



Brunswick Mayor and Council Election

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

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.

The Brunswick Board of elections will mail ballots to all registered voters in July.

Ballots must be received at City Hall no later than Tuesday, August 4, 2020!

Angel White

for Council



I am a wife to my loving husband and the proud mother of two wonderful young adults who were raised in Brunswick. I am a successful business owner and the former owner of Headquarters Barber and Styling Salon in the downtown area. I understand the meaning of hard work and customer service and apply these qualities in my volunteer work with several organizations in Brunswick.

Why I am running for

I believe in this city and look forward to all that it will become as we work together. I want to continue to help Brunswick reach its full potential and honor its history. My unending

passion for the city of Brunswick shines through my legislative actions and volunteer work.

These 6 questions were presented to all candidates who were asked to limit their answers to 100 words:

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: Brunswick's growth is an opportunity to leverage increased population and diverse needs within the city. Development outside of the downtown area will allow the downtown core to develop a niche identity. I strongly support the idea of an arts district and will apply experience and planning knowledge to use our resources to draw visitors and residents.

I will take a strategic approach to revitalizing downtown Brunswick that will include seeking broader input on what businesses and patrons will support, and will strike a balance between historic preservation and accessibility, health, and safety for visitors, workers, and owners.

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

Answer: First, let me state that I unequivocally support Chief Frech's leadership in community-based policing. Maintaining peace in community is im-

portant to all and we have set a standard because our officers show respect for the community in the same way they deserve our respect.

As new technology becomes available, we must have thoughtful discussions about proper application consistent with the needs of the community. I support the use of body cams when the value they provide is consistent with cost. I support investment in appropriate training and technologies to prevent, whenever possible, unnecessary escalation; and in continuing community-based approach.



3) *Water and sewer service and costs: do you have any suggestion about improvements?*

Answer: The City has recently invested in new metering systems to provide better information to consumers. We are working with the State to secure grants and need to seek more external funding for infrastructure. Yourtee Springs is a large water resource that is also a priority to bring back online to help with the water we need to balance the water system and costs.

Water treatment costs reflect the high standards



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Maryland requires of drinking water and sewer water, which protect our health and natural resources. Understanding how Brunswick compares to other cities and the reasons why our most precious resource costs what it does is important. A recent study showed that Brunswick's combined water and sewer costs are lower than five nearby municipalities, in some cases significantly. This does not mean we can't improve our efficiency and lower costs.



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

Answer: Growth brings both opportunities and challenges. Brunswick has a rich history, and the addition of new communities is, understandably, difficult for many. But the growth that we are seeing is essential for Brunswick to realize its true potential.

In a very real sense, we share the beautiful surroundings of this town. Importantly, our families interact, our children attend school and play sports together. My family enjoys the company of other families from all parts of town, and I hope that any remaining sense of "old" and "new" goes away as we learn that we are #BrunswickStrong when we work together.



5) *If a motion comes before the new Council to repeal or modify the current ordinance that forbids the keeping of chickens in Brunswick, will you support or oppose it?*

Answer: While I understand the reasons to have backyard chickens, I remain opposed to allowing livestock within the city limits. I do believe in protecting property rights, but the limit of individual rights is where those rights infringe on the rights of others. City lots are generally small and the topography is such that backyard chickens would infringe

on neighbors' rights to enjoy their property.

I also believe that we should channel our community energy to address positive changes that will have a lasting impact on the whole city, like coming together to support a new High School before the County and State.



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

Answer: The Mayor and Council must strategically align the City's plans and engage the community in discussions about using the area's resources to support the downtown area. We have learned that hikers on the canal are likely to support downtown businesses. We need to understand how the community will support the downtown area.

I will encourage more family-friendly activities around the town, like the mini-golf project and the pool improvements that we implemented. Adult sports leagues in town would be an amazing addition to the successful youth programs we currently enjoy. The more we do together, the more we are #BrunswickStrong.



Remember!
Your vote must be received
NO LATER THAN TUESDAY
AUGUST 4, 2020!!