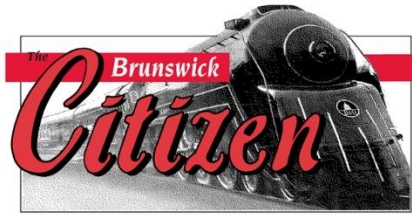




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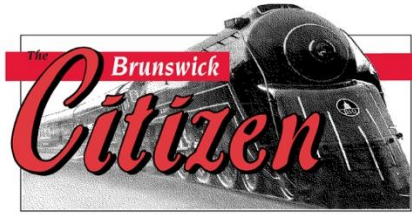
1st Grader at Brunswick Elementary School

By: Saige-Ade Freeman

I am six years old. I have been living in Brunswick for 3 and a half years. I love Brunswick because my church has a play every season about God. I love going to Brunswick Rail Road Day because I got to make bracelets and got my face painted. I love my school Brunswick Elementary because I have a lot of friends and I attend an after school club called Good News Club. I love the senior center trip with my friends from Educare where I made slime and played Bingo with the seniors. And I love going to the library for activities. These things make Brunswick great. That's why I love Brunswick.



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Happy Memories of Brunswick

By: William Wilhite III

A happy memory is when it snowed and we played with our friends at the Kim Weddle park. We built a ramp and went sledding down the hill. We had snowball fights.

In the summer, we go to the pool. We splash each other, swim underwater, and play with other kids. The lifeguards make sure that everyone is safe.

Going to the ice cream shop with my siblings and mother is fun. The ice cream shop is my favorite part of town because it's warm inside and the ice cream is yummy.

We go hiking on the C&O canal trail. This is the best town. There are parks for children. There is a beautiful community garden that has vegetables and flowers blooming in the spring and summer. All the people in town are nice.

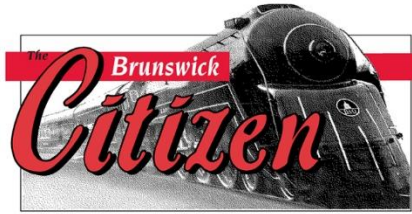
The park is the best place for flying kites on windy days. The Kim Weddle Park has swings, monkey bars, slides, picnic tables, and a monarch butterfly garden.

Brunswick's pizza place is the best. The pizza is good quality. The pizza place is called King's Pizza. It's really nice inside and you can get the best pizza there.

The town is child-friendly. Kids can make lots of friends in Brunswick. That's why I love Brunswick.



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By: Randy Derflinger

I grew up in Brunswick town
As kids we ran all around
Going from City Park, playing in the creek we
crossed the road going "under" Potomac street!

On up the street we went,
Looking for candy to buy with one cent.

With our last change we had to decide,
Roelkeys , the Cut Rate, Horines , Paynes or Carters.
Food, Ice Cream, Comic Books and more, Brunswick had everything for us kids at many a store

May go to the towpath and river,
or up to Skob Park
we spent the whole day
till almost dark

Back home we would go
tired and sweaty
Up Gum Springs Holler
where cold water was ready

Up Park Ave we would go
to our homes on the hill

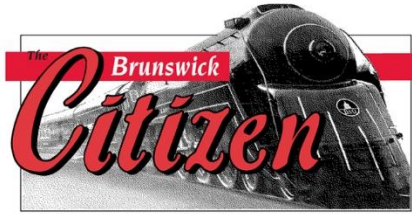
After supper, again, we would meet
Probably to play hide and go seek.

Time to go home, clean up for bed
windows open, a lot said

Trains rumbling, whistles galore
put me right to sleep I thank the Lord.



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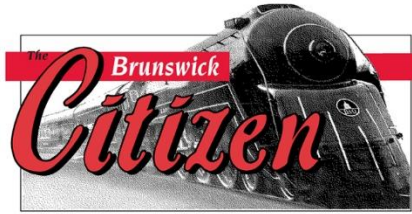
Brunswick Roots

By: Jennifer Knowles

A wind blown seed settles sweetly.
Invasive to some, cherished by others.
The tap root searches,
Digging down through the crumbling cracks.
It finds sweet succor.
Brown water, chlorinated water, costly water.
Roots grow deep



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By: Alyssa Theodore and Dan Hinkle

Parking Meter

Behold the quarter
A pleasure to deposit
Brunswick takes its time.

Beans in the Belfry

Come forth, exhausted
Seekers of resurrection.
Speak, and we shall grind.

Veteran's Day Parade

Line the streets for blocks.
A snapshot of victory
To sweeten the loss

The Citizen

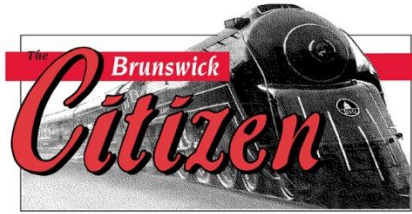
Heart of the City
Proud heritage in ink
Marks another week.

