



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT
151 Navesink Avenue, Highlands NJ 07732
Wednesday, May 6, 2025, at 7:00 PM

April Borough Updates:

- **Emergency Services** – Incidents: First Aid Squad = 23; Fire = 10; Police = 791
- **Code Enforcement** – 3 Summons; 1 Warnings; 11 Reports; 20 Inspections; 13 Permits; 5 OPRA
- **Building Department** – 53 Inspections; 40 Passed; 3 Failed; 10 Not Ready; 57 Const Permits; 9 Zoning Permits
- **Regionalization with Sea Bright** – No more legal issues. Sea Bright to work with HHRS Board to be included.
- **Land Use Board** – 326 Shore Dr. SeaStreak application for Zoning & Parking improvements, had 1st hearing on 12/18 the 2nd hearing date has not been scheduled yet. Solar Powered 44 Miller scheduled for 5/14.
- **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, geotechnical & traffic 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** – All new construction must have a commercial component. Meet with County Planning first.
- **New Business** – Sydney Frances Hair Salon @ 66 Miller St.
- **Celebration at Twin Lights** – April 25th reenacted the first assembly recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Current Project Updates- Weather Permitting

- **Tide Valves Replacement** – Two 18" at Coves done 1/21, 36" at Coves 3/13 & 19" Jackson done 4/22.
- **Overlook Park Creation** – Pavers & fence completed, grading site. Completion goal - before Memorial Day.
- **Frank Hall Park Updates** – Site being cleared, pavers & forms are on site.
- **Twin Light Terrace & South Peak** – Drainage and repair retaining wall. Work started 4/27.

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.
- **Flood mitigation & Green Infrastructure** – Project = \$16,205,280, applied for Congressional Funding & FEMA.
- **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 and location options.
- **New Pumper Truck for FD** – Put seed money in the 2025 & 26 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, submitted to T-Mobile.

Coming up in May

- 5/10 Mother's Day
- 5/16 Armed Forces Day
- 5/24 Seaport Craft Show at Huddy Park
- 5/31 Memorial Day Service at Veterans Park 12pm