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JULY EVENTS

- July 3, Historical Society Lecture, 6 p.m., tent behind tourism center
- July 3, Cruisin' for Kids Night, 5-9 p.m., lot near outlaw tees
- July 3, Fireworks, 9:30 p.m., various viewing locations,
- July 9, Presbyterian Church open house, 1-4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church in Nauvoo
- July 11, Drive-in Movie, 8-11 p.m., lot near Outlaw Tees
- July 12, Liz Bently, 3-6 p.m., Baxter's
- July 25, Bocephus Wayne, 7-10 p.m., Baxter's

JULY MEETINGS

- July 17, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall



FIREWORKS

Fireworks are back on for July 3 here in Nauvoo! The show will start approximately at 9:30 p.m., and fireworks will be shot from the end of Parley Street. The best area for viewing will be on the hillside across from the Temple or the gravel parking area across from the Pageant Grounds. Please do not go to the end of Parley Street to try and view them for safety reasons. The shooters require 400 ft. of clearance from their site, and we appreciate your support of this. Portions of Parley and Water Streets will be closed before and during the show. We are very fortunate to host this year's show and encourage you all to practice safe social distancing wherever you choose to view them. Phase 4, which we have been in since June 26, allows groups of 50 and also multiple groups of 50 as long as there is adequate space. Donations can be made at City Hall to help with the fireworks as well as at the Cruisin' for Kids Cruise that night. Come enjoy the businesses in town during the day and stick around for all the evening activities.

Cruisin' for Kids Night

The annual Cruisin' for the Kids will be on July 3 and will be held in the open field bordering Mulholland and west of the car wash and Outlaw Tees. The cruise is open to all vehicles and all ages. It will begin at 5p.m. and will run until around 9p.m. At 6:30 all those who want to participate will cruise from Outlaw Tees through town, along the historic district, and back to the show lot. The cruise is open to all vehicles. A special parking area will be set aside for all the entrants under 21 to park.

Admission is free to both participants and spectators. There will be a few specialty awards as well as door prizes. The purpose of the Cruise is to educate people, especially young people, of career options available in the automotive industry as well as scholarships for area high school seniors wanting to enter a post-high-school-accredited automotive program. The trade industry is lacking in numbers in not only the automotive fields but many others as well. We are doing our part to help this one group grow in numbers. Terry Mertens, general manager at Deery Brothers in West Burlington, Iowa says that it is getting increasingly difficult to find automotive technicians even though the career provides opportunities to make a very comfortable living once you reach the tech level. Organizers hope that this event will encourage more young people to seriously consider auto mechanics as a career.



This past school year three scholarships were presented. These scholarships were funded by money raised at an art auction at the Festival on Wheels car show last September and from donations collected at the Cruisin' for Kids Night. A presentation will be made at the Cruise Night awards to this year's top scholarship recipient, Jacob Mohrfeld from Fort Madison, Iowa. Another highlight at the event will be Warsaw High School student Colby Welch who, along with his family, will have his 1965 Ranchero "Moonbeam" (pictured) a B/G class drag car that he currently is racing in the Southeast Gassers Series. The Welch's will be returning from a race in Mooresville, NC,

and hopefully will have some great stories to tell.

The Cruisin' for the Kids Cruise Night was started by Michael McCarty seven years ago while he was a student at Warsaw High School. The event has been very successful over the years with the help of several young volunteers, as well as individual and business sponsorships, especially the Mississippi Rat Pak Car Club and the Pen City Cruisers. Michael McCarty, who now lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has begun his apprenticeship in the plumber's union and recognizes the importance of showing trade options to our younger generation. McCarty who owns a 1960 Ford station wagon has never lost his passion for cars. He returns to Nauvoo each year to put on this event. McCarty said "We are hoping to get several Nauvoo businesses to set up booths to promote and sell their products at the event. There are plans for a charity yard sale on the grounds plus food. Free will donations for the food will go towards the fireworks show. Call 217-453-2359 for details about setting up a space. The outdoor spacious area allows for adequate social distancing. We encourage you to bring your hot rod or antique or just stop by and look at the ones on display and support a great cause. Donations will be accepted. The town will be rolling again, with the Annual Cruisin' for the Kids Cruise night from 5-9p.m. followed by the annual Fireworks Show.

