

Manhasset's Western Gateway Sign Restored. by Rich Bentley

The 'Manhasset 1680' sign at Whitney Pond Park at the corner of Community Drive and Northern Blvd had come down in Superstorm Sandy. A quick thinking Greater Council VP Liz Miller saw the sign in the brush below following the storm and retrieved it to her garage and alerted the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations (Greater Council). Flower Hill Association's John W. Walter, a former 8 year Mayor of Flower Hill who is no stranger to civic work, then volunteered to coordinate the needed repairs and restoration. "It took much longer than expected to repair, including a new top spandrel 4" x 4" header beam with 5 coats of paint, then 4 new coats of clear waterproof paint on the sign. Installation was thwarted by frequent rain, snow, or the poison ivy in the nearby brush below" said John. The sign, support beam, tools and three ladders were delivered and installed gratis on July 3rd by Cid's Construction whom John had worked with on other projects. A year later, it's now back up to grace Manhasset's western border ... and all through volunteer efforts.

These signs at Manhasset's border along Rte 25A, one at the east by Searingtown Rd (near Whole Foods), and on the west by Community Drive (near Macy's), were originally installed decades ago by the Chamber of Commerce, but Greater Council has stepped in to assist the Chamber each time they've fallen into disrepair. In 2010 both signs were refabricated in a cooperative project with the Manhasset High School Technology Department's Mr. Frank Russo. When needed, Town Parks Dept cooperates with property access, the Chamber reimburses nominal expenses, and Greater Council members do the footwork that makes it happen. A hearty "Thank You" to all involved.

Big or small, things in Manhasset don't happen by themselves; It always takes caring and vigilance, patience and coordination, and much community volunteerism. Visit www.manhassetcivic.org to learn more. It takes YOU getting involved in your civic organization to help in whatever way you can because a civics' work is never done.



Benito Cid and his Son Eric of Cid's Construction; Photos by John Walter