



## 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.

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## Brian Sandusky

For Council

My family moved here in 2017. I have been on the city council for 2 years. I am a Parts Director for a multiple product line dealership in Winchester, VA. I used to be an avid runner and completed 1 marathon and several half marathons. I enjoy time on my motorcycle and I appreciate a good craft cocktail, though not at the same time.

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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: The continuation of the grant funded program for the city to purchase and resell blighted/empty/unused properties in the downtown area to help reset values to encourage businesses to come in and rehabilitate existing structures and create new business offerings for our residents and visitors. Additionally, the next evolution should be to look for partnerships with utilities to update our electrical and communication infrastructure, in order to make sure Brunswick has the tools and backbone to support the vibrance that our future has the potential to blossom into.

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

Answer: I believe our police department does an excellent job for the size and capabilities that our officers are equipped with. I believe that as Brunswick grows, we may need more officers to help ensure the safety and service that we come to expect as citizens living here. They are actively engaged as a part of our community and Chief Grunwell and Captain Lynch are set to keep that kind of relationship with our residents. What is needed for them at this juncture is the reflection of that service in their benefits of pay, retirement, and incentives to stay here and even possibly to reside here.

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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: I feel that questions like this are ones that help to propagate distinctions and separations of these neighborhoods as opposed to being one Brunswick. We share the same services, the same zip codes, and the same municipal rights and accesses, so why should there be an identifier to almost segregate the neighborhoods from each other? Brunswick Crossing or Galyn Manor should only be a distinctive identifier as saying your street name when identifying where you live, like saying West Potomac Street or 9th Ave or even Addition Ave.

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

Answer: The 2 big things I think are as follows, which both have collateral items that will coincide with the work done to flesh these out. The 1st item is the vision plan for the city which is supposed to be reviewed/updated every 10 years. We are currently sitting with a plan that was apparently approved by Mayor Carroll Jones over 12 years ago. The 2nd is a new item that was brought up by residents and visitors of the city with a Community Rec Center. The big challenge there will be whether to purchase and retrofit something existing or to find the property to build something from the ground up like we did with our new Operations Center at 811 West Potomac.