



Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc.

(Greater Council)

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Bayview Civic Association
Flower Hill Civic Association
Manhasset Park Civic Association
Norgate Civic Association
North Strathmore Civic Association
Plandome Civic Association
Plandome Heights Civic Association
Shorehaven Civic Association
South Strathmore Civic Association
Strathmore Vanderbilt Civic Assoc.
Strathmore Village Civic Association
Terrace Manor Civic Association

Liaisons to Incorporated Villages:

Flower Hill
Munsey Park
North Hills
Plandome
Plandome Heights
Plandome Manor

Other Liaisons

Coalition for Safer Manhasset (CSM)
Coalition Against Substance Abuse (CASA)
Chamber of Commerce
Manhasset Park District
Manhasset Preservation Society

Agenda

Wed February 15, 2017 @ 7:30pm; Town Hall, Law Library

(use Andrew St entrance Half flight upstairs to 1st Floor – Town Attorney Office - Law Library;)

1. **Call to order**. Roundtable Introduction.
2. **Councilwoman Kaplan / Sabereh Samet TNH Update**- Open Items List Review ([link](#)).
3. **President's Report**: Rich Bentley
 - a. **311 stats** [311 detail reports \(link\)](#) CYE 12/31/16 Total volume -10% with OnTime completion -1% from prior yr. 1/31/17 stats = Total SR vol +13%, Ontime completion -2% from same per prior yr. Cumulative Open=266.
 - b. **Beautification Updates** (Jeff O'Brien/ Andrew Schwenk/ Katie Miller)
 - i. BTDC Matching Grant Program – Did Chamber submit an application; can we get copy?
 - c. **Manhasset Park District Updates** (Andrew Schwenk or MPD rep)
 - d. **3rd Pct Community Council Mtg**: New 3rd Pct Commander. Insp. Daniel Flanagan.
 - e. **287 - 292 Plandome Rd Manhasset**: NC Zoning Application- rumors of a planned greek bakery.
4. **Secretary's Report**:
 - a. **Approval of Prior Minutes**: Draft of Jan 11, 2016 minutes posted ([link](#)).
5. **Treasurer's Report**- Bill D'Antonio.
6. (near 9pm) **Discussion with NC Executive Candidate Laura Curran**
7. **Civic Report Roundtable** (if time permits)
8. **New Business**: (if time permits) GC Bylaw review? (last review 2008 few actions taken; Attached)

Upcoming Events:

- **Fri 2/17**: [Buttercooky Bakery \(link\)](#) Grand Opening/ Ribbon Cut 10am Plandome Rd
- **Sat 3/4/17**. "[Freezin for a Reason](#)"([link](#)) Town's Polar Plunge benefitting Special Olympics NY, in the chilly waters of North Hempstead Beach Park.

Topic **Last Known Status**

Plandome Road Vision Project: 5/1/12 TNH Community Mtg Summary and Community Feedback Summary 2012 posted on GC 'Our Projects' tab ([link](#)). TNH plans separate funded incremental phase projects while TNH investigates grants for the much broader Plandome Rd Vision project (25A to Webster). Follow-up needed on (1) Repainted crosswalk designs done w/standard staggered stripes, not the expected more decorative crosswalk designs. Add'l progress awaiting outcome of active Town grant applications; **Rich B met with TNH on 11/16 and reviewed last Vision Plan details. GC members to send recommendations to TNH for participants on new stakeholder group to evaluate potential revisions in that 'master plan'. Requested GC volunteers/nominations at Dec meeting, but no responses from GC members yet.**

