 pm: **Powering Tomorrow: Storage, Small Modular Reactors & Fusion Explained** with PUD experts and special guests from Helion Energy and Energy Northwest.
- Please note, Auditorium attendance is limited to the first 300 people.

ENTRY FROM CALIFORNIA STREET (TOUCH A TRUCK)



ENTRY FROM HEWITT AVENUE SIDE

Parents: a private room for baby feeding is available on the second floor. Please visit the Welcome Table for details.



## ENERGY BLOCK PARTY

### Free hats for little line workers

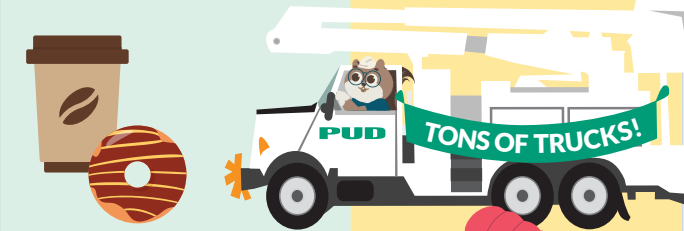
While they last.\* One per child, who must be present.



# Saturday, April 25, 10 am to 2 pm

## An Earth Day Celebration at PUD Headquarters in Everett

Kids – and the young at heart – will love this truckstravaganza of PUD and first-responder vehicles. Meet men and women of the PUD and get your photo taken in a bucket truck!



Plus Filter & Shot Coffee Company & Baker's Dozen Mini Doughnuts

**California Street happenings**  
Tables with...  
• Kids' activities  
• Water Utility fun  
• Drawings for free trees  
Parachute drop  
And MORE!



CALIFORNIA STREET

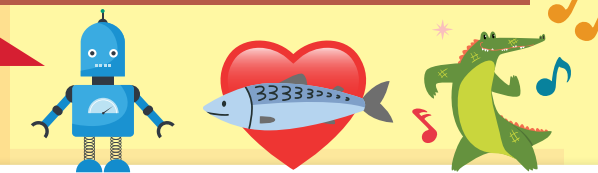
Streets closed to vehicle traffic as shown. Please be mindful and respectful of pedestrians. \*Giveaway supplies are limited. First-come, first-served.



### Limited parking



Walking, biking and transit are strongly encouraged! For parking options and a transit map, visit [snopud.com/energyblockparty](http://snopud.com/energyblockparty)



Info tables in the parking lot include solar, battery storage and robots, Natural Resources & Avian Protection.



### Food Trucks!

Dick's Drive-In, Cathouse Pizza, Ryan's REZipes and Miller Meats.



High-voltage trailer safety demonstration



### EV fun



HEWITT AVENUE

# In Our Communities

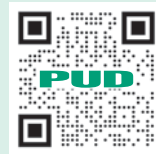
## Community Energy Run

Save the Date for the inaugural Community Energy Run!

Lace up for a cause at the Community Energy Run on October 3 in Lake Stevens! This fun, feel good 5K supports the Community Energy Fund, providing vital bill assistance to families across Snohomish County and Camano Island – in other words, your neighbors! Whether you're running, walking, or cheering from the sidelines, you'll find plenty to enjoy:

- Say hello to our sponsors and see how they support our community
- Catch live demos from the Snohomish PUD Water Utility
- Connect with neighbors and take meaningful steps to help families in need
- Your participation helps keep local households warm, safe, and supported

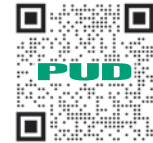
Prefer to participate on your own schedule? Join us with the virtual race option. Sign up before prices increase May 1! Visit [run.snopud.com](https://run.snopud.com)



## Hydro Appreciation Days

Join us for a powerful experience

Dive into the wonderful world of hydropower with PUD experts on May 15 or May 16 in Monroe! This one-of-a-kind experience lets you discover how clean, renewable energy flows from water. Tour the Woods Creek Hydroelectric Project, learn about the PUD's salmon restoration efforts, and soak in the beauty of a breathtaking 60 foot waterfall. Spots are limited and always fill up, so grab your free tickets at [snopud.com/waterwow](https://snopud.com/waterwow)



## Infrastructure Project update



The North Camano Substation and Stanwood to Camano transmission line projects were completed late last year, improving reliability to Stanwood and Camano Island. More transmission line projects are coming in 2026 to enhance grid reliability.

Learn more at [snopud.com/reliability](https://snopud.com/reliability)



# Affordability

## Value of Public Power

Did you know that Snohomish County PUD is a public utility? Some key benefits our customers experience are:

- Shorter outage times
- Rates that are based on cost, not profit
- Robust financial assistance programs to help families in need



Visit [snopud.com/publicpower](https://snopud.com/publicpower) to learn more.



## Employee Spotlight – Sarah Bond

As PUD Senior Manager Budget and Financial Planning, Sarah works closely with people across the utility to help turn good ideas into smart financial decisions that benefit our community. She enjoys partnering with teams to help connect their everyday work to the bigger financial picture, while monitoring and reporting on costs to ensure projects stay on track and resources are used responsibly. By building strong relationships and encouraging open, transparent discussions, Sarah and other members of the budget team help the PUD make thoughtful choices that support reliable service, affordability, and long term value for you – our customers. Sarah enjoys the work because it's all about people—listening, learning together, and helping teams make choices they feel confident about, knowing it ultimately benefits the communities we serve.



## We're Otter-ly Ecstatic!

We're excited to introduce Splash the Otter, the new mascot for our Water Utility. Splash is joining Zip and Zap to help teach about the importance of water conservation, protecting our natural resources and safety. Speaking of our water utility, they recently completed installation of more than 23,000 new advanced water meters six months ahead of schedule! New meters provide detailed water usage information to customers and help assist with leak detection. They have already helped detect more than 4,000 potential leaks in 2025 alone.

Visit [snopud.com/water](https://snopud.com/water) to learn more about the PUD Water Utility.





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# Fun & Free Educational Opportunities for Kids!

**At the Energy Block Party, April 25**

- Join Wanda Flipplefairy in the PUD auditorium at 10 am or 1 pm for a water-themed storytelling adventure.
- Be sure to visit the PUD's education booth on California Street for an engaging educational activity and a chance to win a prize.



**Enter to win a \$200 Bill Credit!**

Visit [snopud.com/spring](http://snopud.com/spring) or use the QR code at right to answer three easy questions (you can find the answers in this magazine!):

- What's the name of the PUD Water Otter?
- What day is the Energy Block Party?
- Who does the Community Energy Fund help?



One entry per household. You must be a PUD customer to enter. **Hurry, entries close April 30.**  
You may also enter by contacting Customer Service M-F, 8 am-5:30 pm, 425-783-1000.

