



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT
151 Navesink Avenue, Highlands NJ 07732
Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 7:00 PM

Borough Updates for September:

- **Shadowlawn AINR** – Continuing negotiations for Developer's Agreement.
- **Captain's Cove AINR** – A prospective redeveloper has expressed interest but has not yet submitted plans.
- **Bay Avenue AINR** – 289 Bay Developer's Agreement completed.
- **Regionalization to include Sea Bright** – The 3 Mayors met on 8/29 to discuss next steps.
- **Emergency Services** – Incidents: First Aid Squad = 35; Fire = 30; Police =
- **Code Enforcement** – Summons = 2; Warnings = 7; Reports = 20; Inspections = 24; Permits = 15; OPRA = 11
- **Building Department** – Inspections = 41; Passed = 30; Failed = 7; Not Ready = 4; Permits issued = 18

Current Project Updates- Weather Permitting

- **Marine PI Elevated Walkway East [Sea Drift]** – Started ADA 6/12 should be complete by the end of Sept.
- **Shore Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvements** – Completed 7/2, 4 trees planted on Central Ave 9/22.
- **Frank Hall Park Updates & Overlook Park Creation** – MCOS \$86,000 FHP & OP MCOS \$148k + DCA \$74k. Work started 9/20. Majority of the work to be done in Sept – Nov.
- **North Street** – NJ American Water will be installing a new water main starting 10/1.
- **VFW Parking Lot** – Mill & paved on 9/15.
- **Shore Drive** – Re-lined all striping from Bay Ave to Willow St, completed 9/29.

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.
- **County Open Space** – Won \$225,050 Resurface playgrounds at Vets, Huddy and Rec, also fix courts at Snug.

Grants submitted waiting to hear back

- **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 for design, permits are approved by DEP & Army Corps. Implementation grants to be announced early 2026.

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. In review with FEMA Environmental.
- **New First Aid Building** – Possible Congressionally Directed Spending, also looking at modular solutions.
- **New Pumper Truck for FD** – Put seed money in this year's budget & exploring grant options for purchase.
- **Bronze Huddy Statue** – 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
Floodplain Design Guidelines can be found here: bit.ly/CBDFloodplainDesignGuideline We are setting up a meeting with the County before the end of the year.