



Brunswick Council Election Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Candidate Information Page

In order to help voters make an informed decision, the Greater Brunswick Area Chamber of Commerce is publishing these information pages about all the candidates.

Daniel Yochelson

For Council



Biography: I am U.S. Marine Corps Combat Veteran who served in Afghanistan. I was born and raised in Maryland and found my way back to the State after being stationed in California. I bring experience working with diverse groups through my full time career as a Federal Employee. My wife and I moved to Brunswick in 2020, we have two dogs and a cat. We enjoy the outdoor spaces that Brunswick has to offer including the Towpath and the paved paths through Brunswick Crossing. Running Statement: I am running for City Council because I believe in strong civic engagement and I think the unique skills I gained in the Marine Corps will allow me to continue to grow Brunswick and attract more people to live, work, and visit here in the future.

1.) *We have been working on downtown revitalization for over thirty years. Some progress has been made. What steps would you suggest to continue or improve the process?*

Answer: Maintaining the historic relevance of Brunswick City is a top priority. I would work to ensure any revitalization projects benefit the residents of Brunswick, while not negatively impacting the community or current downtown aesthetics. I believe we need opportunities that will bring revenue to downtown and help preserve current and future historic buildings. I want to help maintain the structures in order to avoid additional buildings becoming derelict and at risk of being removed. I will work with the Council, County, and State to find unique ways of enticing minority-owned small businesses to our community through grants, small business loans, and other mechanisms.

2.) *What is your opinion of our local police department? Do you have any suggestions for improvement?*

Answer: I feel as though the Brunswick police department does a great job within the community. I haven't met anyone who doesn't feel safe while at the same time the police are not obtrusive to peoples lives. I would like to see them at more local events as members of the community rather than always as the guardians we know them to be. The loss of Chief

Frech was a major blow to so many residents of Brunswick partially because of the phenomenal job he had done with the department and I have been glad to see Chief Grunwell maintain that office well.

3.) *Do you feel that Galyn Manor and Brunswick Crossing are fully neighborhoods of greater Brunswick? If not, how would you suggest accomplishing that?*

Answer: Brunswick Crossing and Galyn Manor are as much Brunswick as the people who live in the oldest houses downtown. We don't all wear shirts that say what part of the city we are from and we shouldn't make a face when we hear someone is from the upper communities. I think community wide events such as the recent movie night are a great way of bringing our neighborhoods even closer together and I would love to see more intercommunity events like a food truck night or recreational sports events.

4.) *What other question or topic do you think should have the Mayor and Council's attention in the next two years?*

Answer: I would like to see the Mayor and Council continue their work towards expanding recreation opportunities in Brunswick. I would also like to see more work done on bringing new businesses into Brunswick through small business loans and grant opportunities. I think we need to continue working to make Brunswick a safe and welcoming community that more people will want to visit, live, and work in.