Bayview Ave Infrastructure: TNH Board engaged architect for waterside walkway conceptual design alternatives to then include funding in TNH's 5 year capital plan. Some County owned land involved needed County inter-municipal agreement so project can advance. TNH rec'd a 2016 grant from FEMA Public Assistance Program Grant (Hazard Mitigation) near \$205K to restore, fill and stabilize near 165 linear ft of land that was lost during Super Storm Sandy. (about 0.1 acre) to protect Bayview Ave from possible damage of future storms.. More detail: [GC Website "Our Projects" webpage \(link\)](#). Bayview infrastructure grant received for 68 feet of shoreline. DPW awarded contract; **Awaiting implementation details.** GC requested Town add imminent short extension of existing guard rail at deadman's curve (90 degree turn of Bayview Ave at West Shore Rd); **No TNH action yet.**

TNH-MPD Intermunicipal Agreements: GC supports TNH expedited actions on: 1) granting MPD parking enforcement capabilities along Plandome Rd and its surrounding side streets; An **underlying enforcement employee status related issue arose that has not yet been solved which places this item on hold,** and 2) TNH lease parking spaces along MJDavies Green roadway to MPD for merchant permit use, retaining near 4 spaces for park/playground users. No IMA is needed on MPD Lot 3 reconfig and new curb cuts along MJDavies roadway-gaining 19 add'l spaces. Anna supported all the recommendations; Town and MPD met. In process for expected Town approval. Logistics planned for work in spring/summer 2017. **Status?**

Valley Park: Plans online "Our Projects" tab. Comfort Station completed in Fall 2015. Grass area sprinkler system completed. Playground installation completed Fall 2016. Dredging pond/creek issues delayed with Army Core of Engineers plans since Sandy. See related County & Town joint issues below.

MJD Green Gazebo Needs Repair: Repairs planned to be done in Parks Dept Budget. **No time frame given yet; Status?**

Searingtown Rd at Harrow La: SVCA request Northbound NO LEFT TURN 7-9am onto Harrow curtail shortcut traffic thru residential neighborhood; Awaiting SVCA to demonstrate clear residential majority in favor. **Status?**

TD Bank (Plandome Rd at 1305 Northern Blvd): Town Board's October hearing in general resulted in much criticism of taking away street parking spaces, but GC was aware it had a very sound improved safety basis, and TNH ultimately approved the parking revisions pursuant to the approved TD Bank site plan. Options to increase parking availability being explored. Site work not likely to occur until 2017 first quarter.

TNH Legislation to require a new building plan to be in process BEFORE granting a demolition permit. Example: 22 Norgate Rd Sunset Chapel property. Town attorney advised cannot require plans prior to demolition due to NY State law. GC questioned why?, since villages have successfully adopted similar requirements; Members report Flower Hill and one of the Great Neck villages currently require new building plan prior to a demolition permit. Town Attny initially rejected the idea advising that cases of safety require demolition that warrant immediate demo permit. GC recommended Town should be drafting proposed law that adequately addresses such 'emergencies' exceptions, rather than simply responding that "it's impossible" such as law. **Anna agreed to request more detailed information on appropriate legislation from Town Attorney Office.**

PSEG Poles: Much info available on <http://www.PSEGLongIsland.info>. TNH passed legislation 9/9/14 on "double poles" and "hazardous signage". TNH can fine those utilities who do not remove the double pole as per legislation. Most problem poles are not on Town but rather are on State property. Rich asked why Town isn't pushing for better State action. **Town now asked residents to report locations of double poles.**

51 Andrew St / Town Hall parking Lot dispute. Mtg held 2/9/17 with neighbor and Town Councilwoman and Supervisor to resolve. **Status?**

Leeds Pond Plandome Rd Culvert: status of TNH repair of culvert in danger of imminent collapse.

