

Council Member Liaison Report

March 2025	
Council Member	John Caves
Canal Towns Partnership	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Canal Towns Partnership met in Sharpsburg on March 12. The next meeting is on April 9 in Hancock. 2. At the March 12 meeting, representatives from the C&O Canal Trust announced that they would be launching an advocacy campaign to benefit the park and canal towns. They are seeking data on the economic value of the C&O Canal for towns. 3. A National Park Service representative said that the C&O Canal National Historical Park's 2024 visitation data is now available. The park had at least 4.5 million recreational visitors last year. The park's economic data will be released in a few months. 4. The Canal Towns Partnership sent a letter to Congressional representatives in support of funding and staffing for the C&O Canal National Historical Park. 5. The C&O Canal Trust will be holding a public cleanup event for the canal in Frederick County on May 17. The focus will be on Noland's Ferry and Point of Rocks. 6. The 2025 Towpath to Town and Trail to History brochures have been printed and will be distributed to the canal towns. 7. The worn-down wayside sign for Brunswick at the Maple Ave towpath entrance has been replaced with a brand new one, courtesy of the C&O Canal Association and the Smoketown Rotary Club. The other two signs by Lock 30 (under the bridge) were replaced last summer.
Finance & Utility Commission	Councilman Yochelson will submit the report for this month.
GBACC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The GBACC board met virtually on March 19. 2. The annual Shred Day event will be held on May 17. Local residents and businesses can bring their unneeded documents to shred at the Brunswick Shopping Center parking lot. 3. GBACC will be holding a general membership meeting on April 30 and their annual member picnic on June 26.
History Commission	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The History Commission has been researching the history of Brunswick's newspapers. A representative from the Maryland State Archives joined their meeting last week to give information about which papers they have available for researchers. 2. The History Commission is preparing a display about the history of baseball in Brunswick for their booth at Springfest on May 31. 3. The History Commission holds weekly workshops for informal (but lively!) discussions of local history on Thursdays at 2pm at the train station. All are welcome to attend.

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Council Member	Brian Sandusky
BARC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did not meet with BARC this month 2. 3.
Brunswick Crossing HOA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food Truck Fridays have started. Every Friday night going through October there will be different various food trucks near the community center or in the pool parking lot starting around 5pm. They will usually be there until they either run out of food or 8pm(ish) timeframe, whichever occurs first. 2. 3.
Brunswick Fire Company	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BVFD is trying to raise funds for a new brush truck. 2. BVFD donated \$500 to the Brunswick Little League 3. BVFD is looking for new volunteers to not only train and be on hand for running their apparatuses, but they are also looking for volunteers for their outreach activities that raise funds for the fire house and equipment. These include (but not limited to), working food and beverage stations at events at the firehall, passing out flyers at outreach events in the community, and helping to keep various events moving in all different aspects. 4. BVFD is hosting an Easter Bunny Breakfast on April 6th from 11-3. Pictures with the Easter Bunny as well as brunch foods available for all ages of family. 5. Drag Queen Bingo will be held on May 3rd.
Friends of the Library	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Frederick County public Libraries made a presentation for the Summer Challenge program. In there they highlighted the results of the 2024 challenge. Brunswick had 716 registered, and 378 finishers which put us at a 53% completion rate which was above the county average. This program incorporates free programs for all ages and families at the libraries as well as events in the communities. This program will run from June 1st – August 15th. Registering for the Challenge gets you a Frederick Keys ticket and at completion guarantees you a new book as well as qualifying you for other prizes. 2. Library week is coming up (April 6th-12th), and there might be a possible book sale/book giveaway. 3. Events at the library have been very popular. These are things like Storytime which is getting between 50-80 people, teen programs that are getting 5-20 in attendance per week doing Arts & Crafts as well as other programming, and encounter events like Jenn's Uncommon Critters which is going to come again after their last visit that brought over 80 people in to attend. 4. FOBL also welcomed a new member to the board.

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Council Member	Eric Smothers
Brunswick Senior Center	1. Nothing to report
Brunswick Ambulance Company	1. Ambulance Company report for this month is given by Councilmember White
Emergency Management	1. Working on scheduling a meeting date.

