



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!



Vaughn Ripley

For Council

My wife and I moved to Brunswick 15 years ago so I could ride the train to my job at the Department of Justice. We instantly fell in love with this wonderful town. I have more than 30 years of information technology experience and more than 20 years of leadership skills as a manager, CEO, and CTO. I have owned my own computer consulting firm with 18 employees and been on multiple boards of directors. I am a published author and an inspirational speaker and travel the US helping to motivate teenagers and young adults.

Why I Am Running

As an incumbent city council member, I have first hand knowledge of the issues we are facing and experience dealing with them. I firmly believe that I have made a difference and will continue to do so. This town is home to thousands of families and I feel it is up to us to ensure that future generations will not only have a Brunswick here, but one that is thriving as a safe place to live. I would like to continue working with the Brunswick Youth Advisory Council, which I created.

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: I'm a strong supporter of downtown revitalization and I believe that it begins with the Railroad Square Project, which I adamantly support. Another big step in the right direction would be to update outdated code enforcement rules and follow through with mandating and enforcing them. Along with revitalization I think we need to continue efforts to bring and help build businesses downtown and on our outskirts like annexing the property across from Sheetz. Our twenty year plan is in need of an overhaul and reevaluation.



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

Answer: Our police department is a perfect example of what a great police department can and should be like. I am a strong supporter of Chief Frech and all of

his officers. Our drug dog was a fantastic addition. I will continue to support and encourage them in any way possible.



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

Answer: We've been working on improvements in many areas. Obviously the Yourtee Spring has to be brought back online as soon as we can. And, we need to continue replacing water meters with the new wireless smart meters. One of our problems has been that previous administrations did not adjust water bills and our increases have had to make up for that. I'd like to work on sustainability options that include using less water and/or using it more efficiently. Also, I think it is important for citizens to have a complete understanding of the water bill. We will continue replacing old pipes and improving the infrastructure.





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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: To me, each area inside the Brunswick city limits are all full neighborhoods of Brunswick. Each has some unique aspects, but all combine and collectively contribute to what Brunswick stands for. We are Brunswick Strong! ✨

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: This has been a hot topic for some time, and I am not sure I understand why. That said, if we instituted certain rules and regulations (e.g. no free range, maximum of 4 birds, no roosters, setback requirements for coops, and nuisance clause) then I would support it. ✨

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

Answer: Working toward a smart eco-city that also has a high level of support for electric and fuel cell vehicles and sustainability options that will minimize required inputs of water, food, energy, waste, output of heat, air pollution, methane, and water pollution. We need to move firmly into the 21st century! ✨



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