



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT
22 Snug Harbor Avenue, Highlands NJ 07732
Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 7:00 PM

The March Report is as follows. All constructions dates are weather & supply-chain permitting.

- Mayors Wellness Campaign – We achieved Silver accreditation – A Healthy Town to Watch.
- Construction Updates
 - **Municipal Building** – Interior work is ongoing drywall, electric and plumbing mostly complete.
 - **Snug Harbor Park Update** – Mulch & playground completed in 2/24. Courts to be completed this Spring.
 - **Waterwitch Pump Station** – Steel frame 2/15 and building placed 2/22. Should be complete by May.
 - **Skate Park** – Work started 1/23/23, should be done by May.
 - **I-Bank large sanitary sewer project for Waterwitch Area Phase 1** – Starting 1/30 with de-watering on Bay Ave. Streets in this order starting in Feb: Bay from Gravelly to Snug, Gravelly, Ocean, Central, Beach, Waterwitch, Linden, William, Ralph, Bay, North. Hopefully completed this summer. Order may change.
 - **171 Bay Ave EV Charging Station** – Charging station has been ordered. Installation by May.
 - **Jones Creek** – County will do East section [Snug Harbor] CAFRA permit was submitted in Dec.
 - **Portland Road Guard Rail** – Engineering plans submitted to the County. Waiting for County to repair.
- Projects Planned
 - **Reconstruction of Bayside Drive & Marie St** – From Shore Dr to Borough border. Work includes sanitary sewer main replacement, storm drainage improvements and paving. DOT grant \$246,850.
 - **Update Frank Hall Park** – Joint venture with the Open Space/Lions Club/Green Team looking for grants.
 - **Update Vets Park** - Plans are with Engineering. Local Recreation grant from DCA \$75,000.
 - **Create Overlook Park [empty lot on NJSH 36]** – Submitted for 2023 Local Recreation Grant & won OS.
 - **Marine PI Elevated walkway East [Sea Drift]** – CME submitted Monmouth County Open Space grant.
 - **2021 Resiliency Plan** – Received a grant for design & engineering for living shoreline & bulkhead at Veteran's Park. We are working on funding for the Snug Harbor pump and surrounding area.
- Regionalization Update
 - We are scheduled to meet with AH and the mediator on 4/21.
- Grants/Funding Update – We have been awarded more than **\$2,526,000** so far in 2023.
 - 2023 DOT for Bayside Drive \$246,850
 - Safe Routes to Schools \$176,874
 - 2022 US DOT Safe Streets for All, a share TBD, of \$1.18 million [County, Highlands, Bradley Beach, Holmdel], we are one of only 510 communities in the country chosen using \$800 million from US DOT.
 - 2023 NJDOT Local Transportation Projects - Drainage Linden, WW, Bay, Jones Creek \$1,300,000.
 - 2023 Monmouth County Open Space \$148,000 to create Overlook Park on Navesink Ave.
- Monmouth Hills Runoff
 - On-going discussions with Monmouth Hills HOA, State, County and Middletown officials.
- Community Rating System [CRS] program for lower flood insurance.
 - We are working with the building and zoning departments to gather elevation certificates of all properties in the flood zone while we wait for Region 2 Floodplain Management & Insurance (FM&I) Branch to complete a Compliance Audit.

All the best to you and yours.
Mayor Carolyn Broullon