



**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS**  
**MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**  
151 Navesink Avenue, Highlands NJ 07732  
Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 7:00 PM

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Borough Updates for June:

- **Shadowlawn AINR** – In negotiations for Developer's Agreement. Renamed Conditional Redeveloper 6/18.
- **Captain's Cove AINR** – A prospective redeveloper has expressed interest but has not yet submitted plans.
- **Bay Avenue AINR** – Conditional Redeveloper for 289 Bay is in negotiations for Developer's Agreement.
- **New Business** – The Honorable Plant Dispensary opened on 6/9, with the grand opening on July 5th.
- **Emergency Services** – Incidents: First Aid Squad = 37; Fire = 33; Police = 922
- **Code Enforcement** – Summons = 15; Warnings = 5; Reports = 24; Inspections = 18; Permits = 12; OPRA = 5
- **Building Department** – Inspections = 73; Passed = 53; Failed = 17; Not Ready = 3; Permits issued = 20

Current Project Updates

- **Central/Beach/Ocean** – Punchlist items were completed 6/18.
- **Portland Road Drainage Improvements** – Drainage work is completed. Mill & pave by end of Aug or Sept.
- **Shore Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvements** – Install sidewalks from Waterwitch to Matthews. DOT grant \$284,000. Sidewalks were largely completed by 6/30. Four trees will be planted in the fall on Central Ave.
- **Marine Pl Elevated Walkway East [Sea Drift]** – Monmouth County CDBG grant \$167,000. Started ADA 6/12.
- **Washington Avenue Paving** – Mill & pave of Washington Ave from Marine Pl. to Cheerful Pl. Started ADA 6/12, should be completed by the end of July.

Planned Projects in 2025

- **Frank Hall Park Updates & Overlook Park Creation** – Survey & concept plan completed. MCOS \$86,000 FHP & OP MCOS \$148k + DCA \$74k. We bid the parks together to maximize potential cost savings. Bids come back on 7/10, recommendation from engineering 7/14, for possible award 7/16.

Grants won – projects to be permitted & awarded

- **Linden, WW, Bay & Snug Harbor Drainage Improvements** – Estimated \$1.7 Million project to on these roads \$1.3 Million from NJDOT Local Aid Grant. Waiting for DEP approval of the project to go out to bid.
- **Grand Tour Drainage Improvements** – Project estimate \$1 million, Grant \$217,456. Work moved to 2026.

Grants waiting to hear back & exploring

- **Flood mitigation & Green Infrastructure** – Project = \$16,205,280. Waiting for State Historic Preservation Office. BRIC cancelled by E.O. Looking elsewhere for funding.
- **New First Aid Building** – Congressionally Directed Spending, also looking at modular solutions.
- **American Firefighter's Grant** – Pump Truck for the FD, grant not awarded, exploring options for purchase.
- **Huddy Statute** – To fund the sculpting and installation of a statue honoring Captain Joshua Huddy, a local American Revolutionary War hero. The proposed installation will be located at Huddy Park in Highlands, just 150 feet from where Captain Huddy was hanged in 1782. We did not win the T-Mobile grant.
- **REPI Living Shoreline & Bulkhead Design & Permitting** - US DOD grant OF \$219,676, permits are approved by DEP. Submitted to Army Corps. After ACE approval, looking to submit for the grant for implementation.
- **Overpass Walkway over R36** – Did not win USDOT grant. Looking to resubmit for funding with Federal, State & County options.
- **Sanitary Sewer Phase II** – NJ Water Bank, USDA Water & Waste & other options being explored.

Community Rating System [CRS] Update

The CRS Certification process continues as we work with property owners in the flood zone to build resiliently.

Floodplain Town Hall workshop, watch it here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d\\_xlr6\\_ff-Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_xlr6_ff-Q)

Floodplain Design Guidelines can be found here: [bit.ly/CBDFloodplainDesignGuideline](http://bit.ly/CBDFloodplainDesignGuideline)