



# Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc.

(Greater Council)

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## **Executive Board & Officers 2023:**

*President: Richard Bentley*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres: Andrew Schwenk*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres: Susan Auriemma*

*Secretary: vacant*

*Treasurer: Donald O'Brien*

*Past President: Ann Marie (Curd) Fruhauf*

## **Member Civic Associations:**

*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*

*Plandome Mills Homeowners 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:**

*Chamber of Commerce*

*Coalition Against Substance Abuse*

*Coalition for Safer Manhasset*

*Manhasset Park District*

*Manhasset Preservation Society*

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**April 18, 2023**

The following persons were in attendance:

### **Members Present:**

Rich Bentley, President, BCA

Andrew Schwenk, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, South Strathmore CA

Rosemary Mascali, Plandome Heights CA

Donald O'Brien, Manhasset Park CA

Rob Donno, Chamber of Commerce

Marc Francis, Terrace Manor CA

Joe Abruzzo, North Strathmore CA

Sue Auriemma, 2nd VP GC, CASA/Munsey Park

Connie Brunno, Norgate/CASA

James Pelzer, Norgate CA

Carrie Klimenman, South Strathmore CA

Alex Schumm, Terrace Manor CA

### **Guests Present:**

Marissa Cerrone, Recording Secy

Frank Rizzo, Manhasset Press

A regular meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. (GC) was held at 7:30 pm on April 18, 2023 at the Town Hall Town Attorney's Conference Room with Rich Bentley serving as Chair and Marissa Cerrone serving as Recording Secretary.

1. **Call to Order:** This meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Rich Bentley
2. **Town Updates:** Updates on any additional current Town topics, including:
  - a. **Councilwoman Veronica Lurvey;** Town Open Items on [GC webpage-Projects tab \(link\)](#) Written update attached.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Donald O'Brien (awaiting receipt).
  - a. Proposed Motion for Purchase of Chamber of Commerce TWO hanging baskets @ \$300 moved by A Schwenk, 2<sup>nd</sup> R Mascali. Motion approved unanimously. Order and payment can be done online [Chamber webpage \(link\)](#).
4. **Secretary's Report:** draft Minutes on [GC webpage meetings tab \(link\)](#) for approval; tabled for next mtg.
5. **Old Business Status:**
  - a. 311 Stats: March stats not yet tabulated; will be added in minutes
  - b. 2023 GC Officer elections
    1. Andrew was nominated for president; he accepted the nomination. Election @ next meeting.
    2. Rich's retirement from the role as GC President will be at the close at next meeting.

**6. Manhasset Chamber of Commerce Update:** Rob Donno.

- a. **Sewer Project Update:** Plandome Rd Sewer Project and associated Town funding status.
- The Town approved the \$3.1 million from ARPA funds to be designated towards the sewer project. However, Town Board also proposed a resolution to form an RFP to have a grant manager to manage the grant process for the businesses to apply for the funding they could obtain (going to add around another 2 months). Instead of asking for comments, the town started to vote on the resolution without listening to opinions from the public. Greater Council deemed this as unnecessary and wasteful, alternatively recommended Town explore all other more efficient means to manage the process with simplicity begin paramount; Hiring a grant administrator invokes unnecessary delays. Additionally, the town suggested a requirement for financial loss from the businesses. Discussion about how Seacliff is allowed to use the ARPA funds and they do not need a permit to put in infrastructure, but they needed a license installer. Further discussion about how GNWPCD will do the work to install the pipe. 88 properties need access to the grant from the government so they could attach to the pipe. It is estimated that each business would need to invest \$25,000 to \$75,000 for infrastructure costs to make the pipe accessible (incl closing existing cesspools). Furthermore, Nassau is putting up a portal to access the ARPA funds. This process would include showing that the business has a permit to access the pipe and the business paid from established ARPA funds. The landlords are also looking towards future use of the property in case the property becomes a wet company. 75-85% of the business will sign up for access to the pipe. All the spurs going in will go to all the property whether they sign up for the connection or not. The spur will be ready, just need to uncap it and it will be usable once the business pays. The spurs and sidewalk restoration will be covered by the ARPA funds. The pipe and the spurs are two different processes, and the Chamber is getting a detailed design work currently. Once the pipe is installed, the spurs will be installed. \$1.5 million of the ARPA funds is being allocated for the spurs, \$1.3 million is being used by the town for their hookups, and \$400,000 is for miscellaneous use. Town hall is a bigger building and has two buildings so it's project will be a bit more expensive. Town Board concern that any money not used from ARPA funds will need to come out of general funds. The Town may need to pay for the additional money for the hookups. Chamber and attorney are going to sit down with Town to convince them not to go with the grant administrator approach for the RFP and streamline a simpler process, ensuring the project progresses without delay. Some of the merchants on Plandome road have their cesspools under the MPD parking lot (MPD property). There were concerns about how the cesspools will be accessed and how the damages to the property will be paid for during the Plandome Sewer Project. The MPD needs to investigate this concern for resolution.

Other Chamber Updates:

1. Any Bayview residential area project awaiting finalization of Plandome Rd project plan.
2. Earth Day will occur on Saturday, April 22 at 1 pm at Mary Jane Davis Park.
3. Al fresco will begin in the first week in June.

