TOWN OF EATONVILLE

Electrical Department Report

September and October 2026

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TWO MONTHS AT A GLANCE

4,600 Feet of underground wire pulled	**1,300** Feet of overhead conductor replaced	**2** Deteriorated poles replaced
2 Capital projects underway	**1** Additional temporary service	**1** Mutual aid response

September and October brought progress on several fronts: finishing work started years ago, replacing equipment that has reached the end of its useful life, and lending a hand when a neighboring utility needed help.

School Trail Conversion and Airport Hangar Extension

Bringing an unfinished project closer to completion

The underground conversion behind the schools has been on the books for a long time. With vaults and conduit already installed, the crew returned to move the project through its remaining electrical work.

The crew pulled two 600-foot, three-phase primary runs along the trail. Each run contains three conductors, totaling 3,600 feet of cable across the two runs. Cable racking and terminations are complete. Cable, terminations, and other equipment were supplied from existing inventory, putting materials already on hand to work.



Levi Scheirbeck racks cable behind the middle school.

School Trail Conversion and Airport Hangar Extension

This work brings us closer to removing the overhead lines behind the middle school. The next step is to upgrade the riser conductors and remove the overhead equipment.

The crew also pulled 750 feet of cable for the airport hangar extension. The hangar itself has been there for years; this work will finally bring electrical service to the existing building.



Matt Rivera and Levi Scheirbeck terminate primary cable on the school trail.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Ridge Back Yard Taps

Two capital projects are moving from underground construction into electrical installation. Conduit work is complete, and installation of wire, transformers, service poles, and junctions is scheduled to begin the week of November 9, 2026. Both projects are scheduled to be completed and turned over to the Town on December 1, 2026.

Moving backyard primary underground
Behind the homes on the 300 blocks of Orchard Avenue North and Penn Avenue North, the Ridge Back Yard Taps project is preparing the way for a new underground primary system to replace the existing overhead line.

Contractor crews have installed the conduit and begun restoring the alley. Much of this stage of the work will soon be out of sight, but it provides the pathway for the cable and equipment that will serve these homes.

With the underground pathway ready, the next step is to install the electrical system and prepare for the overhead-to-underground conversion.



Contractor crews install the new underground conduit.



Restoring the alley after conduit installation.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Madison Mobile Home Park

Replacing aging equipment and improving access
At Madison Mobile Home Park, the project addresses a system that has served well beyond its expected life. Aging primary cable with an open concentric neutral will be replaced, including sections that run beneath homes.

The work also replaces overhead-type transformers housed in outdated cabinets with modern pad-mounted transformers. Just as important is where the new equipment will go: near the road, rather than in residents' backyards.

The finished installation will be safer and easier for the crew to reach for maintenance and emergency response. The new arrangement improves both the equipment serving residents and the ability to get to it when needed.



During underground construction.



Completed pavement restoration at Madison Mobile Home Park.

Replacing Deteriorated Poles and Aging Conductor

Removing weak points before they fail
Two severely deteriorated poles were replaced in the alley between Iron and Center Street West. The condition of the removed pole top shows why replacement was needed.

Across two separate projects, the crew also replaced approximately 1,300 feet of old copper conductor. One project was in that alley; the other was in the 100 block of Penn Avenue North.

The new aluminum conductor is stronger, more durable, and able to carry more load. Together, the pole and conductor replacements address aging parts of the overhead system and improve the condition of the lines serving those areas.



Before: the deteriorated top of the old pole.



After: the replacement pole in the alley between Iron and Center Street West.

Learning from the August 24 Outage

Correcting the cause, beyond the original failure
After a burned jumper at a sectionalizer switch caused the August 24 outage, the crew followed up by inspecting similar switches throughout the system and replacing their jumpers.

The existing jumpers were undersized. Over time, they had been getting hot, leaving them at risk of eventually burning up like the jumper that failed in August.

Rather than waiting for another one to fail, the department replaced the jumpers to address the underlying condition. This is the kind of preventive work that does not always draw attention, but matters when it keeps the next equipment failure from becoming another outage.



The electrical crew replaces jumpers on a sectionalizer switch as part of the follow-up work.

