



George Washington's Fishing Trip Off Sandy Hook



2026

"The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph" –
Thomas Paine

Borough of Highlands, New Jersey



Battle of Navesink, Highlands NJ

Esek Hartshorne's home on the hill above Highlands along what is now Navesink Avenue between Rogers and Waddell Streets was fortified and used by the local Patriot militia as a base for their operations in our area. Esek was a supporter of the Militia and his home overlooking Sandy Hook was perfect to watch British movements on the nearby waters. On February 13, 1777, a force of about 200 British soldiers crossed the Bay from Staten Island and attacked the sleeping Americans. In the surprise attack at least three Americans were killed, 71 were captured and taken as prisoners to New York. The rest escaped into the woods. This was the only land battle that took place in Highlands during the Revolution.

FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Taxes & Sewer Due	2 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	3 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Communications 7pm VFW Post 6902	4 Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Council Meeting Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	5 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Garden Club Meeting	6 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	Feb 7
8 Beef & Brew Bash Black History Month	9 Groundhog Day	10	11	12 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Land Use Board	13 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	14
Knights of Columbus Breakfast Super Bowl	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Environmental	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	Recycling: Zones 2 & 4	Lincoln's Birthday		Valentine's Day
15	16 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Borough Offices CLOSED Schools CLOSED	17 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Shade Tree Ramadan Begins Lunar New Year Mardi Gras	18 Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Council Meeting	19 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	20 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	21 American Legion Members meeting
22	23 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	24 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	25 Recycling: Zones 2 & 4 SB Court Session 3:30pm 6:30pm Housing Auth Mtg	26 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	27 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	28
Annual Chili Cook-off						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	Notes: Committee meetings are held virtually via Zoom. Live meetings are held in the Conference Room at Borough Hall. Visit highlandsnj.gov for the most current location information. We would like to thank Walter Guenther of the Historical Society of Highlands for his major contributions of the pictures and narratives.				





Map Showing Sandy Hook's Importance to British In New York City

The British capital of the American Colonies was New York City. All the supplies for their soldiers were made in England, had to be brought to North America by sailing ships, and all of these ships had to sail past the tip of Sandy Hook to reach New York. Making sure that their ships reached New York safely was critical to their armies.

MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Women's History	2 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Purim begins	3 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Communications 7pm VFW Post 6902 Holi	4 Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Council Meeting Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	5 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	6 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Bulk: Zone 1	Mar 7 Guinness Run
8 Knights of Columbus Breakfast Daylight Saving	9 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Environmental	10 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	11 Recycling: Zones 2 & 4	12 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Land Use Board	13 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Bulk: Zone 2 School Early Dismissal	14
15	16 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	17 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Shade Tree St. Patrick's Day	18 Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 3:30pm SB Court Session 7pm Council Meeting 6:30p Housing Auth Mtg	19 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	20 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Bulk: Zone 3 Equinox	21 American Legion Members meeting St. Patrick's Parade
22 Highlands 126th Birthday	23 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	24 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 7pm Green Team	25 Recycling: Zones 2 & 4 7:30pm Open Space	26 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	27 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Bulk: Zone 4 School Spring Recess School Early Dismissal	28
29 Palm Sunday	30 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 School s CLOSED	31 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 School s CLOSED	Apr 1	2	3	4
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Joshua Huddy Abduction and Hanging

Joshua Huddy was a Captain in the New Jersey militia in Monmouth County. He led forces in numerous battles from Toms River north to the Highlands area. In 1782, he was captured by Loyalist forces in Rumson and taken to New York City to the notorious British Sugar House prison. In April, he was abducted from the prison by Loyalists from Monmouth County who accused him of killing their relatives. He was carried off to the beach in Water Witch, Highlands and hung. This cold-blooded murder created a furor involving George Washington and the Kings of France and England and nearly de-railed the negotiations ending the American Revolution which were finally completed successfully. A monument to Joshua Huddy's sacrifice stands in Huddy Park, Highlands just yards from where he was murdered.

APRIL 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	Mar 31	1	2	3	Apr 4
			Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Council Meeting Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Passover begins sundown April Fool's Day <i>Schools CLOSED</i>	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 HBAC Meeting Brush: Zone 1 <i>Schools CLOSED</i>	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 <i>Borough Offices CLOSED</i> <i>Schools CLOSED</i>	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Orthodox Palm Sunday Easter	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 <i>Schools CLOSED</i>	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Communications 7pm VFW Post 6902	Recycling: Zones 2 & 4	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Garden Club Meeting 7pm Land Use Board	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Brush: Zone 2	Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweep 9a-12:30pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Knights of Columbus Breakfast Orthodox Easter	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Environmental Lions Club 100th Anniversary	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Council Meeting Tax Day	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Open House Local Government Week	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Brush: Zone 3	American Legion Members meeting
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Shade Tree	Recycling: Zones 2 & 4 3:30pm SB Court Session 7:30pm Open Space 6:30p Housing Auth Mtg Earth Day	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Historical Society Meeting	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Brush: Zone 4 Arbor Day	
26	27	28	29	30	May 1	2
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 7pm Green Team		Garbage: Zones 1 & 3		
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Crowd Digging on Beach During Highlands Gold Rush

