



**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS**  
**MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**  
151 Navesink Avenue, Highlands NJ 07732  
Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 7:00 PM

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Borough Updates for July:

- **Shadowlawn AINR** – In negotiations for Developer's Agreement.
- **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.
- **Emergency Services** – Incidents: First Aid Squad = 41; Fire = 36; Police = 984
- **Code Enforcement** – Summons = 4; Warnings = 12; Reports = 22; Inspections = 26; Permits = 12; OPRA = 23
- **Building Department** – Inspections = 57; Passed = 40; Failed = 11; Not Ready = 6; Permits issued = 19

Current Project Updates- Weather Permitting

- **Washington Avenue Paving** – Marine Pl. to Cheerful Pl. Started ADA 6/12, completion by the end of Aug.
- **Portland Road Drainage Improvements** – Drainage work is completed. Mill & pave by end of Aug/Sept.
- **Marine Pl Elevated Walkway East [Sea Drift]** – Started ADA 6/12 should be complete before Labor Day.
- **Shore Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvements** – Completed 7/2, 4 trees will be planted in the fall on Central Ave.

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 on the parks together to maximize potential cost savings. Needed to rebid due to bid errors by contractors. New bids to come back on 8/14 recommendation from engineering 8/18, for possible award 8/20.

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 Letter of Support of the project to go out to bid.
- **Grand Tour Drainage Improvements** – Project estimate \$1 million, Grant \$217,456. Work moved to 2026.

Grants submitted waiting to hear back

- **County Open Space** – 7/2025 Resurface playgrounds at Vets, Huddy and Rec, also fix courts at Snug.
- **CDBG** - 7/2025 New Sidewalks on 36 from Linden to Waterwitch & Waterwitch from 36 to Linden around HES.
- **Safe Roads to Transit** – 7/2025 New sidewalks on 36 from Waterwitch to Valley Ave.
- **REPI Living Shoreline & Bulkhead Design & Permitting** - US DOD grant OF \$219,676, permits are approved by DEP. Army Corps permit submitted, now under technical review.

Grants being explored

- **Sanitary Sewer Phase II** – NJ Water Bank, USDA Water & Waste & other options being explored.
- **Overpass Walkway over R36** – Looking to resubmit for funding with State & County options.
- **Flood mitigation & Green Infrastructure** – Project = \$16,205,280. We were waiting for comments from the State Historic Preservation Office. BRIC cancelled by E.O. on 4/18/25. Looking elsewhere for funding.
- **New First Ad Building** – Possible Congressionally Directed Spending, also looking at modular solutions.
- **New Pumper Truck for FD** – Exploring options for purchase.
- **Bronze Huddy Statute** – The proposed installation will be located at Huddy Park, just 150 feet from where he was hanged in 1782. We are looking for County & State grants.

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) We are setting up a meeting with the County in August.