Helping Our Neighbors Get the Lights Back On



Eatonville’s electrical crew closes a switch near Alder Lake while assisting Ohop Mutual with storm restoration on September 25.

September 25 | Ohop Mutual storm response
When Ohop Mutual called for assistance around 11 a.m. on September 25, approximately 1,300 of its customers were without power. Eatonville’s electrical crew answered the call and helped with restoration efforts into the evening.

The crew was released around 10 p.m. By that time, only one Ohop customer remained without power.

Our partnership with Ohop means having a neighboring utility to turn to when one of us needs help. Eatonville’s crew was happy to be there, working alongside Ohop to help get people’s lights back on.

For the crew, the willingness to help extends beyond the Town’s customer list. These are members of our wider community, and we are glad to lend a hand when they are without power.

Nelly Platt Underground Extension

Another step toward service for new homes
The crew pulled 250 feet of primary cable for the Nelly Platt development on Lytle Lane. This advances the electrical installation following the conduit, vault, and transformer pad construction reported in August.

With the underground pathway in place, cable installation moves the development closer to having the electrical system needed to serve its planned homes.

Additional Service for the Eatonville Highway Six-Plex

Power for the contractor’s job trailer
The department installed an additional temporary electrical service at the Eatonville Highway six-plex project. This service supplies the contractor’s job trailer and is separate from the temporary construction service previously installed at the site.

Town of Eatonville Water, Wastewater and Public Works

Monthly Job Report – October 2026

🚰 Water Department

In September, the Water Department treated and produced approximately **8.6 million gallons** of water. 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.

- One water leak repaired.
- Demand is beginning to drop significantly as the weather changes.
- Our source water supply remains low but stable and will meet the demand.

Key Statistics:

- 165 water samples collected
- 194 lab tests performed

💧 Wastewater Department

The Wastewater Treatment Plant processed **5.6 million gallons** of wastewater. All test results met or exceeded federal and state limits, and no permit violations occurred.

• Our new NPDES permit has been issued and will go into effect November 1st. We have successfully implemented all the new monitoring requirements.

Key Statistics:

- 137 wastewater samples collected
- 510 lab tests performed

🛠️ Public Works

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

- "No parking" signs we installed on Madison Ave and Center St E
- A new stormwater drainpipe was completed at the public works yard to help with flooding issues.
- It's leaf season on the streets and parks and we are doing extra rounds to collect them.

Work Highlights for October 2026



Hydrant Removal Ridge Rd



Cleaning and Inspecting Sewer mains around town



Finishing the new drainpipe at the shop.



Water Reservoir Inspections

EATONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Public Safety and Law Enforcement Report
October 2026

Department Operations & Field Statistics

During the month of October 2026, a total of 190 calls for service were generated within the Town of Eatonville. Traffic safety and targeted enforcement represented a primary area of proactive officer activity, resulting in 64 traffic-related stops focused heavily along the Center Street East and Washington Avenue North corridors. Out of these 64 stops, officers issued 25 standard traffic citations or notices and 39 verbal warnings, reflecting a firm commitment to maintaining roadway safety and driver accountability.

Beyond traffic enforcement, medical emergencies stood out as a high-priority collaborative response category, with outside emergency medical services (Unit: FIREE) being dispatched alongside or in place of municipal officers on 37 incidents to local residences, neighborhoods, and school campuses. The remainder of the 190 calls involved a diverse mix of routine and emergency community needs, including 4 welfare checks to ensure vulnerable residents were safe, 6 proactive community-policing contacts, and a steady volume of localized responses to traffic accidents, minor property disputes, malicious mischief, noise complaints, and animal control issues.

animal control operations remained active throughout the month, resulting in the impoundment of 3 dogs. Through close coordination with regional resources, 1 dog was successfully transferred to Pierce County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) Animal Control, while the other two dogs were successfully reunited with their grateful families.

Administrative Services

In addition to emergency response and proactive field operations, the department managed a steady volume of administrative actions and specialized investigative referrals during the month of October. Staff processed 0 Concealed Pistol License (CPL) applications, as this local operation has been placed on temporary hold until a new permanent Chief of Police is hired**.** To ensure town residents experience no gaps in service during this transition, South Sound 911 has graciously agreed to process all CPL applications for Eatonville residents in the interim.