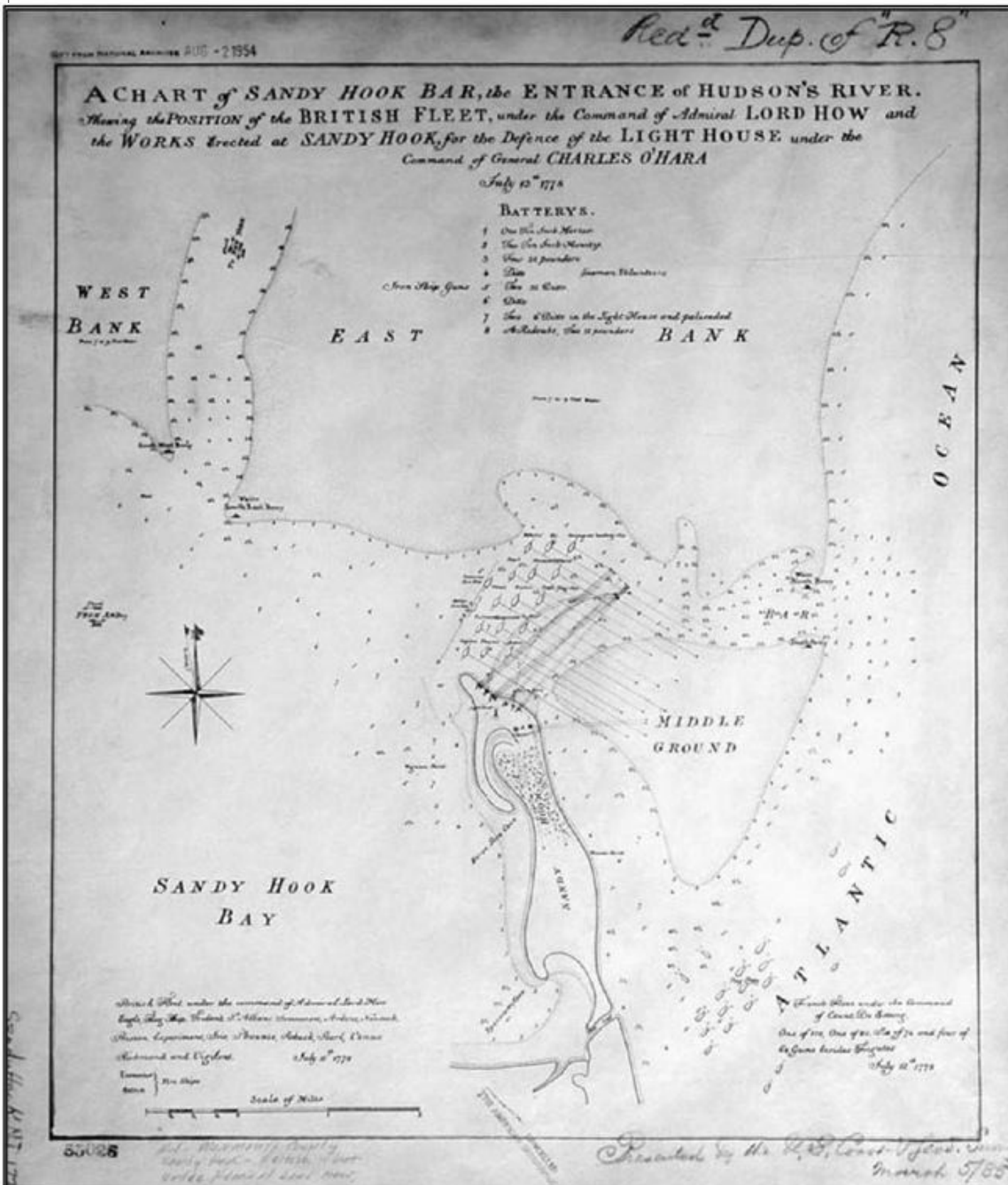
In May 1948 two Highlands clammers returning from a long workday on the water, stepped from their rowboat onto the beach at Cedar Street. Looking down, William and Lloyd Cottrell saw the glint of gold at the water's edge. Dropping to their knees, they sifted through the sand and found several dozen more gold coins. Despite their efforts to keep their finds a secret, word got out and the next day the beaches in Highlands were covered by hundreds of people with shovels digging for their chance at treasure. Unfortunately, by days later no more coins had been found. The coins turned out to be Portugese gold pieces from the mid 1700's, possibly dropped by Army payroll officers during the British crossing of the river after the Battle of Monmouth.



MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	Apr 30	1	May 2
					Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	
					Taxes & Sewer Due	Town wide Garage Sale Fiesta De Mayo
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Communications 7pm VFW Post 6902	Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Council Meeting Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Garden Club Meeting	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	
Town wide Garage Sale		Cinco de Mayo				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Environmental	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	Recycling: Zones 2 & 4	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Land Use Board	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	American Legion Members meeting
Knights of Columbus Breakfast Mother's Day						Roar on the River Armed Forces Day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Shade Tree	Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Council Meeting	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Historical Society Meeting	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	
Roar on the River						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Borough Offices CLOSED Schools CLOSED	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 7pm Green Team	Recycling: Zones 2 & 4 3:30pm SB Court Session 7:30pm Open Space 6:15p Housing Auth. Mtg.	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	
Seaport Craft Show	Memorial Day					
31	Jun 1	Notes: Committee meetings are held virtually via Zoom. Live meetings are held in the Conference Room at Borough Hall. Visit highlandsnj.gov for the most current location information.				





