



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT
22 Snug Harbor Avenue, Highlands NJ 07732
Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 7:00 PM

The **July** Report is as follows. All constructions dates are weather & supply-chain permitting.

- Construction Updates
 - **Municipal Building** – Ribbon Cutting was 7/7. Planned move in at the beginning of September.
 - **Waterwitch Pump Station** – The electrical breaker panel is installed, and electric service was moved. Demo of old building began on 7/27.
 - **Skate Park** – Ribbon Cutting was 7/28.
 - **I-Bank large sanitary sewer project for Waterwitch Area Phase 1** – Mains and laterals complete on Central, Ocean, Beach Gravelly. Mains complete on Linden, Ralph & William. Planned for August: North and Bay Mains. Also planned for end of August is the removal of wells on Beach, Central & Ocean area.
 - **171 Bay Ave EV Charging Station** – Charging station installed 6/26-29. We are still waiting for JCPL to install 3-phase electric to the station.
 - **Jones Creek** – County will do East section [Snug Harbor] CAFRA permit was submitted in Dec.
 - **Portland Road Guard Rail** – Engineering plans submitted to the County. Waiting for County to repair. We also included this into our 2024 DOT Municipal Aid Grant for Portland Road & Grand Tour.
- Construction Planned for 2023 & 2024
 - **Reconstruction of Bayside Drive & Marie St** – From Shore Dr to Borough border. Work includes sanitary sewer main replacement, storm drainage improvements and paving. DOT grant \$246,850. Awarded to CME on 5/17. Waiting for DOT approval of Engineering, then will go out to bid.
 - **Update Vets Park** – Bids due 8/2/23, in legal review. Local Recreation grant from DCA \$75,000.
 - **Create Overlook Park [empty lot on NJSH 36]** – Environmental work ongoing. MCOS \$148k + DCA \$74k.
 - **Update Frank Hall Park** – Joint venture with the Open Space/Lions Club/Green Team looking for grants.
 - **Marine PI Elevated walkway East [Sea Drift]** – CME submitted Monmouth County CDBG grant.
 - **2021 Resiliency Plan** – Received a grant for design & engineering for living shoreline & bulkhead at Veteran's Park. We are working on funding for the Snug Harbor pump and surrounding area. Submitted FEMA BRIC and Congressionally Directed Spending. Working to submit grant for USDOT - Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program.
- Regionalization Update
 - The Commissioner of Education has approved the 3 BoEs petition for a September 26 Special Election.
 - The Commissioner of Education has not approved the 3 BoE+3 town's resolution for a November vote.
- Grants/Funding Update – We have been awarded **\$2,602,058** so far in 2023.
- Monmouth Hills Runoff
 - On-going discussions with Monmouth Hills HOA, State, County and Middletown officials. We were awarded 1.3-million-dollar 2023 NJDOT Local Transportation Projects for drainage Linden, Waterwitch, Bay and Jones Creek. Working on submitting permits to DEP & Tidelands.
- Community Rating System [CRS] program for lower flood insurance.
 - The CRS Coordinator applied to Region 2 Floodplain Management & Insurance (FM&I) Branch to complete a Compliance Audit. She also secured an agreement with Forerunner Floodplain Management Software to help us achieve CRS inclusion.

All the best to you and yours.
Mayor Carolyn Broullon