

Downers Grove Community Advocates



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Please answer the following question and return by February 21, 2011.
Please attach any extra sheets you deem necessary.

Candidate for: Park District Commissioner

Name: Matt Cushing

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How long have you been a resident of Downers Grove? 5 years

Web site address: _____

Do you own a business in Downers Grove? Yes

Reason for running for office? _____

To have an active role supporting and
improving the Downers Grove community.

What are the three most important issues facing the Park District?
(In order of priority)

Fiscal responsibility

Intergovernmental cooperation and communication

Maintaining and improving park facilities and programs

Previous community service or volunteer activity, include previous elected positions.

Volunteer football coach at North Central College

Three important issues facing the Park District.

Fiscal responsibility

I believe that as a government entity, the Park District should be on a constant search for efficiency, striving to do more with the tax dollars they receive. Downers Grove is a strong community that benefits greatly from our parks, programs, and facilities but we need to be sure to operate them in a responsible manner.

Intergovernmental cooperation and communication

There are many government entities in Downers Grove. They all serve the same constituents. Working together to more efficiently provide services should be a goal of each entity. I think the Park District should have more cooperation with the Village and the School Districts in order to better and more efficiently serve our community.

Maintaining and improving park facilities and programs

Downers Grove has close to 600 acres of parks and facilities and the Park District puts on a wide variety of programs. I believe we need to constantly improve and upgrade each of these. This is accomplished in big and small ways. Our parks are an asset to our community and one of the reasons Downers Grove is a healthy, vibrant community.