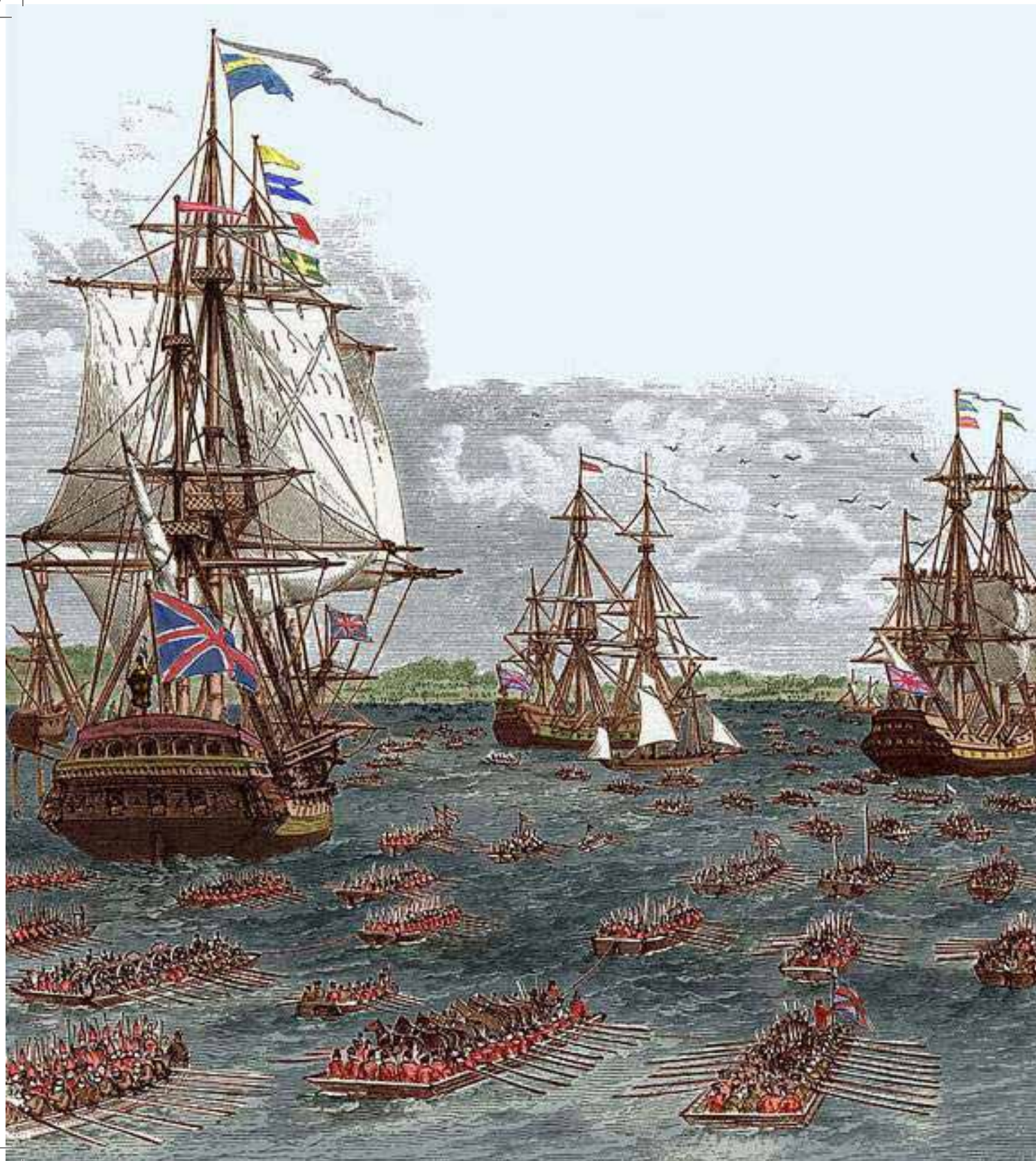
British Fortifications on Sandy Hook and Naval Blockade

The British built forts on the Hook, operated the Sandy Hook Lighthouse to guide their ships, and allowed hundreds of Loyalists to take refuge from the local Patriots on the Hook. While most of Monmouth County and New Jersey was controlled by American patriots, Sandy Hook was an important British outpost in New Jersey.

JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 31	1	2	3	4	5	Jun 6
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 3:30pm SB Court Session	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Garden Club Meeting	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Bulk: Zone 1	
		7pm Communications 7pm VFW Post 6902	7pm Council Meeting Ladies Auxiliary Meeting			
	Pride Month begins				D-Day	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Environmental	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	Recycling: Zones 2 & 4	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Land Use Board	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Bulk: Zone 2	
		Primary Election Day				Beach Bonfire
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session	Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Council Meeting	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Bulk: Zone 3	American Legion Members meeting
Knights of Columbus Breakfast		7pm Shade Tree	6:30 Housing Auth. Mtg.		Borough Offices CLOSED District Offices CLOSED	
Army Birthday Flag Day	Schools Early Dismissal	Last Day of School		Summer Concert Series 6:30pm-8:30pm	Juneteenth Observed	Fluke Tournament Farmer's Market
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 7:30pm Green Team	Recycling: Zones 2 & 4 3:30pm SB Court Session 7:30pm Open Space	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Historical Society Meeting	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Bulk: Zone 4	
Summer Solstice Father's Day				Summer Concert Series 6:30pm-8:30pm		Taste of Highlands Farmer's Market
28	29	30	Jul 1	2	3	4
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4				
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British Evacuation After Battle of Monmouth

After the Battle of Monmouth in Freehold, over 12,000 British troops marched to the hills above Highlands where they waited to board ships to take them to New York. George Washington's Army was behind them but he had decided not to attack again. In July 1778, the British camped on the hills and built pontoon bridges so they could reach their vessels. They boarded the ships without further combat and sailed to New York.

JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	Jun 30	1	2	3	Jul 4
			Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 3:30pm SB Court Session Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Garden Club Meeting <i>Summer Concert Series 6:30pm-8:30pm</i>	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 <i>Borough Offices CLOSED</i>	<i>Independence Day Farmer's Market</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 7pm Communications 3pm Court Session 7pm VFW Post 6902	Recycling: Zones 2 & 4	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Land Use Board <i>Summer Concert Series 6:30pm-8:30pm</i>	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	<i>Pride Fest Farmer's Market</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Environmental	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Council Meeting	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 <i>Summer Concert Series 6:30pm-8:30pm</i>	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	American Legion Members meeting
Knights of Columbus Breakfast						<i>Farmer's Market</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 7pm Shade Tree 3pm Court Session	Recycling: Zones 2 & 4 3:30pm SB Court Session 7:30pm Open Space 6:30p Housing Auth. Mtg.	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Historical Society Meeting <i>Summer Concert Series 6:30pm-8:30pm</i>	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	<i>Farmer's Market</i>
26	27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 7pm Green Team		Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 <i>Clamfest begins 6:00pm</i>	
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Sandy Hook Lighthouse Attacked By Patriots

The Sandy Hook Lighthouse built in 1761 was important to guiding arriving ships safely into New York Harbor. During the Revolution, the British fortified the area around the Lighthouse and guarded it with Army and Loyalist soldiers. George Washington ordered the destruction of the lighthouse and a Patriot raiding party removed its lamps and oil. Later Lt Colonel Benjamin Tupper's troops fired their cannon at the tower but its thick walls protected it from militia guns.

Single Stream Recycling in Highlands

Reciclaje de una sola corriente en Highlands



RESIDENTS CAN PLACE ALL MANDATED RECYCLABLES IN ONE RECYCLING CONTAINER

Los residents pueden colocar todos los materiales reciclables obligatorios en un contenedor de reciclaje



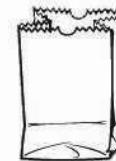
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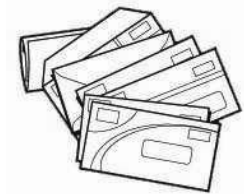
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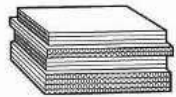
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Brown Paper Bags
[Bolsas de papel]



Junk Mail
[Propaganda por correo]



Cardboard
[Cartulina]



Paperboard
[Cartón]



Newspapers
[Periódicos]



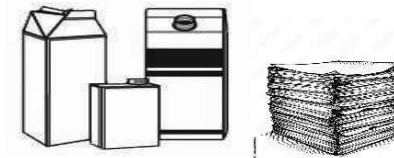
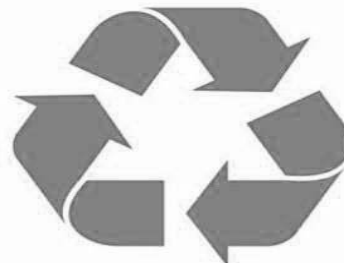
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Aerosol Cans**
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Glass Bottles & Jars
[Botellas y frascos de vidrio]