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The Red Front Nauvoo Restaurant, 1305 Mulholland, Nauvoo, www.redfrontnauvoo.com

City Council, June 9, 2020

For the third straight month, the Nauvoo City Council held its City Council meeting behind closed doors because of COVID-19 restrictions. Live proceedings of the meeting were broadcast through the City of Nauvoo IL Facebook page.

The Council approved/discussed:

- Renewal of the Treasurer's Bond at \$50 for \$6,000 coverage.
- A \$200 donation to the Keokuk, Iowa Police Department in appreciation for their assistance and expertise in doing a forensic analysis of two cellphones involved in a sexual abuse investigation.
- The Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee's request to extend their two-year deadline from June to December 2020.
- An analysis of city roads and streets, indicating \$88,800 worth of work to be done. The Illinois Motor Fuel Tax generated \$34,000 to be returned to Nauvoo. The Streets, Buildings and Grounds Committee will decide which projects are most urgent. Residents can see the list of projects at city hall and can contact their aldermen to offer opinions on which repairs need higher priority.
- The Economic Development Committee reported that one business, The Nauvoo Thrift Store, had moved out of the old school building.

The Council tabled (until a future meeting when residents can be present to speak on the issues in person) a moratorium on nightly rentals, a detailed proposal for allowing chicken coops within the city limits, and amending the City Code to prohibit cannabis business establishments.

Mayor John McCarty reported:

- The Nauvoo Police Department received a nice care package of cookies from a Nauvoo family in appreciation for the good work they have done over the past several years.
- The annual Nauvoo/Montrose fireworks display WILL HAPPEN on Friday, July 3 (rain date July 4). In case of rain on both dates, the pyrotechnic extravaganza will be held on Friday, September 4, which coincides with the annual Grape Festival.
- Construction on and closure of Highway 96 between Nauvoo and Hamilton will possibly be moved up two weeks to late July. (Work on Highway 96 was originally scheduled to commence in early May and end in August. This would have interfered with visitors coming to Nauvoo for the Pageant. McCarty and other Hancock County officials lobbied the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) several months ago to get the project deferred until after the Pageant ended (early August). The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints cancelled the 2020 Pageant due to the pandemic. McCarty asked IDOT if they could go ahead and begin work on the project earlier than was rescheduled.)

Alderman Larry Nicholl reported the following news from the historic sites: Nauvoo Historic Sites have a few sites open for small groups of eight, The Joseph Smith Historic Site is closed until September 1, and The Red Brick Store will offer curbside service for their popular root beer.

Submitted by Alan Moberly

Special City Council Meeting, May 29, 2020

Two items were approved at a special City Council meeting, which included applying for a Rebuild Illinois Grant for the proposed new community center. One of the requirements of the grant was that the City approve a resolution to use city funds ("city funds" refer only to donations of cash or in-kind services that have already been/will be donated for the grant. Mayor McCarty emphasized that no tax dollars are used towards the proposed facility. The City had previously established a separate, restricted fund for this opportunity.) McCarty said that this action would give the city an opportunity to try for the grant.

The City Council also approved the rental of a large tent which can seat up to 70 people. The tent will include two port-a-potties. Installation and rental costs of the tent are \$2,060 for one month with an additional \$349 per week if the rental is extended. Visitors can order curbside meals at Red Front, Hotel Nauvoo, Annie's Frozen Custard or other vendors and stay in town at the tent to enjoy them. Donations from civic organizations and a few individuals are paying for the project, so no tax dollars are used. The tent will remain during the State's the Restore Illinois Phase 3 Coronavirus Response, which expire[d] June 26. A vote was necessary for the city's insurance coverage include the tent and to allow events to be held there. If there is interest, it is possible that the tent might remain for a longer period of time.

The tent can also be used for events (those interested need to check with City Hall) at no charge. According to McCarty, to date the Nauvoo Historical Society will use it every Friday evening for Nauvoo history sessions, and the Nauvoo United Methodist Church has asked to use it for outdoor services on Sunday mornings. You can find the tent behind the Nauvoo Tourism Office, on Page Street.

