

### September 2025

Staff: Jason Coots/Electrical Superintendent, Matt Rivera/Journeyman Lineman, Levi Scheirbeck/2nd year Apprentice Lineman

- -For most of September, the Electrical Department operated with reduced staffing due to personal and family-related leave. Essential work was maintained, and time was focused on planning upcoming projects, organizing material, and preparing budget information for 2026. Support was also provided to other departments as needed, helping keep operations across Public Works running smoothly. While field activity was limited, the month was productive in setting up future work and budgets. We are hoping to being back to a full staff in mid-to-late October.
- -Continued progress on the ArcGIS mapping project took place. Additional data was added and verified to improve accuracy. Establishing a solid and reliable map is an important step toward better maintenance, tracking, planning, and locating infrastructure in the field.
- -On Friday, September 26, an outage occurred near the end of Berggren Road East affecting approximately ten customers. The cause was a tree branch that fell across the primary and neutral conductors. This section of the system is fed through a "cross country" line, meaning that it runs through wooded terrain. After removing the branch and inspecting nearby equipment, the Electrical Department restored power around 8:00 a.m.
- -On the afternoon of Thursday, September 25, the Town was contacted to assist South Pierce Fire with a rescue at Mashell Falls. Public Works staff removed bollards from a section of the Bud Blancher Trail to allow vehicle access. A fallen tree was also cleared from the trail to improve passage. Ultimately, the Fire Department used an alternate route through Pack Forest, and a technical rescue team successfully retrieved the victim, who was later airlifted from Eatonville Airport.

# Maintenance/Projects:

- Streetlights were repaired on Carter Street East and Mashell Avenue North. A helpful resident who takes early
  morning walks often marks non-working lights with a ribbon and reports them to the Electrical Department.
  This assistance is greatly appreciated, as it helps identify issues early and saves the Town money by reducing
  the need for after-hours street light audits.
- To prevent future outages affecting customers at the top of Berggren Road East, a dead tree was removed, and
  nearby trees were trimmed. This section of the system is in a location not easily reached by bucket trucks, but a
  significant portion of the line was still cleared. Randles Quarry assisted by moving large equipment to provide
  better access for Town vehicles. The Electrical Department is also exploring options to place this section of the
  system underground to improve long-term reliability.
- The Electrical Department assisted with the removal of the flags and hanging baskets that decorate the Town during the summer months. Throughout the season, periodic patrols were also done to untangle or replace damaged flags, especially before weekends expected to bring more visitors to Town.
- On Thursday, September 4, around 4:00pm, a vehicle struck a streetlight pole in the 200 block of Mashell Ave North after the driver experienced a medical emergency. The wire was de-energized to allow the vehicle to be safely towed, and the damaged pole was removed from the scene. A replacement pole and fixture which is covered by the driver's insurance has been ordered. Unfortunately, this style pole and fixture has a longer than normal lead time.



Bud Blancher Trail Tree Removal

Mashell Ave car vs streetlight





Cross country tree removal (before)

Cross country tree removal (after)

Note- bottom 30 feet left for habitat



#### Town of Eatonville Water, Wastewater and Public Works

### Monthly Job Report - September 2025

## **3** Water Department

In September, the Water Department treated and produced approximately **11.4 million gallons** of water. As seasonal temperatures shift, demand has begun to decline. Thanks to the dedication of our staff, the town's water supply met or exceeded all federal and state standards, with no service interruptions or exceedances.

We also successfully completed the Department of Health's three-year sanitary survey, meeting all required conditions.

### **Key Statistics:**

- 74 water samples collected
- 136 lab tests performed
- 2 distribution leaks repaired

## **♦** Wastewater Department

The Wastewater Treatment Plant processed **4.5 million gallons** of wastewater. All test results met or exceeded federal and state limits, and no permit violations occurred.

We are proud to announce receipt of the 2024 Outstanding Performance Award—our third consecutive win and seventeenth in the past eighteen years.

### **Key Statistics:**

- 120 wastewater samples collected
- 370 lab tests performed

### **X** Public Works

Public Works continued its efforts to maintain and improve town infrastructure:

- Hanging flower baskets were removed for the season
- Cleanup and restoration work continued at the cemetery
- Stormwater improvements progressed at the Glacier Village / APP site
- The new brush mower was deployed across right-of-way areas, trails, and other town spaces

# Work Highlights for September:



Water Service Line Repair Washington Ave



PLC output card replaced filter 2
Water Treatment Plant



New valve and micro switch installed

AV004 Filter 1 water plant



Finished installation of new booster pump Center St Pumphouse



2024 Wastewater Plant Award!



APP Fuel site stormwater pipe replacement



Bushes trimmed at Millpond Park



Madison parking area test holes.



Management Activities

In September, I attended reoccurring monthly meetings such as the Pierce County Chief's Association, Eatonville Business Association, Coffee with the Chiefs, South Sound Regional Training Group, WASPC legislative briefings, the South Sound law enforcement breakfast, and the Eatonville School District Safety Committee.

I attended the 9-11 memorial on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Eatonville High School flagpole. I gave remarks regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the in-the-line of duty death of Dolar LaPlant.

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, I conducted a surprise active shooter drill at Eatonville High School (EHS), with my officers. The officers were not given any prior notice of the drill except for an email one-week prior reminding them to ensure their active shooter response gear was ready and serviceable. I met with Superintendent Brower a few days prior and obtained his permission to run the drill. He in turn notified the school board during their meeting and advised it was a surprise drill. He and the board were in full support.

The purpose of this exercise was to evaluate the readiness, assess police response time and tactical coordination, equipment condition and readiness, coordination of our officers in the event of an actual active shooter incident, and identify strengths and areas for improvement in emergency response.

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### **Activites Continued:**

IMPLEMENTATION: During a normally scheduled team meeting (routinely held on Thursdays between shift change and full staffing) I announced there was an active shooter at EHS(drill). Officers were told to respond how and with what equipment they would for a real event (absent emergency lights, sirens, and urgency). The equipment being tested for readiness included but not limited to, weapons (handgun and rifle), medical kits, and protective gear (helmets/ballistic shields). We staged at the commons area, and I evaluated each officer for their equipment readiness and availability. We then ran several scenarios while entering EHS and responding to an active shooter. I provided them with verbal cues as to the developing actions of the suspect(s) and victims as they "cleared" the facility. The officers had to respond appropriately.

The school was not in session, but various students were present attending sports practice. The drill did not interrupt these extracurricular activities.

The drill provided valuable insights into our preparedness and highlighted both strengths and areas for growth. Overall, I am satisfied my officers are trained and ready to respond to a real-life active shooter event. We remain committed to the safety of our students and staff and will continue to refine our emergency response strategies.

### Assistant to the chief, Kendra Morrison:

August 2025

PDR: 6 CPL: 2

Animal Impounds: 0

AUGUST 2025 PDR: Via GOVQA: 6 In Person Request: Other Video: BWC -

Prosecutor VIA NICE:

DCYF (in person) – TOWN –

TOTAL REQUEST: 6

AUGUST 2025 CPL:

Original: 1 Renewal: 1 TOTAL REQUEST: 2 September 2025

PDR: 17 CPL:

FINGERPRINT: 1
Animal Impounds:

SEPTEMBER 2025 PDR:

Via GOVQA: 15

In Person Request:
Other Video:

BWC -

Prosecutor VIA NICE: 2

DCYF (in person) -

TOWN -

TOTAL REQUEST: 17

SEPTEMBER 2025 CPL:

Original:

Renewal:

**TOTAL REQUEST: 0** 