**7. Manhasset Park District Update:** Mark Sauvigne

- a. **Beautification:** Working on the beautification at the train station. Filled in the breast cancer spot with flowers. Working on the hill going down towards the platform. Going to remove the unused boxes.
- b. **Annex road:** The annex road thru the lot is not a Park District road; Is a Town road. However, the land underneath the road is not town land and being effort to transfer ownership to MPD is now held up again. Currently under investigation with attorneys.

## 8. Old Business

- a. BMW Manhasset: Meeting with the BZA and they granted the 7 variances with acceptable conditions, no fights or complaints. Question about the restrictive covenants. The first lot to the east of Norgate road was divided into two parts: the first part is commercial; second part is residential. The town will make the whole lot commercial if fences are added. BMW is hoping to enlarge the commercial land portion but will use some land as a buffer between the commercial lot and residential property. Subject to approval by the Town and needs Norgate to approval since the BZA cannot go around Norgate. To change a restrictive covenant, BMW needs approval of the neighboring town.
- b. Weeds by the old Lord and Taylor: The weeds are again becoming overgrown; no landscaping maintenance. Need to email Saksworks property managing entity and Town code enforcement that the weeds are too high on the lot and desperately needs routine maintenance.
- c. Landscaping at the Mall: Concern about The Mall at The Gate is looking unmaintained. The northside of the mall at the gate is not upkept with the landscaping. The owners of the lot of land are the same owners from Crate n Barrel to Ralph Lauren, not Americana.
- d. Drag racing at Macy's: Cars continue noisy drag racing in Macy's lot on Sunday mornings, using the lot as a launchpad. Suggestion to reiterate 6<sup>th</sup> Pct surveillance needed, contact Macy's for being responsible for allowing the use their property for drag races and the resulting decrease in quality of neighboring residential life. Suggested approach is to request 6<sup>th</sup> Pct Commander Mark Vitelli to speak at next GC meeting, as well as obtain the name and speak with Macys site manager.
- e. Infiniti: Infiniti dealership moved out and a new used car dealership moved in. New used car dealership only needs approval on the signage (Town conditional use permit does not differentiate between used vs new car sales. The new owners plan to use the Infiniti lots and do not need to change the property significantly.

### Upcoming events:

- **Saturday, April 22**: National Drug Take Back event.
- **Wednesday, April 26**: CASA hosting an adult only presentation about current drug use to parents only.
- **Wednesday May 10**: Kindness gardens will host a speaker at St Mary's about bringing people greater harmony through kindness.
- **Saturday June 3**: Plandome Heights is hosting a historical walk through.

**Adjournment**: Motion to adjourn. Motioned by Sue Auriemma, seconded by Connie Bruno. Motion carried unanimously at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Marissa Cerrone, Recording Secretary

## 311 SRs within Zip Code 11030 - March 2023

Note: 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
Animal Shelter	11030	Animal Sh - Lost Animal	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Animal Shelter</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Building Department	11030	Bldg - Construction Complaint	2	2	0	0	0	0	5
	11030	Bldg - Miscellaneous	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
	11030	Bldg - Zoning Question Needs Answers	2	2	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Building Department</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Cat Services	11030	Cat Services - Feral Cats	2	2	0	0	0	13.5	60
<b>Cat Services</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13.5</b>	
Code Enforcement	11030	Code - After Hours/Weekend Construction	1	1	0	0	0	1.0	3
	11030	Code - Boat	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
	11030	Code - Gas Powered Leaf Blowers/Outside Allowed Hours	1	1	0	0	0	2.0	10
	11030	Code - Miscellaneous	3	1	0	0	2	0.7	10
	11030	Code - No Plates / Inoperable Vehicle	1	0	0	0	1	0	20
	11030	Code - Sidewalk Obstruction	1	1	0	0	0	7.0	5
	11030	Code - Tree Removal	2	2	0	0	0	0.5	3
	11030	Code - Unlawful Property Use	3	3	0	0	0	5.7	10
	11030	Code - Water Flow / Accumulation	1	1	0	0	0	3.0	8
<b>Code Enforcement</b>			<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2.4</b>	
Community Services	11030	CommSvc - Seasonal Programs Registration	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Community Services</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Highway Department	11030	Hwy - Curb Repair	1	0	0	1	0	0	90
	11030	Hwy - Dead Animal Pickup	1	1	0	0	0	4.0	3
	11030	Hwy - From Transfer	1	1	0	0	0	6.0	5
	11030	Hwy - Miscellaneous	2	2	0	0	0	1.5	5
	11030	Hwy - Pothole	5	5	0	0	0	4.2	5
	11030	Hwy - Street Painting	1	0	0	1	0	0	120
	11030	Hwy - Street Sign - Repair / Replace	1	1	0	0	0	8.0	14
	11030	Hwy - Tree Branch / Debris Pickup	2	1	0	0	1	2.0	7
	11030	Hwy - Tree Planting	5	0	0	5	0	0	730
	11030	Hwy - Tree Removal Objection	4	4	0	0	0	0	2
	11030	Hwy - Tree Stump Removal	1	1	0	0	0	7.0	365
	11030	Hwy - Tree Trimming / Removal Inspection	5	3	0	2	0	0	365
<b>Highway Department</b>			<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	
Inter Municipal Affairs	11030	OIC - From Transfer	2	2	0	0	0	1.0	10
	11030	OIC - Inter Municipal SR	9	9	0	0	0	0	10
<b>Inter Municipal Affairs</b>			<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	
Parking Enforcement	11030	Prkg Enfr - Parking Violations Complaint	2	2	0	0	0	1.0	5
<b>Parking Enforcement</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	
Parks and Recreation Department	11030	Park - Miscellaneous	1	1	0	0	0	1.0	8
<b>Parks and Recreation Department</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	
Project Independence	11030	PI - Disabled Taxi Service	15	15	0	0	0	0	0
	11030	PI - Health Chat/Event Registration	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
	11030	PI - Health and Mental Health	29	29	0	0	0	0.1	5
	11030	PI - Household Maintenance	3	2	0	1	0	0.3	5
	11030	PI - Miscellaneous	2	2	0	0	0	1.0	5
	11030	PI - Senior Membership Registration	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	11030	PI - Support Group Registration	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
	11030	PI - Taxi Service	60	60	0	0	0	0.1	0
	11030	PI - Taxi Service Cancellation	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
	11030	PI - Transportation/Mobility Mgmt Info	3	3	0	0	0	0.7	5
<b>Project Independence</b>			<b>119</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	
Receiver of Taxes	11030	Tax - Duplicate Bill or Receipt	9	9	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Receiver of Taxes</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Solid Waste Management	11030	SWMA - Garbage Not Picked Up	1	1	0	0	0	1.0	3
<b>Solid Waste Management</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	
Street Lighting District	11030	Street Light - Light Out (Single)	7	3	0	3	1	1.6	7
	11030	Street Light - Lights Out (Multiple)	1	1	0	0	0	2.0	14
	11030	Street Light - Mark Out	19	15	0	4	0	2.9	7
<b>Street Lighting District</b>			<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.6</b>	
<b>Summary</b>			<b>226</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	