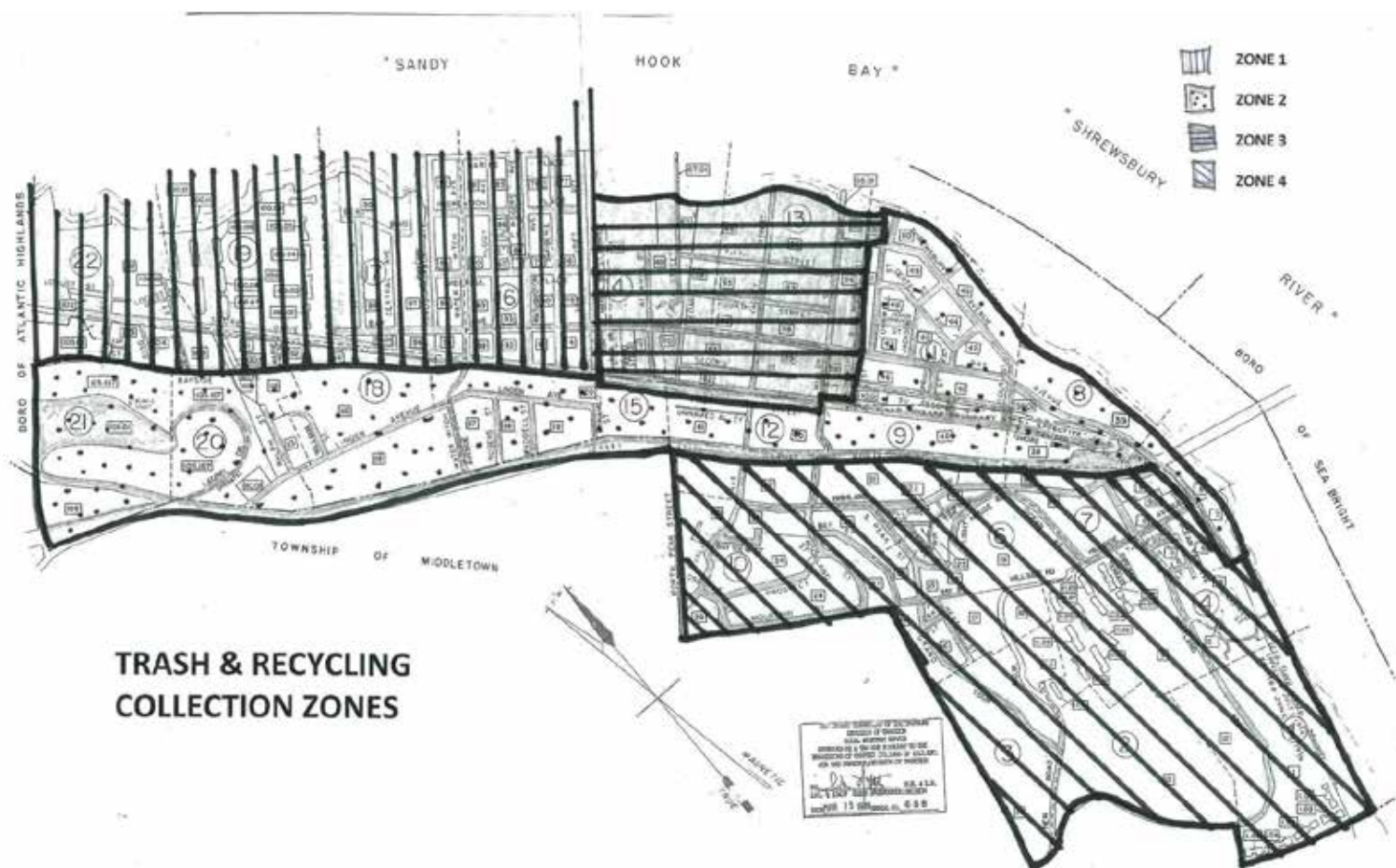
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Aluminum Foil & Pie Tins**
[Latas de aluminio, papel de aluminio y moldes de aluminio]



**Office Paper, Cardboard, Dairy
& Juice Containers**
[Papel de ofi, Envases de cartón d lácteos y jugos]

Trash, Recycling, Bulk & Brush in Highlands

Basura, Reciclaie, Bulk & Brush en Highlands



TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION ZONES

Zones 1 & 3

Trash Pickup: Monday & Thursday

Recycling: 1st & 3rd Wednesday

Zones 2 & 4

Trash Pickup: Tuesday & Friday

Recycling: 2nd & 4th Wednesday

Bulk & Brush will be picked up according to Zone

Zone 1: First Friday of the month

Zone 2: Second Friday of the month

Zone 3: Third Friday of the month

*****Except in April*****

Zone 4: Fourth Friday of the month

Department of Public Works

Spencer Carpenter

Superintendent

Recycling Yard Hours

Monday – Friday: 7am – 3pm

Saturday: 7am – 12pm

Sunday: CLOSED

Phone

(732) 872-1224 x250

Fax

(732) 872-0670

E-Mail

scarpenter@highlandsnj.gov

Location

151 Navesink Ave., Highlands



SCAN ME

Please Note: Regular Bulk pickup will be in **March, June, September, and December.**

If additional pickups are needed, the fee is \$50 per Bulk Permit which covers 2 large items and \$50 per Freon Permit for each A/C and fridge unit. Pickups will be the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

Place items curbside the night before pickup.

Recycling Center Hours: Monday - Friday 7am – 3pm, Saturday 7am – 12pm, and Sunday CLOSED

Brush will be picked up by zone during the months of April, October, and December on Fridays.

*****Zone 4 will have an additional brush pick in the month of June.*****

By ordinance, brush placement is only allowed during the first 5 days prior to collection. Place all brush 10 feet from storm drains, inlets or streams. All brush must be 25 feet from an intersection. Please remove vehicles from street during brush removal Fridays, by zone, as the street sweeper will follow the brush pick up – as per Borough Code 3-7.4.

*****Leaves will be picked up in October, November & December.*****

Bulk will be picked up by zone during the months of March, June, September, and December on Fridays. As per Borough Code 3-7.4.

There is NO residential recycling on the fifth Wednesday of any given month.

No trash pickup during scheduled holidays – Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Year's Day

Residents may also bring metals, recyclables, electronics, brush and leaves to the Recycling Center (must be separated).

Construction debris and Styrofoam are NOT accepted!

Fuel must be removed from landscaping and other equipment.

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

You can mix the following in one container: Glass, Plastic, Mixed Paper* & Cardboard**

*Mixed Paper: office paper, junk mail, newspapers, flyers, magazines, brochures, catalogs, etc.

**Cardboard is to be flattened & tied.

Household batteries can go in with regular garbage.

DO NOT PUT RECYCABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS

COMMERCIAL & INSTITUTIONAL RECYCLING PLAN

All businesses & institutions must comply with the residential and single stream recycling rules plus the following:

- ◆ Debris, furniture, and appliances will be handled by own hauler or contractor.
- ◆ Cardboard will be flattened and tied for pickup or brought to recycling yard.

