



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

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March Borough Updates:

- **Emergency Services** – Incidents: First Aid Squad = 25; Fire = 35; Police = 711
- **Code Enforcement** – 6 Summons; 1 Warnings; 10 Reports; 16 Inspections; 6 Permits; 6 OPRA
- **Building Department** – 37 Inspections where 25 Passed; 8 Failed; 0 Not Ready; 22 Permits issued
- **Regionalization to include Sea Bright** – There are no legal reasons holding us back, Mayors' talks ongoing.
- **Land Use Board** – 326 Shore Dr. SeaStreak application for Zoning & Parking improvements, had 1<sup>st</sup> hearing on 12/18 the 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing date has not been scheduled yet. Affordable Housing Ordinance deemed consistent with Master Plan. Solar Powered 44 Miller 4<sup>th</sup> scheduled for meeting 4/9.
- **Shadowlawn AINR** – The approved plan for the property is a five-story building with 292 units, with 44 affordable. There will be a scenic overlook for the public to use and installation of curbs & sidewalks from Linden to Scenic Drive. Environmental studies will be completed before any construction occurs.
- **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.

Current Project Updates- Weather Permitting

- **Tide Valves Replacement** – Two 18" at Coves done 1/21, 36" at Coves 3/13 & 19" Jackson soon.
- **Overlook Park Creation** – Monuments footings poured, fence completed.
- **Frank Hall Park Updates** – Site is cleaned, forms in place, pavers on site.
- **Twin Light Terrace & South Peak** – Drainage and repair retaining wall. Waiting for weather to break.

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 \$1.1 million, Grant \$420,323. 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

- **REPI Living Shoreline & Bulkhead** - DEP & Army Corp permits approved. Implementation expected 5/2026.
- **NJ Agritourism** – Video link to the J.T. White Clam Plant to be displayed on TV in Borough Hall.
- **Flood mitigation & Green Infrastructure** – Project = \$16,205,280, reapplied for Congressional Funding.
- **Hudson River Foundation** - Building Community Capacity for Resiliency Program – Upgrade/replace all outfalls.

Grants being explored

- **Sanitary Sewer Phase II** – NJ Water Bank, USDA Water, NJ Champs & other options being explored.
- **New First Ad & DPW HQ** – Looking for funding.
- **New Pumper Truck for FD** – Put seed money in the 2025 & 6 budget & exploring grant options for purchase.
- **Multi-use Overpass over R36** – Looking to resubmit for funding with State & County options.
- **EV Charger at Borough Hall** – Looking for funding.
- **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 and T-Mobile.

Coming up in April

- Happy Passover, Happy Easter and Happy Orthodox Easter to everyone!
- Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweep at the Community Center 4/11 from 9am to 12.30pm.
- Open House for Local Government Services Week on 4/16.