

Five seek to represent District 3 on county boards

DuPage County Board District 3



Who is Greg Hart?

The Hinsdale Republican is a management consultant and father of one who was appointed

to the DuPage County Board in September 2017 to fill a vacancy.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and his MBA from the University of Chicago.

Why is he running?

Hart believes DuPage County needs to make difficult choices in order to provide services without raising taxes and believes his professional background will help the board address these challenges.

"I will continue to identify opportunities to streamline government operations, reduce waste and save money for taxpayers," he said.

Where does he stand on the issues?

Ken Knutson excerpted the following bullet points from a questionnaire. For more information, visit greghart.com.

County spending

- the county is well run with balanced budgets, a frozen property tax levy and high quality services
- the state of Illinois continues to mismanage tax revenue and pass down an inflated tax burden on local governments
- principled, fiscally minded leaders are needed to ensure DuPage maintains its healthy fiscal condition

Opioid epidemic

- allocate resources for expanding Naloxone availability, treatment and education programs, and innovative rehabilitation and workforce support
- leverage the expertise of DuPage's medical community, law enforcement, judicial system, social services, educators and faith communities
- hold prescription drug manufacturers accountable for their role in creating the opioid crisis

Top three priorities

- help residents impacted by Sterigenics International's emissions and holding contaminants accountable
- identify consolidation opportunities, new efficiencies and cost savings in the county's internal operations
- find solutions to flooding and stormwater management issues to



Who is Julie Renehan?

The Hinsdale Democrat is an attorney and mother of three. She received a bachelor's degree

in English and French from Vanderbilt University and a law degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

Why is she running?

Renehan wants to bring attention to serving the needs of the county's least fortunate residents and help stoke the local economy.

"We are in desperate need to find new solutions to county issues with voices that represent the county with diversity," she said. "I am running because it is all of our duties to better our community and help each other."

Where does she stand on the issues?

Ken Knutson excerpted the following bullet points from a questionnaire. For more information, visit julierenahan.com

County spending

- DuPage residents pay some of the highest property taxes in the country but are not receiving commensurate services
- spend less on government and more on people by addressing crime, homelessness, infrastructure and other services
- spend tax revenue wisely to safeguard quality of life and strengthen the community without adding more tax burden

Opioid epidemic

- health care providers, schools and the community need to be educated on the dangers of and on preventing opioid use
- develop a strong referral arm from the county connecting families needing services with appropriate providers
- consider using medically assisted treatment to reduce opioid deaths and expand the use and availability of Naloxone in cases of overdose

Top three priorities

- increasing economic development as sales tax is the primary way to fund the county budget
- reforming wasteful government spending and restoring integrity in county government
- increasing services to those affected by behavioral health issues such as mental illness and addiction



Who is Martin Tully?

The Downers Grove Republican is a lawyer and founding partner of Actuate Law, former

two-term mayor of Downers Grove and father of two.

He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and a law degree from DePaul University.

Why is he running?

Tully wants to find ways to streamline county operations and hold the line on costs without sacrificing public safety or essential services.

"I would like to continue to serve the residents of the area and share my validated strategies for success with the citizens of District 3," he said.

Where does he stand on the issues?

Ken Knutson excerpted the following bullet points from a questionnaire. For more information, visit martintully.com.

County spending

- leverage lean practices, innovation, technology, collaboration and public-private partnerships to achieve savings
- consolidate government units where it makes sense and where it comes from the bottom up, not forced from the top down
- grow the tax base through a robust economic development program that retains businesses and attracts new ones

The opioid epidemic

- develop a multi-agency approach that involves families and schools to discourage opioid use and identify warning signs
- equip law enforcement with the training and tools necessary to save lives
- hold accountable and modify the behavior of those who may profit from the over-prescription of opioids

Top three priorities

- encourage efforts between the sheriff's and coroner's offices to develop a multi-tiered solution to the opioid scourge
- identify opportunities for collaboration with other government bodies as well as private and non-profit entities
- develop a senior citizen property tax abatement program offering reduced property taxes for seniors who volunteer with the

DuPage County Forest District Board District 3



Who is Irfan Ibrahim?

The Hinsdale Democrat is a physical therapist with DuPage Medical Group and the father of two

children.

He received a bachelor's in physiotherapy from RGUHS in India and a doctor of physical therapy degree from Alabama State University.

Why is he running?

He hopes to add an independent voice on the forest district board that represents all DuPage County residents.

"I care about our public lands and natural resources," he said. "As a father of two young children, I am a firm believer that we don't inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."

Where does he stand on the issues?

Pamela Lannom excerpted the following bullet points from a questionnaire. For more information, visit irfan4forest.com.

Forest district spending

- instead of spending \$9 million on golf course clubhouse, district should be meeting basic needs of runners, hikers, bikers, walkers and pet owners by providing things such as running water infrastructure for restrooms
- clean energy and environmental education for next generation should be spending priorities

Promoting preserves' use

- sidewalks around preserves would allow nearby residents to walk or bike there
- small improvements and communication with local city and village governments can elevate property values for forest preserve neighbors
- collaborative efforts with villages and cities will benefit residents

Top three priorities

- accessibility, balanced budget, term limits for forest district commissioners
- intergovernmental communication, infrastructure improvement
- protecting environment from cancer-emitting companies like Sterigenics and preventing warehouse and truck terminals at forest preserves



Who is Linda Painter?

The Willowbrook Republican has been a forest district commissioner since 2008.

She holds a bachelor's in nursing from Winona State University and is a registered pediatric nurse.

She is a Republic precinct committeeman for Downers Grove Township, a Kiwanis board member, president of the Timberlake Civic Association and a member of the Argonne National Lab Community Leaders Roundtable.

Why is she running?

She is proud of her work to obtain new directional signs in Waterfall Glen and Fullersburg, acquire more than 100 acres of open space in District 3 and open a new dog park in Darien and would like to continue serving her constituents.

"I have other projects I'm working on, such as improved parking at Waterfall Glen, trail connections and other land acquisitions," she said. "I would like to see them through to completion."

Where does she stand on the issues?

Pamela Lannom excerpted the following bullet points from a questionnaire. For more information, visit lindapainter.com.

Forest district spending

- board believes in doing more with less, and assets and programs continue to grow
- grant funds, private contributions and intergovernmental cooperation save tax dollars
- forest district board reduced its 2017 tax levy by \$4.8 million

Promoting preserves' use

- district uses website, news releases, social media and "The Conservationist" to inform residents, generating more than 4 million forest preserve visitors a year
- district continually looks to improve website and use of social media
- her personal email newsletter informs constituents of upcoming events

Top three priorities

- restore and maintain natural lands
- maintain and improve existing district buildings, parking lots and outdoor recreation areas
- continue to build new trail connections
- these priorities were identified

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