



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT
151 Navesink Avenue, Highlands NJ 07732
Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Borough Updates for August:

- **Emergency Services** – Incidents: First Aid Squad = 18; Fire = 33; Police = 916.
- **Code Enforcement** – 9 Summons; 11 Warnings; 18 Reports; 34 Inspections; 5 Permits; 7 OPRA; 2 Discovery.
- **Building Department** – 40 Inspections; 33 Passed; 2 Failed; 5 Not Ready; 17 Const Permits; 6 Zoning Permits.
- ***NEW* Public Works** – Rain Gage report for August = 15.14 inches.
- **Land Use Board** – 8/3 Meeting Highlights: Resolution approved for Dunn 26 Seadrift, with restrictions. Seastreak application zoning & parking improvements, 3rd hearing 9/30, 7pm at HHRS.
- **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

- **Frank Hall Park Updates** – Fence installed, bocce court poured, drainage in, completed by 9/18.
- **South Peak/ Grand Tour Drainage Improvements** – NJ DOT MA Grant \$420,323. Seeking extension.
- **Resurface playgrounds at Huddy, Rec and Vets + resurface courts at Rec** – MC Open Space \$225,050.

Grants won – projects to be permitted & awarded

- **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, looking for funding.
- **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 September – More information on highlandsnj.gov/announcements

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- 9/10 Regular Land Use Board Meeting 7pm
- 9/11 Community Memorial Ceremony at Veterans Park 6:30pm
- 9/12 Brew by the Bay event at Seafarer 12-5pm
- 9/13 Knights of Columbus breakfast at OLPH 10am
- 9/14 HHRS Back to School Night
- 9/17 HES Back to School Night
- 9/23 Highlands Lions 100th Birthday
- 9/26 Highlands Day at the Community Center 4-10pm
- 9/27 Twin Lights Bike Ride at Huddy Park 7am