

Dan Kushnick Bio

I grew up in Mamaroneck, graduated from MHS, and Ithaca College, and went to work for Sony Music as a video producer. Married to a fellow MHS graduate, my wife and I have three children. After a career change, I worked in the field of sustainable energy for Honeywell Industries. Having served on and chairing the VOM's Committee for the Environment I have been a Village of Mamaroneck Trustee for the past two years.

1) We're a Village with a long history of flooding. Please evaluate the progress the Village has made on flooding and what other flood-mitigation efforts you want to see.

As a Village with a long history of flooding, it is imperative that we work with all government entities to tackle this problem. The Village government has been pursuing grant funding and is working with Westchester County to replace the Anita Lane Bridge to widen it and add flood benching. The next project will include the Center Avenue Bridge area to remove the walking bridge and widen the river. We will continue our existing measures to clear out the plant growth that is clogging the confluence in Columbus Park. Our search for grant money will continue to develop projects to create better water flow in Columbus Park. If engineers recommend it and it is cost effective, we should consider purchasing certain properties to install large retention tanks to store flood water and release the captured water after a storm.

2) You have been involved in two budget cycles in your first term as trustee. What have you learned from the process and/or what would you like to accomplish in future budget cycles?

Over the past two years, with the assistance of our Village Manager and the Budget Committee we have developed a five-year capital plan to set aside money for larger scale purchases such as emergency vehicles, parking infrastructure and improved Village services. The staff and the Board continue to seek out grants to offset our costs. This past year the Village was awarded a \$900,000 NYS grant to renovate the playground at Harbor Island Park. We have been awarded grants for traffic safety measures by Mamaroneck Avenue School, parking studies and EV charger infrastructure. My goal is to continue seeking future grant money to continue the improvements and create a better quality of life for everyone.

3) Please describe one or two accomplishments during your time on the board that you advocated for that improved the lives of all residents.

I became aware of Taylors Lane, a former landfill in Shore Acres. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation has had possession of this multi-acre field. While it has been remediated, it has not been returned to the Village. Working with staff we have come up against the glacial pace of State Government. Although it appears we are in the final stages of meeting the health and safety requirements to regain possession, we are awaiting confirmation of the final punch list.

We are in the process of developing a new master plan to create a reimagined Harbor Island Park. A survey was conducted and responded to by over 1300 people. Based on the responses our consultant is developing ideas and drawings to present to the public. We have asked for a plan that can be developed in phases. We will be presenting this to the public during the Winter of 2027.

4) What are three things you would like to accomplish in your next two-year term?

During our next two-year term, I am looking to accomplish a few things. Along with the Police Department and Village staff we have been researching parking and new parking meters to increase the turnover of parking on Mamaroneck Avenue. With dynamic pricing, that is possible with electronic metering, we will be able to raise rates after a certain time period to make it cost prohibitive to stay in the same space all day,

A second project of importance is developing plans for a Civic Center. The police station and Hunter Tier Parking lot are inadequate and in dangerous disrepair. It is important to know our options as these projects are inevitable.

Finally, the quality of life in certain neighborhoods and along Mamaroneck Avenue are of concern. The Village developed a Quality-of-Life task force to tackle garbage, rats and code violations. This project began a few months ago and is succeeding we will need more effort from the Board and staff to increase its effectiveness.