THE BOROUGH RECYCLING CENTER DOES NOT TAKE THE FOLLOWING:

TIRES, PROPANE TANKS, OIL, PAINT CANS, HOUSEHOLD TRASH



MORE INFORMATION

Monmouth County Reclamation Center (732) 683-8686

Monmouth County Recycling Directory (732) 431-7460

Get the Free Recycle Coach App

Get the free app for the complete trash and recycling information in the Borough of Highlands at your fingertips!

Code Enforcement

Contact: William F. Brunt, Jr.
Phone: (732) 872-1224 x215
Email: code@highlandsnj.gov
Location: 151 Navesink Ave.
Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm

The Division of Code Enforcement provides regular inspections throughout the borough to ensure compliance with borough ordinances and building codes. Typically, the official will look for property maintenance violations and properties in an unsafe condition or state of disrepair. The Code Official can respond to complaints and inquiries from residents about conditions that may not conform to ordinance standards. Year-round and seasonal housing is inspected to ensure safe and habitable conditions exist in dwellings that are rented rather than owner-occupied. The Code Enforcement Official is there to protect all residents and businesses from unsafe and unsightly conditions to make the borough a better place to live.

Emergency Management

Contact: Antonio Flores
Phone: (848) 374-2607
Fax: (732) 872-0670
Email: highlandsoem@highlandsnj.gov
Location: 151 Navesink Ave.

The Office of Emergency Management is responsible for preparing for and managing any declared or other large-scale emergency, event, or occurrence, either man-made or natural, which may occur within the Highlands Borough. By law, the Office of Emergency Management must have an Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) that addresses all the possible/probable emergencies that may occur.

The Office of Emergency Management is responsible for:

Alert Warning and Communications	Damage Assessment
Emergency Medical	Emergency Operation Center
Emergency Public Information	Emergency Shelter/Reception/Care
Evacuation	Fire & Rescue
Hazardous Material	Law Enforcement
Public Health	Public Works
Radiological Protection	Social Services

AUGUST 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	Jul 31	Aug 1
						Taxes & Sewer Due
						Clamfest Farmer's Market
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Clamfest	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Communications 7pm VFW Post 6902	Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 3:30pm SB Court Session Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Garden Club Meeting	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	Farmer's Market
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Knights of Columbus Breakfast	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Environmental	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	Recycling: Zones 2 & 4	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Land Use Board	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	American Legion Members meeting Trudy Fest Farmer's Market
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Trudy Fest (Rain date)	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Shade Tree	Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Council Meeting	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 HBAC Meeting	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	Farmer's Market
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 7pm Green Team	Recycling: Zones 2 & 4 3:30pm SB Court Session 6:30p Housing Auth. Mtg. 7:30pm Open Space	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Historical Society Meeting	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	Farmer's Market
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	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3					





“Spike Wrecks” Ships Burned by Patriots in Sandy Hook Bay Whaleboat Wars

British supply ships arriving off Sandy Hook after their trans-Atlantic voyages anchored in Sandy Hook Bay awaiting favorable tides and winds to pass through the Narrows and into New York Harbor. While anchored at night with small crews to guard them, they often fell prey to Patriot crews who silently rowed out to them in the dark, overcame the guards, and loaded their valuable cargoes of weapons, gunpowder, ships sails and rope, and other supplies into their 30 foot-long open whaleboats. The ships were then set on fire. Local divers have located these wrecks and named them the “Spike Wrecks” due to the large numbers of spikes found in the burned timbers. Come up to see them in the Highlands Museum at Twin Lights.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	Aug 31	1	2	3	4	Sep 5
		Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Communications 7pm VFW Post 6902	Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 3:30pm SB Court Session 7pm Council Meeting Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Garden Club Meeting	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Bulk: Zone 1	Farmer's Market
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 <i>Borough Offices CLOSED</i> Labor Day	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	Recycling: Zones 2 & 4	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Land Use Board	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Bulk: Zone 2 Rosh Hashanah Begins	Brew by the Bay Farmer's Market
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Knights of Columbus Breakfast Rosh Hashanah ends Grandparents' Day	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Environmental	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Shade Tree	Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 3:30pm SB Court Session 7pm Council Meeting 6:30pm Housing Auth. Mtg	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Bulk: Zone 3	American Legion Members meeting Farmer's Market
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Yom Kippur begins sunset	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 7pm Green Team First Day of Autumn	Recycling: Zones 2 & 4 7:30pm Open Space	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Historical Society Meeting	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Bulk: Zone 4	Highlands Day Farmer's Market
27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3
Twin Lights Bike Ride	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4				
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Colonel Tye and British “Refugee” Raids

Local Loyalists who supported and fought for the British made Sandy Hook their refuge and base for raids on Patriot farms, homes and businesses in the area in search of supplies to send to the English in New York City. These men were given the name “Refugees” and were commanded by a former slave named Commander Tye. They terrorized the area throughout the War even after Colonel Tye was killed by local Patriot militia.

OCTOBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	Sep 30	1	2	Oct 3
				Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Garden Club Meeting	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Brush: Zone 1 Leaf: Zone 1	Oktoberfest Farmer's Market
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Oktoberfest (Rain date)	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Communications 7pm VFW Post 6902	Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Council Meeting Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Land Use Board	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Brush: Zone 2 Leaf: Zone 2	Fall Taste of Highlands Farmer's Market
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Environmental <i>Schools CLOSED</i>	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	Recycling: Zones 2 & 4	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Brush: Zone 3 Leaf: Zone 3	American Legion Members meeting
Knights of Columbus Breakfast	Indigenous Peoples' Day Columbus Day	Navy Birthday				Farmer's Market
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Shade Tree	Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 7:30pm Open Space 7pm Council Meeting	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Historical Society Meeting	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Brush: Zone 4 Leaf: Zone 4	Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweep 9a-12:30pm Howl o ween Halloween Parade Farmer's Market
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 7pm Green Team	3:30pm SB Court Session 6:30pm Housing Auth Mtg Recycling: Zones 2 & 4 First Responders Day	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	Halloween
Nov 1	Nov 2	Notes: Committee meetings are held virtually via Zoom. Live meetings are held in the Conference Room at Borough Hall. Visit highlandsnj.gov for the most current location information.				





The Role of the Hartshorne Family

As with many families during the Revolutionary War, the Hartshorne family members divided their loyalties between the causes. Esek Hartshorne, who owned the land that is now Highlands was a militia leader of the local Patriot cause. His brother Robert, was a pacifist Quaker and did not support either side. The Hartshorne families maintained their landholdings after the War.

NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Taxes & Sewer Due	2 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	3 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Communications 7pm VFW Post 6902	4 3:30pm SB Court Session 7pm Council Meeting Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	5 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Garden Club Meeting	6 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Leaf: Zone 1	Nov 7 Farmer's Market
8 NYC Marathon Daylight Savings Ends	9 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Environmental	10 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Election Day	11 Recycling: Zones 2 & 4 Borough Offices CLOSED	12 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Land Use Board	13 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Leaf: Zone 2	14 Farmer's Market
15 Knights of Columbus Breakfast	16 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	17 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Shade Tree	18 Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 American Legion Aux Mtg	19 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 6:30pm Housing Auth Mtg Historical Society Meeting	20 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Leaf: Zone 3	21 American Legion Members meeting Farmer's Market
22	23 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	24 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 7pm Green Team	25 Recycling: Zones 2 & 4 7:30pm Open Space	26 NO TRASH PICKUP Thanksgiving Day Schools CLOSED Borough Offices CLOSED	27 Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Black Friday Schools CLOSED Borough Offices CLOSED	28
29	30 Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Leaf: Zone 4 Cyber Monday	Dec 1	2	3	4	5
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6 Pounder Cannon Ball Found In Highlands

As a child over fifty years ago, Danny Campbell was digging in his grandmother's back yard at 21 Fifth Street. He came upon a heavy iron ball in the sand. He was fascinated by it. His parents said he could keep it and years later he brought it to the Historical Society of Highlands where Revolutionary War experts identified it as a cannon ball fired by a British "6 Pounder" artillery piece during the war.

DECEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	Nov 30	1	2	3	4	Dec 5
		Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Communications 7pm VFW Post 6902 <i>Giving Tuesday</i>	Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Council Meeting Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Garden Club Meeting	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Bulk & Brush: Zone 1 Leaf Zone 1 <i>Holiday Tree Lighting Hanukkah Begins</i>	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<i>Pearl Harbor</i>	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Environmental <i>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</i>	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	Recycling: Zones 2 & 4	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Land Use Board HBAC Meeting	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Bulk & Brush: Zone 2 Leaf Zone 2	<i>National Guard Birthday</i>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Knights of Columbus Breakfast <i>Holiday Market Tour</i>	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Shade Tree	Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 3:30pm SB Court Session 7pm Council Meeting Housing Authority Mtg	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 Bulk & Brush: Zone 3 Leaf Zone 3 <i>HBP Holiday Lights Contest</i>	American Legion Members meeting
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<i>Winter Solstice</i>	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 7pm Green Team	Recycling: Zones 2 & 4 7:30pm Open Space <i>Schools Early Dismissal</i>	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 <i>Schools CLOSED</i>	No Trash Pickup <i>Borough Offices CLOSED</i> <i>Schools CLOSED</i> <i>Christmas</i>	<i>Kwanzaa begins</i>
27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1	2
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 Bulk & Brush: Zone 4 Leaf Zone 4 <i>Schools CLOSED</i>	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 <i>Schools CLOSED</i>	<i>Schools CLOSED</i>	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 <i>Schools CLOSED</i> <i>New Year's Eve</i>		
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Halliburton Monument, Sandy Hook NJ

On December 31, 1783, the Revolutionary War was over and the British were leaving their headquarters in New York City to return to England. A small group of British seamen decided they didn't want to go home and they escaped to Sandy Hook. A party of 13 British Navy sailors from the HMS Assistance was ordered to capture them but they were lost in a blizzard on the Hook and froze to death. Their deaths are honored by the 1937 stone memorial and flags on Sandy Hook. Their remains were moved to Cypress Hills Cemetery in New York City in the early 1900's.