- **1111 Northern Blvd.** Mobil @ Valley Park; facade design on [GC Website \(link\)](#). Town approved site plan; owner expects work to start after 1/1/17.
- **99 Community Drive:** Applicant seeks zoning change to change from residential to commercial for retail and or medical offices. GC member eMail feedback defers to surrounding residents, One resident expressed objection prefers keep as residential; could accommodate a 2 family home. Ms. Kaplan is seeking additional resident feedback.
- **Mt Olive Church Property (Site Map Link):** Spinney Hill development proposed by D Gallo. NYS-DEC remediation plan expected in Fall 2016.
- **Apple Bank Buffer plantings: began in 2014.** Town awaiting outcome of adjacent neighbor survey dispute litigation.
- **Subdivision at 121 Park Ave.** status unknown.
- **Crosswalk at Park Ave/Nassau:** Driver and Pedestrian confusion; currently only westbound traffic has stop sign; Center stanchion requested to provide improved driver and pedestrian clarity. Similar confusion caused by crosswalks at Manhasset Ave at Linden St LIRR Overpass.
- **Plandome Rd Parking Committee:** [GC website Parking Committee link](#). Meetings ceased in 2014; No movement to re-establish yet

----- **Nassau County and Town (joint projects)** -----

Bayview Ave Infrastructure: Some land between roadway and Bay remains County owned; needs either land transfer or IMA; **Bid award pending.**

Valley Park -County DPW site on Maple St: Ms. Kaplan and County Legislator Nicoletto initiated potential land transfer or shared use (more info on GC website/projects([link](#))). **At recent PHCA meeting, County DPW commissioner Shah has recently re-confirmed the County's commitment, albeit some work scheduling issues need to be addressed in the final plan.** Town in process of awarding Traffic Engineering Study to support the Town's plan:

1. **Southern end of NC DPW property for add'l Valley Park parking.** Diane O'Donnell, Town's traffic advisor, suggests signal press button between Maple DPW site and Park. **County waiting for TNH Parking & roadway cross safety design plan.**
2. **Maple/Bayview intersection.** Town needs to advance conceptual redesign of intersection for improved safety and traffic flow. If design requires space from current grass triangle in front of DPW bldg. (flagpole area) to County DPW. GC urged Town engineering study to include this intersection so both can be advanced at same time. County waiting for Town's concept plan. **Town awarded contract in Jan for signal warrant analysis.**

----- **Nassau County Open Issues** -----

Mobilite Utility Pole on SR Rd @at L&T. Plans on [GC website \(link\)](#): Application suspended, awaiting project background and County DPW process clarification.

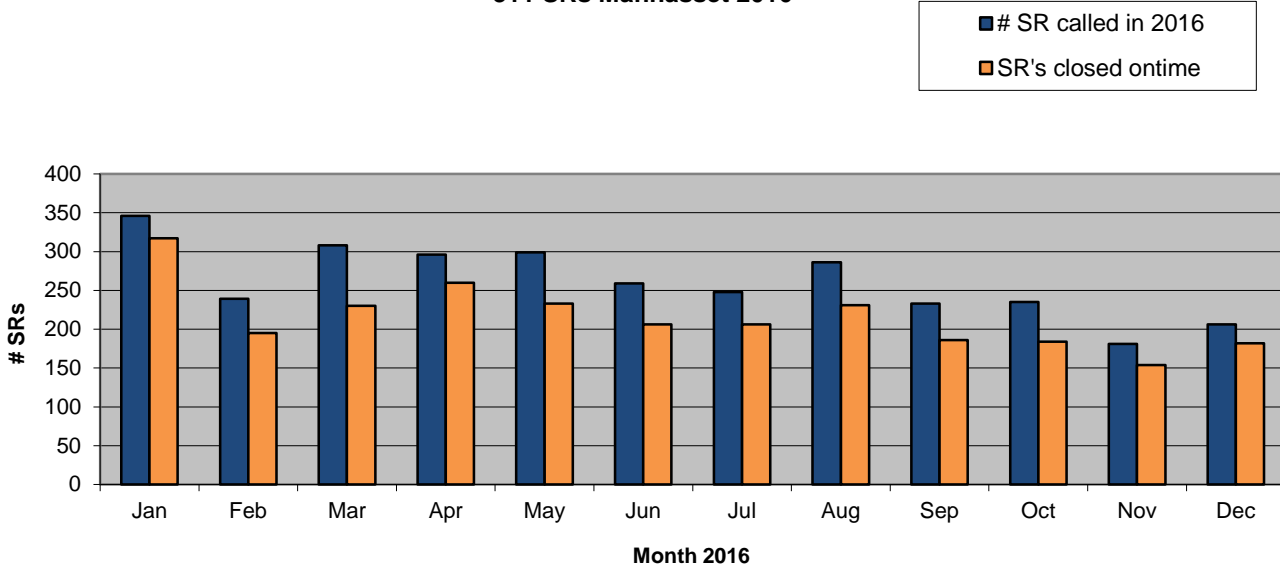
287-292 Plandome Rd (corner Plandome Rd & Park Ave) is subject of a **NC Planning Commission/zoning application to a restaurant.**