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Council Member	Angel White
BEACON/Food Bank	<p>1. Food Bank: February total families served -60</p> <p>2. Food Bank: For the Amazon link wish list Visit - https://www.facebook.com/brunswickfoodbank, or drop off food any time at 601 E Potomac Street, Brunswick</p> <p>3. BEACON quarterly meeting is May 5.</p> <p>4. A new BEACON Board of Directors was elected at the previous quarterly meeting in February. They will serve for 3 years.</p> <p>5. The number of Food Bank clients continues to rise as do requests for financial service from the Emergency Relief Fund. Thanks to all who donate food and/or money to these important community services.</p> <p>6. Grace Episcopal parishioner Paul Durham will be walking the 500-mile Camino de Santiago in Spain during April and May with pledges being donated to the Brunswick Food Bank.</p>
Ambulance Company	<p>Currently there are 3 EMT's in class and doing well.</p> <p>Waiting for the ambulance to return with the new chassis which should return in April-May timeframe.</p> <p>Keep an eye out on our website and Facebook for more CPR class and Stop the Bleed Training to come out soon.</p> <p>Stop the Bleed Training, March 29th at 10:00 am. Register: Bvar19.org CPR Training: March 30th at 1:00 pm Register: Bvar19.org</p> <p>Company annual banquet is this Saturday,</p> <p><u>Fundraising</u> April 12, 6:00 am- 11:00 am, Easter Bunny arrives at 7:00 am Breakfast with the Easter Bunny – All you can Eat Pictures with the Easter Bunny Ambulance Company, 200 West Potomac Street, Brunswick Pancakes, French Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Biscuits, Sausage Gravy, Chipped Beef Gravy, Scrapple, Scrambled Eggs, Fried Potatoes, Juice and Coffee \$15 for 11 yrs. old and older \$7 for 6 to 10 yrs old 5 and under FREE! Pictures with the Easter Bunny \$5 each</p>

	<p>April 21 - Pie orders Due Pie orders pick up date: May 10 Mother's Day Homemade Pies Made by the Brunswick Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Auxiliary To place your order call Debbie: 301-471-7007 or Sue: 301-418-5439 More information: www.bvar19.org</p> <p>April 26, Doors open at 3:00 pm, Games start at 4:00 pm BINGO Brunswick Eagles Club, 401 Central Ave., Brunswick \$25 per person Proceeds will benefit the Brunswick Ambulance & Rescue Auxiliary To buy tickets call Debbie 301-471-7007 More information: Bvar19.org</p> <p>We are recruiting volunteers to join BVAR team. Just reach out to a company member or visit our website: https://www.bvar19.org/content/join/</p>
Economic Development Commission	<p>1. Next meeting is April 17th at 6:30 pm at City Hall in the upstairs conference room.</p> <p>2. Working on exciting programs in progress more information coming soon: Revitalizing the West End Trail, Business to Business Promotion, Refresh/Promoting Souder Road Shopping Center, A Night Out Downtown</p>
Galyn Manor HOA	Nothing at this time
Park Heights Cemetery	Last Saturday was a clean-up day at the cemetery. Most of the trash was graciously hauled away by Pulling For Veterans. Thank you for the Girl Scouts that helped out with clean up day.

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Council Member	Daniel Yochelson
Brunswick Family Campground	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jeremy met with River and Trail Outfitters to discuss lease proposals for the campground. 2. Discussions ongoing with regard to lease.
Emergency Preparedness Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. no Ad-hoc meetings this month
Finance & Utility Commission	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviewed and approved for submission to Council FY2026 Property and Vacant Property Tax Rates-No Change in FY2026 2. Discussed and approved for submission to Council FY2026 System Improvement Fee - \$50 Annually for in town residents to be used \$25 Sidewalks, \$15 Water Infrastructure/projects, and \$10 Sewer Infrastructure/projects. Out of town water customers are subject to only the \$15 water improvement fee portion(Rosemont excluded). 3.FY2026 Pool and Park Building rental rates-No Change 4. FY2026 Water and Sewer Rates 2.5% increase across all tiers in-town. 5% increase across all tiers out of town. Rosemont water rate not yet adjusted per County.
Park & Rec/Rivers Edge Trail/Sports Complex	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working with City on steps for Rivers Edge Trail Refresh in the near Future