Smoketown

Charge the tapline!



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Awesome

By: William Wilhite III

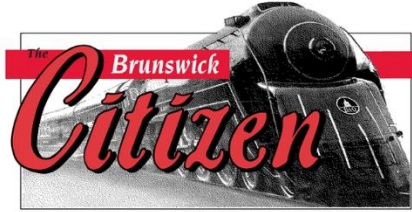
Brunswick is awesome

You can have so much fun here

You can make more friends



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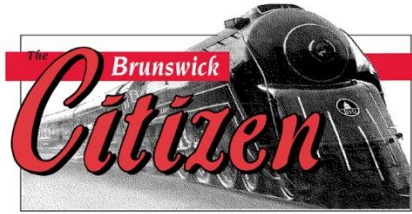
Why You Love Downtown Brunswick

By: Julie Martorana

These people, these streets
The buildings, the businesses
We love Downtown for all these things
You may see empty stores and decay
But some see hope for tomorrow
Not to recreate what once was
But to feel pride in a new dawn
Love for this place unites us
And united we can create our future



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Fun

By: Noah Abdulmalik

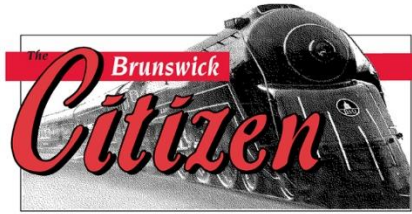
I love Brunswick's Parks.

They have lots of space to run,

And play basketball.



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Brunswick Morning

By: Nora Abdulmalik

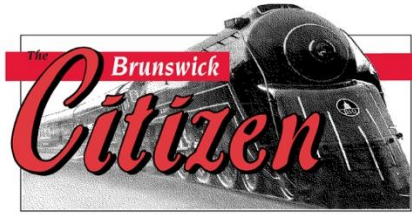
Brunswick is peaceful

Birds singing in the morning

A sweet melody



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Our Town

By: Hanaan Abdulmalik

Our story

Makes Brunswick special

Our symbol

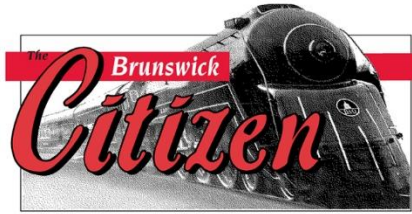
Shows our strength

The train goes 'chuga' 'chuga'

Brunswick's pride runs on



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Taking Up the Slack

By: Kim Doyle

Thunder rumbles up and down the
valley, it chains out and it comes
back. I recognize it is only trains
starting, and taking up the slack.

In the couplings
between cars there
rests a minute distance
that can't be seen from
afar.
But a listener will hear its insistence.

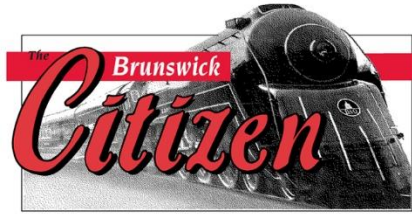
The departing engine pulls out that gap.
The sound moves out the sound slides
back. Taking up the slack.

The cars are closest when not
moving uncoupling almost, touching
each other. Having traveled together
through all kinds of weather, loving
one another,

There is summer thunder between me and
my lover, a certain distance we discover.
Somehow, some way, I want her back.
Still, I remain, taking up the slack



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I Love Brunswick

By: Nora Abdulmalik

I love Brunswick because of the beautiful scenery and local wildlife. Brunswick is unique compared to other towns. Brunswick is known for its mix of rustic and modern styles. It's filled with colorful houses, rolling hills, and gardens everywhere. There's always something new to discover and explore.

I love to go to the park because there's always something to do. All of my friends live close by, and we meet up at the park often. Sometimes we play basketball or race each other on the monkey bars. When it's windy, we all take out our kites and fill the sky with color. When it snows, we take out our sleds and join the rest of the neighborhood to sled down the tall hills. We make snowball forts, igloos, and snowmen. All year round, the neighborhood kids have a place to hang out, laugh, and grow together.

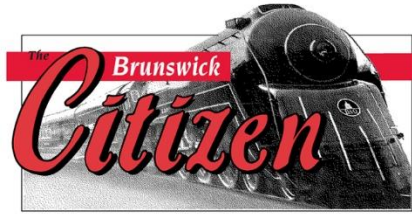
The C and O Canal Towpath is another of Brunswick's prides. I enjoy hiking with my family and exploring the woods. The Canal trail is buzzing with life! I've seen herons wading in small streams, woodpeckers pecking at the trees, and beautiful red cardinals, once in a while we would come across deer tracks or even the deer itself! One time I was walking down the path with her fawns! Every time I visit the Towpath; I learn about more of the local flora and fauna.