311 SRs within Manhasset 2016

total 311 SR calls	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD Total	Avg
2016 Totals	346	239	308	296	299	259	248	286	233	235	181	206	3136	261
Closed Ontime	317	195	230	260	233	206	206	231	186	184	154	182	2584	215
Ontime %	92%	82%	75%	88%	78%	80%	83%	81%	80%	78%	85%	88%	82%	

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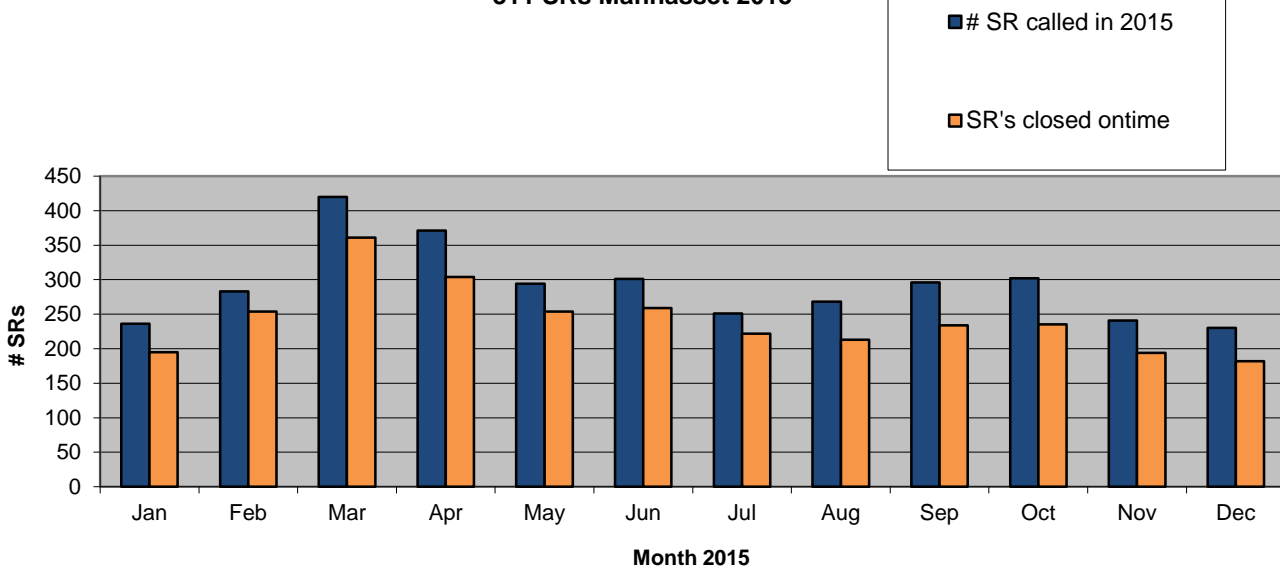
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311 SRs within Manhasset 2015

total 311 SR calls	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD Total	Avg
2015 Totals	236	283	420	371	294	301	251	268	296	302	241	230	3493	291
Closed Ontime	195	254	361	304	254	259	222	213	234	235	194	182	2907	242
Ontime %	83%	90%	86%	82%	86%	86%	88%	79%	79%	78%	80%	79%	83%	

