



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT
151 Navesink Avenue, Highlands NJ 07732
Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 7:00 PM

Borough Updates for June:

- **Emergency Services** – Incidents: First Aid Squad = 16; Fire = 17; Police = 1041
- **Code Enforcement** – 10 Summons; 10 Warnings; 22 Reports; 18 Inspections; 18 Permits; 6 OPRA
- **Building Department** – 67 Inspections; 58 Passed; 8 Failed; 1 Not Ready; 26 Const Permits; 7 Zoning Permits
- **Regionalization with Sea Bright** – No more legal issues. Sea Bright to work with HHRS Board to be included.
- **Land Use Board** – 6/11 Meeting Highlights: Resolutions approved for Ordinance 26-10 deemed consistent with Master Plan, Mattina, 149 Portland Rd. extension request, Solar Powered 44 Miller, approved with restrictions, Conte, 212 Linden Ave. dismissal. SeaStreak application zoning & parking improvements, 2nd hearing 6/25 carried to a future date.
- **Shadowlawn AINR** – Five-stories, 292 units, 44 affordable. Scenic overlook open to the public, installation of curbs & sidewalks Linden to Scenic Drive. Environmental, geotechnical & traffic studies 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.

Current Project Updates- Weather Permitting

- **Overlook Park Creation** – Shrubs, solar tables & binocular installed, matching monuments poured, grass in, done July.
- **Frank Hall Park Updates** – Site being graded, footings for bocce court poured, drainage in, done July.
- **South Peak/ Grand Tour Drainage Improvements** – DOT Local Aid Grant \$420,323. Survey work started on 6/22.

Grants won – projects to be permitted & awarded

- **Resurface playgrounds at Huddy, Rec and Vets + resurface courts at Rec** – MC Open Space \$225,050.
- **Flood mitigation & Green Infrastructure** – Project = \$16,205,280, FEMA Mon Hills archaeological survey 6/22-29.
- **Linden, WW, Bay & Snug Harbor Drainage Improvements** – Estimated \$1.7 Million project 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.

Grants submitted waiting to hear back

- **REPI Living Shoreline & Bulkhead** - DEP & Army Corp permits approved. Implementation expected 12/2026.
- **Bronze Huddy Statue** –The proposed installation will be located at Huddy Park, not awarded T-Mobile Grant.
- **Hudson River Foundation** - Building Community Capacity for Resiliency Program – Upgrade/replace all outfalls.
- **New Pumper Truck for FD** – Put seed money in the 2025 & 26 budget + American Firefighter Grant submitted 6/22.
- **Bike/Walkway Overpass over R36** – Community walkway NJDOT MA & Bikeways/SSTT submitted 6/22 & 6/30.

Grants being explored

- **North St & Shore Drive Drainage** – Storm sewer upgrades NJDOT Municipal Aid due 7/1.
- **Waterwitch Ave** – Sidewalks and curbs replacement CDBG due 7/17. Public Hearing at 7/15 Council Meeting.
- **Kavookjian Upgrades** – New bleachers, retaining walls drainage & fencing. MC Open Space Grant due 7/9.
- **New First Aid & DPW HQ** – Looking for funding and location appraisal.

Coming up in July

- Your opinion counts, please take our surveys: highlandsnj.gov/government/survey
- 7/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Summer Concert Series at Veterans Park
- 7/3 Tall Ships in Sandy Hook Bay
- 7/4 America's 250th Birthday
- 7/4, 11, 18, 25 Farmers Market at Huddy Park 8:30 – sell out
- 7/7 Mobile Motor Vehicle Unit at Borough Hall 8:30 – 4:30
- 7/12 Knight of Columbus Breakfast at OLPH
- 7/31 Clamfest begins at Huddy Park 6pm [also 8/2 and 8/3]