

BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

Tuesday, April 8 • 10:00am-8:00pm

Candidates for the Board of Trustees

Carlos Alvarez

My name is Carlos Alvarez, I am a retiree from the not-for-profit sector. My wife and I have been full time residents of the East End for the past twenty-five years. We currently reside in Flanders with two feral cats who have adopted us

I hold a Masters of Arts from the School of Social Services Administration at the University of Chicago and a Masters of Liberal Studies from the Graduate Faculty@ New School for Social Research in New York City, as well as a Certificate in Not-for-Profit Management from New York University.

My career spanned forty years in not-for-profit organizations providing healthcare and healthcare education to vulnerable communities. I have a particular interest in diverse communities and adult learning. I believe that the first step in addressing these issues begins with education and that the community library is an ideal place to begin facilitating that education.

I am currently a trustee and hold the position of treasurer on the board. As I seek a second term, I look forward to continuing to support the library's mission and ensuring it remains a vital resource for our community.

Mike Dubois

Mike Dubois is a life-long community volunteer serving residents in multiple capacities. He is the President, coach and former treasurer of a non-profit youth soccer league and has organized and hosted fundraisers to provide free soccer sponsorships for families in need for 25 years. Mike was appointed as a Trustee for the Mastics, Moriches, Shirley Community Library and was subsequently elected by community voters to two consecutive terms. During his five years as Trustee, Mike provided negotiation expertise and oversight for the largest multi-year infrastructure project in the library's history, consisting of the construction of two 7,000 sq. ft. annex buildings and the complete refurbishment of a 45,000 sq. ft. main library facility. Mike was selected as diplomatic liaison to mediate sensitive contractual issues with the William Floyd School District Superintendent of Schools and Asst. Superintendent of Finance. Mike recently resigned from his Trustee position upon relocating to the Town of Riverhead.

Mike is also a Knight with the Knights of Columbus and former member of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Advisory Board.

Mike is married, with four children and a successful career in contracts and purchasing management in both the commercial and defense sectors. Mike has worked as procurement and contracts professional for General Dynamics, Eaton Corporation, EDO Corporation, ITT Corporation and Brookhaven National Laboratory. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Connecticut State University and a Master's in Business (MBA) from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY.

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William Sandback

My name is William Sandback, and I am honored to be a candidate for Trustee of the Riverhead Free Library. I became a resident of Riverhead just before the word "pandemic" became part of our daily vocabulary.

With a strong academic foundation—including a B.A. in English from Villanova University, a J.D. from New York Law School, and an LLM in Labor Law from New York University School of Law—I have dedicated my career to public service. My journey began as a prosecutor in Nassau County before serving as a legal advisor to a New York State Supreme Court Justice.

When I founded my law firm, I did so with one guiding principle: persistence breeds success. Whether acting as an advocate, mediator, or simply a concerned citizen, my ability to effectively communicate has led to meaningful resolutions and positive change in the communities where I have lived and worked.

Since moving to Long Island at the age of nine, libraries have always felt like a second home to me. Over the years, I've come to appreciate their vital role in serving communities—meeting needs that are often overlooked and providing opportunities for enrichment and connection. However, I also recognize that a library's success depends on dedicated stewardship. Trustees must ensure continuous growth, innovation, and financial stability so that the library can thrive and serve all residents effectively.

When I chose Riverhead as my home, I saw a community in transition—one poised for expansion and revitalization. This growth brings new demands on our infrastructure and institutions, and the library is a crucial part of this transformation. Its ability to secure funding and enact policies that serve the diverse needs of our community must remain a top priority.

For the past three years, I have had the privilege of serving on the Riverhead Free Library Board of Trustees, including my role as Board Secretary. This has been a time of dedication and progress, building upon the library's many hard-earned accomplishments.

If given the opportunity, I am fully committed to continuing this work, ensuring that the Riverhead Free Library remains a cornerstone of our community and the best it can be for all who rely on it.