**CUMULATIVE OPEN 311 SRs within 11030 - March 2023 as of 4/3/23**

Group Description	Zone	Type Description	Open SRs	Internal Duration Days
Building Department	11030	Bldg - Abandoned Property	1	60
	11030	Bldg - From Transfer	1	5
	11030	Bldg - Illegal Housing	1	60
<b>Building Department</b>			<b>3</b>	
Code Enforcement	11030	Code - After Hours/Weekend Construction	1	3
	11030	Code - Court	9	120
	11030	Code - Drop Off Bin	2	5
	11030	Code - Garbage	1	5
	11030	Code - Miscellaneous	4	10
	11030	Code - No Plates / Inoperable Vehicle	1	20
	11030	Code - Noise	1	12
	11030	Code - Odor	1	5
<b>Code Enforcement</b>			<b>20</b>	
Department of Public Works	11030	DPW - Road Project	4	10
	11030	DPW - Street Repaving Project	23	
<b>Department of Public Works</b>			<b>27</b>	
Harbor Patrol	11030	Harbor - Boating Miscellaneous	1	5
<b>Harbor Patrol</b>			<b>1</b>	
Highway Department	11030	Hwy - Catch Basin	1	90
	11030	Hwy - Curb Repair	5	90
	11030	Hwy - Miscellaneous	3	5
	11030	Hwy - Street Drainage / Flooding	3	90
	11030	Hwy - Street Painting	13	120
	11030	Hwy - Street Sign - New Request	23	365
	11030	Hwy - Street Sign - Remove	3	365
	11030	Hwy - Street Sign - Repair / Replace	5	14
	11030	Hwy - Telephone/Utility Pole	4	90
	11030	Hwy - Tree Branch / Debris Pickup	2	7
	11030	Hwy - Tree Planting	95	730
	11030	Hwy - Tree Removal Permit on ROW	1	40
	11030	Hwy - Tree Stump Removal	12	365
	11030	Hwy - Tree Trimming / Removal Inspection	84	365
<b>Highway Department</b>			<b>254</b>	
Housing Authority	11030	Housing - Misc SR	1	10
	11030	Housing - Plumbing	1	10
<b>Housing Authority</b>			<b>2</b>	
Inter Municipal Affairs	11030	OIC - Inter Municipal SR	1	10
<b>Inter Municipal Affairs</b>			<b>1</b>	
Project Independence	11030	PI - Household Maintenance	1	5
<b>Project Independence</b>			<b>1</b>	
Solid Waste Management	11030	SWMA - Carting Complaints	3	3
<b>Solid Waste Management</b>			<b>3</b>	
Street Lighting District	11030	Street Light - Light Out (Single)	16	7
	11030	Street Light - Lights Out (Multiple)	3	14
	11030	Street Light - Mark Out	8	7
	11030	Street Light - Misc Problems	1	7
	11030	Street Light - Pole Problem	3	14
<b>Street Lighting District</b>			<b>31</b>	
<b>Summary</b>			<b>343</b>	