JANUARY 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					NO TRASH PICK UP 12pm Council - Reorg. <i>Borough Offices CLOSED</i> <i>Schools CLOSED</i> <i>New Year's Day</i>	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Communications 7pm VFW Post 6902	Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Environmental	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	Recycling: Zones 2 & 4	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Land Use Board	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	American Legion Members meeting
Knights of Columbus Breakfast						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3 <i>Borough Offices CLOSED</i> <i>Schools CLOSED</i> <i>Martin Luther King</i>	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 3pm Court Session 7pm Shade Tree	Recycling: Zones 1 & 3 7pm Council Meeting	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4 7pm Green Team	Recycling: Zones 2 & 4 7:30pm Open Space SB Court Session 3:30pm	Garbage: Zones 1 & 3	Garbage: Zones 2 & 4	
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Council meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, with exceptions for July, August, and November.

Borough Directory

<u>Dept. / Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone & Ext</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Location</u>
Borough Administrator	Michael Muscillo	(732) 872-1224 x203	mmuscillo@highlandsnj.gov	151 Navesink Ave.
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Cashier/Sewer Department	Tina Foster	(732) 872-1224 x204	cashier@highlandsnj.gov	151 Navesink Ave.
Construction/Building Official	Steve Winters	(732) 872-1224 x222	swinters@highlandsnj.gov	151 Navesink Ave.
Subcode Officials/CRS		(732) 872-1224 x225		151 Navesink Ave.
Chief Financial Officer	Patrick DeBlasio, CMFO, CTC	(732) 872-1224 x207	pdeblasio@highlandsnj.gov	151 Navesink Ave.
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Code Enforcement Officer	William F. Brunt, Jr	(732) 872-1224 x215	code@highlandsnj.gov	151 Navesink Ave.
Emergency Management	Antonio Flores	(848) 374-2607	highlandsoem@highlandsnj.gov	151 Navesink Ave.
Environmental Commission	Steve Szulecki		environment@highlandsnj.gov	151 Navesink Ave.
Finance Dept./Accounts Payable	Jorgi Craig	(732) 872-1224 x205	jcraig@highlandsnj.gov	151 Navesink Ave.
Fire Department/Chief	Rudolph Trivett, Sr.	(732) 581-9940	hfdchief@highlandsfiredepartment.com	17-1 Shore Drive
Fire Prevention	Charles Wells	(732) 872-1224 x252	cwells@highlandsnj.gov	17-1 Shore Drive
First Aid Squad	Rosemary Ryan, Pres.	(732) 778-9267	roryan1721@gmail.com	32-34 Valley Street
Land Use Board Secretary	Irina Jvarisheishvili-Darrar	(732) 872-1224 x226	landuse@highlandsnj.gov	151 Navesink Ave.
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Police Department	Robert Burton, Chief	(732) 872-1158	rburton@highlandsnj.gov	151 Navesink Ave.
Public Works Supervisor	Spencer Carpenter	(732) 872-1224 x250	scarpenter@highlandsnj.gov	151 Navesink Ave.
Recreation Department	Jacqueline Kane	(732) 872-1224 x232	jkane@highlandsnj.gov	22 Snug Harbor Ave
Registrar of Vital Statistics	Nancy Tran	(732) 872-1224 x201	clerk@highlandsnj.gov	151 Navesink Ave.
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Tax Assessor	Greg Hutchinson, ASA, CTA	(732) 872-1224 x211	assessor@highlandsnj.gov	151 Navesink Ave.
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Zoning Officer	Courtney Lopez	(732) 872-1224 x224	clopez@highlandsnj.gov	151 Navesink Ave.

General Meeting Schedule

Please check each month for location and time

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
First		Communications	Council*	Garden Club
Second	Environmental	Lions Club		Land Use Board
Third		Shade Tree	Council**	Historical (Nov)
Fourth		Green Team	Open Space	Historical (Mar – Oct)

***No meeting July & August. **No meeting in November.**

Fire Department

Contact: Department Chief, Rudolph Trivett, Sr.
Phone: (732) 581-9940
Email: hfdchief@highlandsfiredepartment.com
Location: 17-1 Shore Drive, Highlands
Web Site: www.highlandsfiredepartment.com

The Highlands Fire Department is an all-Volunteer Organization that proudly protects an estimated 5,000 people living in an area of one square mile. We operate out of one station that protects a primarily residential area. The department consists of 50 members but is always looking to grow.

Founded in 1900, the department consists of two companies: Columbia Hose Company No. 1 & Star Hook and Ladder Company No. 2. We answer structure, brush, car, and boat fire calls along with providing rescue services related to motor vehicle extrication and boater distress calls.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the email above.

Highlands First Aid Squad

Contact: President, Rosemary Ryan
Phone: (732) 778-9267
Email: roryan1721@gmail.com
Location: 32-34 Valley Street, Highlands
Facebook: www.facebook.com/HighlandsFirstAidSquad

Established in 1931, we are the 2nd oldest squad in the country! The Highlands First Aid Squad is an all-volunteer organization that serves the 5,000 residents of the Borough of Highlands, New Jersey, as well as providing mutual aid to surrounding communities. Our very dedicated and capable squad provides year-round EMS coverage and community service and events. We are always recruiting good men and women to join our Squad. No experience required and free training will be provided.

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In June 1790, President George Washington hosted a fishing party made up of his Secretary of State, Thomas Jefferson, and his Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton. They were to spend three days on a boat just off Sandy Hook within sight of the Highlands hills. Here they fished and relaxed. ***[To read more, visit highlandsnj.gov/event-directory]***