



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!

Richard Gardner



For Mayor

Hello voters,my name is Richard Gardner, retired FCPS 13 years,also CEO of the GRC Corporation specializing in trucking,property management, hotel management and fitness clubs. Over saw 119 employees ,was president of BHS Booster\ Club,BJR football, lacrosse and cheerleaders, President and treasurer of THS. have coached football and baseball for over 43 years both in Brunswick and Mount Airy. Coached hundreds of kids and budgeted over \$350,000.00 in funds. Its time for a change the competition has wasted 4 years of resources lets get serious.

Why I Am Running

Water bill review with an updated plan of improvements, transparent budget, thoughtful economic development,Update and replace people who are not being responsible for their position. Bring a pride back to our town and give our citizen the respect and time they deserve, like a returned phone call and hold our officials responsible for their actions.

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: We need A CLEAR path of ideas and a time line for each project, we jump around with no sense of priority, find out if the road taken is obtainable , be proactive help builders and developers know the pitfalls and cost. Make the projects good for everyone. Progress is a two way street and give and take instead of this way or no way.. Our citizens deserve to know the status of projects that get held up due to regulations that don't fit the situation, review the codes and restrictions.



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

Answer: It takes 21 shifts just to cover the town, not counting special events, school and road control. I would have to review our employees and resources

to make a logical conclusion on what plan of action we should go in. Time management would be a real start in drawing a conclusion on how were doing. Also updating equipment and training in this time would also go along way in making a better police force.



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

Answer: This is a tough one we need to update, make sure all valves are operating water testing, pipe inspections,new water reading equipment and solid answers to out customers questions. Example 2 adults and 5 children = \$253, then 1 husband and one wife = \$674.00 something is a problem maybe a leak, dirty family, or wasting water, we need to care enough to check it out.





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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: This will take time and study to answer but for now no they are two different worlds both socially and economically but if you are asking yes it can be achieved through school, social gathering and town events.



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: Free range chickens, no if they have coops like rabbits yes, the real problem is stray cats and dogs and kids hanging on the street corners at 2 a.m. in the mornings.



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

Answer: A complete staff evaluation I've personally saw how some of our older citizens are treated when trying to get information and are just brushed off and its just not the old folks, we the officials of Brunswick have a duty to treat every person with respect and be treated like we would like to be treated.



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