



**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS**  
**MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**  
151 Navesink Avenue, Highlands NJ 07732  
Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 7:00 PM

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Borough Updates for October:

- **Shadowlawn AINR** – We have reached an agreement with the redeveloper and will sign-off on 11/5. Highlights of the plan for the property are a five-story building with 292 units, 44 of those are affordable. There will be a scenic overlook for the public to use and installation of curbs & sidewalks from Linden to Scenic Drive.
- **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, they are waiting County approvals.
- **Regionalization to include Sea Bright** – The NJ Supreme Court heard arguments 10/21, waiting for ruling.
- **Emergency Services** – Incidents: First Aid Squad = 25; Fire = 24; Police = 771
- **Code Enforcement** – Summons = 2; Warnings = 5; Reports = 9; Inspections = 14; Permits = 25; OPRA = 9
- **Building Department** – Inspections = 68; Passed = 56 Failed = 9; Not Ready = 2; Permits issued = 19

Current Project Updates- Weather Permitting

- **North Street** – NJ American Water installed a new water main, completed 10/9.
- **Marine PI Elevated Walkway East [Sea Drift]** – As of 10/31 substantially complete, last work done by early Nov.
- **Frank Hall Park Updates & Overlook Park Creation** – Work to be done late Nov.

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 to resurface playgrounds at Vets, Huddy and Rec, also fix courts at Snug.

Grants submitted waiting to hear back

- **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, NJ Champs & 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. Exploring NJ Water Bank & NJ Champs.
- **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 Statute** – The proposed installation will be located at Huddy Park, just 150 feet from where he was hanged without benefit of a trial 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 before the end of the year.