



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

151 Navesink Avenue, Highlands NJ 07732

Friday, October 2, 2026

Borough Updates for September:

- **Emergency Services** – Incidents: First Aid Squad = 29; Fire = 33; Police = 785.
- **Code Enforcement** – 7 Summons; 11 Warnings; 22 Reports; 23 Inspections; 12 Permits; 7 OPRA.
- **Building Department** – 35 Inspections; 25 Passed; 7 Failed; 6 Not Ready; 15 Const Permits; 8 Zoning Permits.
- ***NEW* Public Works** – Rain Gage report for August = 15.14"; September = 15.92".
- **Land Use Board** – 9/10 Meeting Highlights: Review 2026 Master Plan Updates. Seastreak application zoning & parking improvements, 3rd hearing 9/30 = Engineer testimony concluded, 4th hearing 12/9 @ 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** – Punch list items only, to be completed by 10/16.
- **South Peak/ Grand Tour Drainage Improvements** – NJ DOT MA Grant \$420,323. Test pits 10/5, start on 10/8.
- **Resurface playgrounds at Huddy, Rec and Vets + resurface courts at Rec** – MC Open Space \$225,050.
- **Kavookjian Upgrades I** – New bleachers on concrete pads, drainage, paint dugouts, Boro funded.

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.
- **REPI Living Shoreline & Bulkhead** - DEP & Army Corp permits approved. Awaiting final sum awarded.
- **Kavookjian Upgrades II** – New backdrop, netting behind & along R36, drainage, fencing. MC Open Space \$272,500.

Grants submitted waiting to hear back

- **Bronze Huddy Statute** – 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.
- **New First Aid & DPW HQ** – Looking for funding and location to be purchased via ordinance.

Coming up in October – More information on highlandsnj.gov/announcements

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- 10/3 Oktoberfest, Veterans Park Noon - 7pm
- 10/5 **STORM CLEANUP** Town wide **Brush** pick up, put out evening of 10/4
- 10/9 **STORM CLEANUP** Town wide **Bulk** pick up, put out evening of 10/8
- 10/10 Taste of Highlands 12-5pm
- 10/11 Knights of Columbus breakfast at OLPH 10am
- 10/12 Columbus Day, all District Schools are closed
- 10/13 Navy's 251th birthday and HHRS + STEAM Academy Open House
- 10/14 Lion's Day at Off The Hook, help celebrate 100 years, noon to 10pm
- 10/18 Lion's Pancake Breakfast, Community Center, 9-12