BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS

MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

151 Navesink Avenue, Highlands, NJ 07732

November 4, 2026

Borough Updates for October:

- **Emergency Services –** Incidents: First Aid Squad = 25; Fire = 35; Police = 699.
- **Code Enforcement –** 4 Summons; 7 Warnings; 18 Reports; 24 Inspections; 8 Permits; 6 OPRA.
- **Building Department –** 11 Inspections, 10 Passed, 1 Failed, 0 Not Ready; 14 Const Permits; 8 Zoning Permits.
- **Public Works –** Rain Gage report for October = 5.02".
- **Land Use Board –** 10/8 Meeting Highlights: Meeting was cancelled, no applications were ready. 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, completed 10/16, Re-dedication on 11/3/26.
- **South Peak/ Grand Tour Drainage Improvements** – NJ DOT MA Grant $420,323. Start on 10/8, complete 10/20/26.
- **Com Ctr/Huddy/Vets Improvements** – Com Ctr done 12/28, Huddy, Vets to go. Courts prep & milling stat 11/4.
- **Kavookjian Upgrades I** – New bleachers on concrete pads, drainage, paint dugouts, Boro funded.
- **New Pumper Truck for FD** – Put seed money in the 2025 & 26 budget, ordered.

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. Awarded $1,3 million.
- **Kavookjian Upgrades II** – New backdrop, netting behind & along R36, drainage, fencing. MC Open Space$272,500.

Grants submitted waiting to hear back

- **Hudson River Foundation** - Building Community Capacity for Resiliency Program – Upgrade/replace all outfalls.
- **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 7/1/26.
- **Waterwitch Ave** – Sidewalks and curbs replacement CDBG submitted 7/17/26 – not awarded.
- **New First Aid & DPW HQ** – Looking for funding and location to be purchased via ordinance.
- **Bronze Huddy Statute –**The proposed installation will be located at Huddy Park, looking for funding.

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

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- 11/3 Election Day, polls open 6am - 8pm
- 11/8 Knights of Columbus Veterans breakfast at OLPH 10am **AND** Lions Club 100 anniversary Gala at Bahrs 1-4pm
- 11/11 Veterans Day Borough Offices are closed
- 11/14 AUSN & Borough Open House at the Recreation Center for a light breakfast 10am
- 11/18 Rabies Clinic at the Fire House, 6-8pm
- 11/25 Community Thanksgiving at Community Center, 6pm
- 11/26 Thanksgiving Day, no trash pickup, Borough Offices and Schools are closed
- 11/27 Black Friday, Borough Offices and Schools are closed