



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

151 Navesink Avenue, Highlands NJ 07732

Wednesday, August 1, 2026, at 7:00 PM

Borough Updates for July:

- **Emergency Services** – Incidents: First Aid Squad = 29; Fire = 23; Police = 899
- **Code Enforcement** – 9 Summons; 19 Warnings; 19 Reports; 25 Inspections; 18 Permits; 6 OPRA
- **Building Department** – 42 Inspections; 36 Passed; 1 Failed; 4 Not Ready; 14 Const Permits; 11 Zoning Permits
- **Regionalization with Sea Bright** – No more legal issues. Sea Bright to work with HHRS Board to be included.
- **Land Use Board** – 7/9 Meeting Highlights: Resolution approved for Dunn 26 Seadrift, with restrictions. Seastreak application zoning & parking improvements, 3rd hearing carried to a future date, not scheduled yet.
- **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** – Largely completed 8/4.
- **Frank Hall Park Updates** – Site being graded, footings for bocce court poured, drainage in, Completed by 9/4.
- **South Peak/ Grand Tour Drainage Improvements** – NJ DOT MA Grant \$420,323. Design is ongoing.

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 environmental Assessment.
- **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 MA submitted 7/1.
- **Waterwitch Ave** – Sidewalks and curbs replacement CDBG submitted 7/17.
- **Kavookjian Upgrades** – New bleachers, retaining walls drainage & fencing. MC Open Space Grant submitted 7/9.
- **New First Aid & DPW HQ** – Looking for funding and location to be purchased via ordinance.

Coming up in August – More information is on our website

- Your opinion counts, please take our surveys: highlandsnj.gov/government/survey
- 8/9 Knights of Columbus breakfast at OLPH 10am
- 8/13 Regular Land Use Board Meeting
- 8/14 County celebration of Gertrude Ederle at Popamora Point
- 8/15 Trudy Fest at Veterans Park, 8/19 rain date
- 8/19 Veterans Resource Fair at Fort Athletic Club, 114 Saltzman Ave., Oceanport, NJ
- 8/19 Regular Council Meeting
- 8/19 Board of Education Meeting
- 8/26 HHRS 7th Grade Orientation Day 10 – 2am