311 SRs Manhasset 2015



311 SRs within Zip Code 11030 - January 2017

(The location of the issue to be resolved is within 11030)

Group Description	Zone	Type Description	Count	Closed on Time	Closed Late	Open Count	Overdue Count	Response Days	Internal Duration Days
Administrative Services	11030	Adm Svc - Green Team	1	0	1	0	0	12.0	5
Administrative Services			1	0	1	0	0	12.0	
Animal Shelter	11030	Animal Sh - Barking Dog	1	0	0	0	1	0	5
	11030	Animal Sh - Lost Animal	1	1	0	0	0	1.0	2
	11030	Animal Sh - Menacing or Harrassing Dog	1	1	0	0	0	1.0	5
Animal Shelter			3	2	0	0	1	0.7	
Building Department	11030	Bldg - Applicant Advocate Request	4	4	0	0	0	0.3	10
	11030	Bldg - Construction Complaint	1	1	0	0	0	3.0	5
	11030	Bldg - Illegal Housing	1	0	0	1	0	0	60
	11030	Bldg - Retaining Wall	1	1	0	0	0	4.0	30
	11030	Bldg - Suspect Work Without a Permit	3	1	0	0	2	1.7	5
Building Department			10	7	0	1	2	1.3	
Code Enforcement	11030	Code - BZA Noncompliance	1	1	0	0	0	7.0	10
	11030	Code - Boating Miscellaneous	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
	11030	Code - Fence	1	1	0	0	0	2.0	12
	11030	Code - Garbage	2	1	1	0	0	14.0	5
	11030	Code - Miscellaneous	1	0	0	0	1	0	10
	11030	Code - Property Maintenance	1	1	0	0	0	4.0	12
	11030	Code - Signs	2	1	1	0	0	10.0	5
	11030	Code - Snow/Ice Removal	3	1	2	0	0	9.7	5
Code Enforcement			12	7	4	0	1	7.5	
Community Services	11030	CommSvc - Seasonal Programs Registration	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Community Services			1	1	0	0	0	0	
Highway Department	11030	Hwy - Curb Repair	1	0	0	1	0	0	90
	11030	Hwy - Dead Animal Pickup	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
	11030	Hwy - Miscellaneous	1	0	1	0	0	25.0	5
	11030	Hwy - Pothole	13	6	7	0	0	1.8	2
	11030	Hwy - Pothole Filled Without Request	2	2	0	0	0	0	
	11030	Hwy - Snow and Ice Control	6	5	0	0	1	1.2	4
	11030	Hwy - Street Painting	2	0	0	2	0	0	120
	11030	Hwy - Street Sign - Repair / Replace	6	4	1	1	0	3.8	7
	11030	Hwy - Street Sweeping / Cleaning	1	1	0	0	0	1.0	25
	11030	Hwy - Tree Branch / Debris Pickup	2	2	0	0	0	1.5	7
	11030	Hwy - Tree Stump Removal	2	0	0	2	0	0	365
Highway Department			37	21	9	6	1	2.2	
Inter Municipal Affairs	11030	OIC - From Transfer	4	2	1	1	0	10.3	10
	11030	OIC - Inter Municipal SR	4	3	1	0	0	14.8	10
Inter Municipal Affairs			8	5	2	1	0	12.5	
Parking Enforcement	11030	Prkg Enfr - Parking Violations Complaint	10	9	1	0	0	3.7	5
Parking Enforcement			10	9	1	0	0	3.7	
Parks and Recreation Department	11030	Park - Miscellaneous	1	0	1	0	0	11.0	5
Parks and Recreation Department			1	0	1	0	0	11.0	
Planning Department	11030	Planning - Questions needing Answers	1	1	0	0	0	4.0	3
Planning Department			1	1	0	0	0	4.0	
Project Independence	11030	PI - Call Back Request	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
	11030	PI - Disability Transportation Registration	1	0	0	1	0	0	30
	11030	PI - Exercise Program Registration	5	5	0	0	0	0.2	5
	11030	PI - Health Chat/Event Registration	1	1	0	0	0	0	
	11030	PI - Health and Mental Health	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
	11030	PI - Household Maintenance	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
	11030	PI - Miscellaneous	2	2	0	0	0	0	5
	11030	PI - Senior Membership Registration	6	6	0	0	0	0	
	11030	PI - Taxi Service	82	82	0	0	0	0	
	11030	PI - Taxi Service Cancellation	3	3	0	0	0	0	
	11030	PI - Transportation/Mobility Mgmt Info	3	3	0	0	0	0.3	5
Project Independence			106	105	0	1	0	0.0	
Receiver of Taxes	11030	Tax - Duplicate Bill or Receipt	6	6	0	0	0	0	
Receiver of Taxes			6	6	0	0	0	0	
Solid Waste Management	11030	SWMA - Container without License / Permit	1	1	0	0	0	7.0	
	11030	SWMA - Garbage Not Picked Up	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Solid Waste Management			2	2	0	0	0	3.5	
Street Lighting District	11030	Street Light - Cycles On / Off	2	2	0	0	0	2.0	7
	11030	Street Light - Fixture Problem	1	0	1	0	0	18.0	7
	11030	Street Light - Light Out (Single)	21	12	2	1	6	3.9	7
	11030	Street Light - Lights Out (Multiple)	21	15	1	1	4	7.5	14
	11030	Street Light - Mark Out	13	12	1	0	0	5.7	7
	11030	Street Light - New Light Request	1	0	0	1	0	0	21
	11030	Street Light - On During Day	2	1	0	1	0	3.5	7
	11030	Street Light - Pole Problem	2	2	0	0	0	5.5	14
Street Lighting District			63	44	5	4	10	5.6	
Supervisor's Office	11030	SupV - Resident Advocate Request	4	4	0	0	0	1.3	10
Supervisor's Office			4	4	0	0	0	1.3	