Gardening is another hobby I enjoy that is encouraged in Brunswick. In my backyard, I plant and grow a variety of vegetables. I've gone to many gardening programs at the library. Together we've grown lettuce, dill, carrots, and peas in a garden box next to the library. We've also made wildflower seed bombs. In downtown Brunswick, a community garden has been set up. A monarch butterfly garden was created at a park. I love knowing that everyone works together to make Brunswick colorful, vibrant, and beautiful.

Every day I see my town growing. The peaceful, natural setting becomes more wonderful. There is no place quite like Brunswick. I love living in Brunswick because every day is an adventure!



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My Happy Memory of Brunswick

By: Noah Abdulmalik

One of my favorite memories of Brunswick is when I participated in a Spoons Tournament at the Towpath Creamery. A close friend, Mrs. Caroline had coordinated with the owner of the ice-cream shop to host an event for the library teens. Mrs. Caroline wanted to do something special for all the teens she worked with at the library.

Mrs. Caroline had offered to walk me, along with my sisters, and best friend Jason. Everybody was so excited to start walking. During the walk, we passed thick, concrete walls. Jason and I balanced on top of them and jumped up on the walls to do parkour. The whole way to the ice cream shop, we laughed and had a good time.

When we finally arrived, we got to the moment we were all waiting for! We met one of the shop's owners, Mrs. Karin. She was very friendly and welcoming. also discovered she had used to be the old mayor. She gave us a tour of the store and showed different exhibits of artwork from local artists. As we waited for the remaining people to arrive, we walked around and made sure to check out the ice cream flavors.

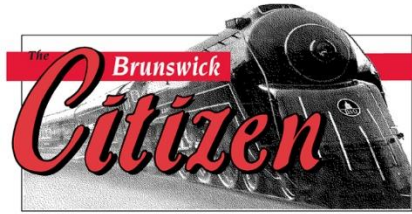
Everyone quickly arrived, and we began playing spoons. Spoons is an intense card game with quick movements. Arranged in the middle of the table are enough spoons for everyone minus one person, like musical chairs. The first person to get two pairs of matching cards picks up a spoon, then that enables the rest of the players to a grab spoon. The person who fails to grab a spoon is out!

Everyone had a different strategy for taking a spoon. Some players were stealthy and quietly slipped the spoon off the table when no one was looking. While others clumsily yanked the spoon off the table, which alarmed everyone else! All around the table, everybody was extremely determined to win, and wrestled each other across the to try to get the last remaining spoon! Everyone was having a great time.

Even though most people are disappointed when they lose, no got upset because they got to go get their ice-cream. When I finally lost, I got up to see what flavors I could choose from. All of the flavors looked tasty. After a while, I decided on three scoops of salted caramel ice-cream. It was delicious! When it was finally time to go home, I thanked everyone for an amazing time and went home. I know one thing for sure, we need to have another Spoons Tournament again soon!



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I Love Brunswick

By: Hanaan Abdulmalik

Brunswick embodies the spirit of family and togetherness. Over the years, I've seen and felt the compassion and kindness from many of its residents. I love Brunswick because we have a strong, close-knit community that supports each other. I'm glad to be a part of our town and its future.

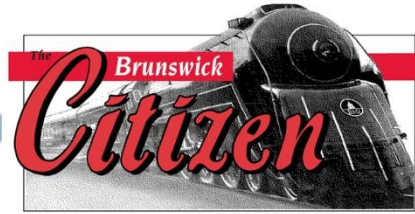
The Brunswick Library had a big impact on me. When I first moved to Brunswick, I didn't know many but I was able to get involved in the community through the library. I came to the library more regularly and voiced my opinions and ideas. My siblings and I have contributed ideas that have led to some of our most popular programs including Trivia Nights, Escape Rooms, and Teen Coffee Houses. Our teen programs lively, inclusive, and creative. The library has become my creative outlet, so I volunteer in my spare time. This had opened up opportunities for me to make balloon animals at the annual Block Party, dress up as a costume character for a children's program and see our community grow.

Small businesses flourish in Brunswick and it's great to visit all the shops in town. I love to meet the owners, hear their story, and see how their dream became reality. Sometimes I go to lunch at Beans in the Belfry or just stop in to grab a slice of cheesecake. My family loves to get pizza and garlic knots from King's Pizza. I have a big sweet tooth, so it's nice to have two bakeries, and an ice cream shop to choose from. Brunswick truly has everything you need. The residents of Brunswick support each other at every opportunity. The owner of the Towpath Creamery, Mrs. Karin, supports local artists by setting up displays of different artists' artwork, woodwork, skin products, etc. I've already bought goat milk soap, along with some ice cream, and I definitely plan to come back soon. apartments. Chris, the owner, is a great teacher. We delivered the flowers together and it was nice to see how flowers can really brighten someone's day. The Brunswick community garden is another place where many people have worked together to create something beautiful. During the summer, it'll be filled with fresh produce for everyone to enjoy.