The department successfully fulfilled 11 Public Disclosure Requests (PDR), ensuring compliance with state transparency guidelines; these requests included statutory record

disclosures compiled alongside South Sound 911 reports and data extraction requests utilizing the Flock safety system.

Department Leadership & Personnel Updates

The Town is currently working through the active recruitment process to hire a permanent Chief of Police. To bridge the gap during this transition, the Town has entered into a temporary Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Roy. This contract will allow Roy Police Chief Antista to assist the department with the review and approval of department reports, as well as serve as our emergency contact with dispatch.

Operationally, the department has been operating on a true skeleton crew, consisting of just two dayshift officers and the assistant to the chief. Staff and leadership have been continuously stretching department resources and adjusting the duty schedule as needed to maintain seamless operations, fill critical shifts, and ensure complete public safety coverage for the Eatonville community. The department has received applications for our current opening for a lateral officer, and staff are actively reviewing the resumes and preparing to schedule oral board interviews.

Community Events & Youth Engagement

The department continued its partnership with the Pizza Wednesday Club on October 14, 2026. Although staffing challenges meant no officers were available to help serve pizza slices this month, Kendra Morrison, the assistant to the chief, stepped in to provide operational support by delivering and setting up protective traffic cones, and handled on-site chaos coordination to guarantee a safe, organized, and fun environment for Eatonville's youth.





Additionally, on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, the department assisted school administrative staff during the annual Homecoming Serpentine. Along with high school administration staff, EPD assisted with leading the homecoming serpentine, directing traffic, and keeping the kids safe as they paraded through town continuing this long-standing Eatonville tradition.

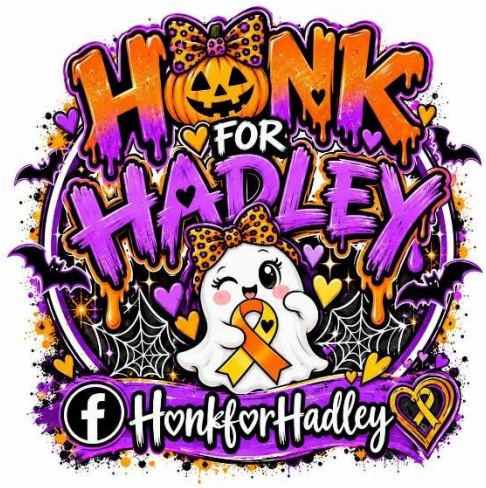
Beyond standard school functions, our team prioritized high-visibility community policing throughout the Halloween season to foster positive relationships with local youth:

- Halloween Patrols: Officer Josh Smith worked the demanding swing shift on Halloween night, providing high-visibility neighborhood patrols, interacting with local families, and handing out candy to trick-or-treaters to maintain safety across town corridors.
- Preschool Visit: Officer Shauna Anderson made a special surprise visit to the local homeschool preschool, bringing holiday cheer directly to the children with custom police stickers and festive treats.

October Officer Spotlight: Honk for Hadley & Bobby Birthday Parade

This month, the department proudly spotlights Officer Josh Smith for his leadership and outreach efforts during a uniquely meaningful community event. On Sunday, October 18, 2026, at 2:00 PM, the Eatonville community gathered at Eatonville Park to host a special birthday vehicle parade for two local girls, Hadley (turning 2) and Bobby (turning 3). Because Hadley was undergoing intensive chemotherapy treatments, a traditional celebration wasn't possible, prompting the community to coordinate a parade of cars, trucks, and semis to bring the celebration to them.

Officer Smith represented the department at the park, using his patrol unit to help lead the parade progression and subsequently managing traffic control to maintain safety as the convoy passed through the area. To make the day extra memorable, the police department put together special birthday gift bags for the girls. Both Hadley and Bobby thoroughly enjoyed the high-energy community engagement and were absolutely thrilled by the flashing emergency lights on Officer Smith's patrol car, highlighting the profound impact of compassionate local policing.



Planning Commission report to council

Meeting: October 19, 2026

Only item on the agenda was a discussion with Nick about potential Site Distance Regulations. Commission requested that Nick come up with a figure that would be clearer and narrative that would be more precise.

Bev Wilson, Chair