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Sustainability Department	11030	Sust - Compost	1	1	0	0	0	3.0	5
Sustainability Department			1	1	0	0	0	3.0	
Summary			266	215	23	13	15	2.7	

**Greater Council of Manhasset Civic Associations
Bylaws Review 2008-2009**

November 18, 2008 by Rich Bentley, 1st VP

The 1976 document was the only document that members were able to retrieve. Other newer versions may have been in place, perhaps with additional amendments since 1976, but can not be located. Thus the 1976 Bylaws were reviewed and the following provides a basic list of Issues for discussion in order to determine if and what Bylaw Amendments should be pursued:

1. Incorporation: GC is incorporated (Inc.)
2. Change all current male gender pronouns ('He', His, to "He/She", "His/Her")
3. The named Civic Organizations... The listed orgs don't reflect 2008 'reality', need to be updated. Some Inc Villages have inactive Civic Associations, thus 'cut off' the intended inter-municipal forum role that the GC was intended to provide.

Inactive or non-existent civic associations leads to a GC that is not representative of the entire Manhasset community. As a matter of practice, GC began using the term "liaisons", so that a broader spectrum of Manhasset 'territories' and broad based organizations can participate in GC, while they formally do not vote in financial matters since they do not pay dues. Recommend bylaws add provisions for such non-voting organization status.

4. Council has an elected Secretary, as well as provision to appoint a paid Executive Secretary, if needed. GC has been functioning without paid services; leave as is.
5. Election Process: Should a formal nominating committee be named for the annual election process. I think it's been the recent practice in the past decade but no provision for it in this 1976 version of the bylaws.
6. Expenses of the Council. Currently prohibits contributions for charitable or philanthropic organizations. Spirit of the Rule vs. Actual Text. This is the type of language that lawyers debate on whether a specific donation is within or contrary to Bylaws.