While our town is small, we have a rich history, and we continue to make history through hard work and dedication. Our community is strong and full of vibrant people working hard to make their town even more beautiful. Our town is truly unique; I couldn't imagine living anywhere else.



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Why I Love Brunswick

By: Timothy Allgaier

Brunswick is a place that I call Home. I have lived here ever since I was the age of 2. When I started learning how to ride my bike without training wheels, I trained and trained throughout the streets of Brunswick.

Our family would often go down to the train station to ride our bikes in the big wide open space, Other days we rode our bikes along the street of our home. I remember one time in particular when I was outside riding my bike when all the sudden my tire hit something on the road and I crashed and hit the ground hard. The wind got knocked out of out my lungs and I laid there trying to catch my breath. Thankfully my Dad had kept a watchful eye on me and came to my rescue. I scraped my hands and knees a little but I knew that those were all a pant of the learning experience.

Aside from riding bikes, our family enjoys running. Every year our family signs up for the Potomac Street Mile. Since doing so our closets have been filled with t-shirts from the Potomac Street Mile. I think our family enjoys contributing the "run" into bRUNswick.

Since I got older, I took running a little more seriously and found a passion for running and training on the hills of Brunswick. I was determined to keep pushing forward and keep going no matter how steep the hill was.

In High School, I joined the Marching Band and worked hard to be the best drummer that I could ever be. I worked hard and long hours on the field practicing the routine. I loved filling the air with the rhythmic sound of the chum. Not only that but the thrill of performing at all the home football games was a blast.

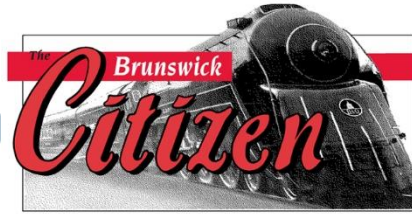
Shortly after graduating from High School my Best Friend and I were at a loss in finding something productive to do when we no longer had Marching Band to keep us busy. One day I asked if he wanted to ride bikes on the C&O canal towpath and may I just mention how awesome it is to be so close to the C&O Canal. The scenery you see along the trial is amazing and it's so great to get that fresh air.

Brunswick to me holds many memories. It's where friendships have grown, family dinners occurred, Easter egg hunts have happened, and many magical Christmases taken place. There are so many good memories from Brunswick.

Brunswick is a beautiful place where friendships can blossom and families can grow. This beautiful little town of Brunswick may be small but it sure is mighty. Oh, how I love to call this place Home.



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Why I Love Brunswick

By: Dr. Wayne Allgaier

With his easily-recognized signal — 2 long, 1 short, then 1 final long blast — the engineer on the train arriving in Brunswick announces to everyone in town, "I'm coming through!" just as others like him have done for the past 200 years. 1834 — that was when the construction of both the B&O Railroad and the competing C&O canal came through Berlin (now Brunswick) as they pushed their way towards Cumberland, following the path cut through the mountains many millennia earlier by the Potomac River.

Just a crossroads at the time, Berlin/Brunswick has had a rich and fascinating history as it has subsequently grown from a small village to a canal town, then to a railroad boomtown, and finally to the commuter town that it is today. And as Brunswick continues to grow, it is exciting to see all the people who are choosing Brunswick as their new home, bringing with them different perspectives and new ideas to share with us to help shape our future.

Modern-day Brunswick has the convenience of two shopping centers, and there is also a great interest in revitalizing our historic downtown, which was born a century ago when Brunswick became a railroad boomtown. I admire the many entrepreneurs who have established their businesses in Brunswick, especially downtown. And, while not all have survived in the current competitive business world, many have, and others will be coming.

I love the small-town culture of Brunswick, starting with our own elementary, middle, and high schools with all of their activities. We have a great public library, many active civic and service organizations, churches, athletic clubs and other organizations. We have more events and activities than one can keep up with, all supported by hundreds of dedicated volunteers who love what they do. And did I mention that we have our own weekly newspaper that keeps us informed of everything that is going on?

Brunswick is situated in the best of two worlds: on the one hand, it is a small town surrounded by beautiful farmland and undeveloped land, situated on the Potomac River, with the C&O canal towpath and the Appalachian Trail nearby; and on the other hand having easy access to the amenities of nearby Frederick, Washington D.C., and Baltimore.

As another beautiful sunset splashes its colors across the western sky this evening, another train sends out its familiar signal, and wonder, "Who could have it better?"