The intent seems to have been to not make contributions in the GC name to generic local or broader philanthropic organizations (Manhasset Community Chest, The United Way, March of Dimes, Red Cross, etc.)? The GC may have bona fide 'charitable' organizations that provide meaningful tangible direct benefit(s) or projects to the Manhasset community that the GC may deem appropriate to contribute to. Examples: If Chamber of Commerce is incorporated, can GC donate to Chamber?, If CSM were to incorporate, would they be (or would we want to ban GC donations, Manhasset-Great Neck EOC programs, etc). The Council may want to modify the language so that we are not bound to the specific interpretation for otherwise beneficial community projects. Such lack of clarity allows misinterpretations; Example: some Incorporated Village attorneys to interpret/advise the villages being prohibited from paying annual dues to the Greater Council, since villages can't fund any projects/efforts outside village boundaries.

After presented to GC in 2008, no formal action was taken to revise the bylaws.

The 1976 GC bylaws, formally only active civic associations in good standing (defined as paying GC dues) are voting GC member associations. Quorum to conduct business requires a majority of dues paying member civic associations (ie: Quorum = 6 of 11 member associations).

GC has 11 dues paying member associations

1. Bayview Civic Association
2. Manhasset Park Civic Association
3. Norgate Civic Association
4. North Strathmore Civic Association
5. Plandome Civic Association
6. Plandome Heights Civic Association
7. Shorehaven Civic Association
8. South Strathmore Civic Association
9. Strathmore Vanderbilt Civic Association
10. Strathmore Village Civic Association
11. Terrace Manor Civic Association

Bylaws provide for any GC Past President to remain an active GC member provided they reside in Manhasset (bylaws call them "delegates at large" – Examples: both John Walter and Bill D'Antonio fall under that category). No reason to alter.

Welcomed to attend and participate in GC (we have been referring to them as non-voting liaisons): In 2008 a review of GC Bylaws suggested formalizing "liaison" organizations that fit the Purpose of the Council, but do not participate in funding/ financial matters. "The purpose of the Council is to provide a permanent organization through which the associations comprising its membership may exchange information concerning civic matters, determine appropriate actions to be taken. And thus be better prepared through their joint efforts to more effectively encourage and promote projects beneficial to the community of greater Manhasset and oppose projects considered detrimental to the community's best interests. These include:

(2017 update comments in italics)

1. Manhasset-Flower Hill Association (exists, but is unable to pay dues since it doesn't collect dues from its FH residents)
2. Plandome Park Association (exists, but does not pay GC dues; *had been approached several times but expressed no desire to participate in GC*) - The area west of Leeds Pond: Bayview Road Area; part of Vill Plandome Manor.
3. Plandome Mills Association (exists, but does not pay GC dues; *had been approached several times but expressed no desire to participate in GC*). The area east of Leeds Pond: Gristmill La, Papermill Rd, RockHollow Rd; part of Vill Plandome Manor
4. Plandome Manor Civic Association (defunct)
5. Munsey Park Association (defunct);
6. Coalition for A Safer Manhasset(GC granted Liaison status in 2008; Active participant)
7. Chamber of Commerce(GC granted Liaison status in 2008; Active participant)
8. Village of Plandome Manor (GC granted Liaison status in 2008; *Mayor is an active GC participant*)
9. Village of Munsey Park (GC granted Liaison status in 2008; *eList participant*)
10. Village of Flower Hill (GC granted Liaison status in 2008; *eList participant*)
11. Village of North Hills (GC granted Liaison status in 2008; *eList participant*)
12. Manhasset Preservation Society (GC granted Liaison status in 2008; *eList participant*)
13. *Manhasset Park District (GC recently granted Liaison status)*
14. *Manhasset CASA/Coalition Against Substance Abuse (GC recently granted Liaison status; Active participant).*