Submitted by Alan Moberly

Mayor's Corner

As we enter in to Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois we will see a little more of normalcy with the allowing of indoor dining, less store restrictions, opening of churches and museums, and larger outdoor event possibilities. We are still a long ways from anything close to a normal summer here but we need to stay strong and support all the local businesses and be respectful of those who still have chosen to enforce more restrictive measures for their business. None of know really what that person is facing and shouldn't judge them by their cautious actions. The same goes for those who choose to or not to wear a mask. We also do not know why that person made that choice but should respect them either way. If a mask is required by a business, respect their decision and understand it may be beyond their control. Please don't take offense and boycott them for their choice.

Hopefully we will be having our July Council meeting open to the public. We may consider moving it to the former Grade School Gym to accommodate larger groups and meet the social distancing guidelines. Watch for updates as we get closer.

The Community Tent behind the Tourism Office will be there for the month of July thanks in part to Deery Bros. of Burlington, Iowa. They recognize the difficulties small communities face and wanted to help out. The Historical society has been holding Tent Talks every Friday evening and will be for a few more weeks. If you are interested in holding an event there call City Hall (217-453-2587) and give them the request.

CENSUS, CENSUS, CENSUS! Hopefully you have done your part and completed your census filing for Nauvoo. This information is critical in deciding government funding, programs for both the elderly and children, road and infrastructure funding and much more. Our funds we receive from the state are normally based on a per capita basis, so the bigger our population the larger the check. Do your civic duty, ask your neighbors, call your family and friends and make sure they have also completed theirs. Call 844-330-2020 or go to www.2020census.gov and get counted!

Red Front Awarded Endowment Grant

The Red Front was one of two businesses in the county awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Hancock County Endowment Fund on June 10. Owners Jordan and Morgan Squire will use some of the money to purchase a larger commercial oven and grill to accommodate more customer orders. The restaurant opened in July of 2019 - barely a year old and already a mover and shaker in the food business. Besides serving delicious sandwiches, soups, salads, and desserts, the Red Front also offers catering options.

County Businesses File Applications for Grants

Hancock County Development (HCED), Carthage Community Development Corporation (CCDC), Mayors/Municipalities of Hancock County, and the Hancock County Board have announced that fourteen businesses filed applications totaling nearly \$300,00 in funding requests. Nauvoo businesses filing were Outlaw Tees, Nauvoo Motel, Nauvoo Hotel, Annie's Frozen Custard, Winning Looks, Fudge Factory, and Nauvoo Vacation Villa's—all of which comprise over half of the total businesses filing. Hats off to the businesses that took advantage of the opportunity and to Belynda Allen, Executive Director of HCED, and to Amy Graham (CCDC) for working out the plan that paved the way for it all to happen. Additional thanks to Sherry Saint and Kathy Jacobs for assisting businesses with the application process.

Historical Society Tent Evenings

The Historical Society reserved the tent for Friday evening lectures at 6:00. The schedule included the following: June 19 - Native Americans in Nauvoo, by Rita Southern and June 26 - Cambre House, by Rebecca Williamson. July 3 will feature Brown Bottom Boats, by Jim Topic. You might want to treat yourself to some dessert and watch the Nauvoo/Montrose fireworks over the Mississippi River).

Nauvoo Facilities Management (formerly NRI) Welcomes Jessie Nelson



Jessie is the newest member of the administrative staff at Nauvoo Facilities Management (NFM), located at the west end of Young Street next to the water plant. She left her former job managing the Fudge Factory to lend her organizational skills and personality to pursue her new venture. At NFM, Jessie is in charge of overseeing all accounts payable and receivable, serves as the human resource liaison between the Nauvoo and Salt Lake City, well as secretarial and reception duties - the latter being a job previously held by missionaries who were rotated in and out on an 18-month basis. Having a permanent, locally involved employee at this post flattens the learning curve and eliminates. Having Jessie, who was born and raised in Nauvoo, in the job insures knowledge of the area and people who live in and around Nauvoo. We are happy for your new post, Jessie. (FYI: Fear not. The Fudge Factory is back in the able hands of Kathy Nelson, Jessie's mom.)

Phase IV and the Show Homes on the Flats

Many Nauvoo missionaries returned home when COVID-19 forced closing of the show homes. Some of these will open with limited attendees. Twenty-two missionary couples remained in Nauvoo. There are also 61 Young Single Missionaries (YSMs). Together they will be giving the home and wagon tours. At this date it is not known when the homes will once again be open for touring.

Nauvoo Riverwalk

Many visitors to Nauvoo (and even residents) walk to the west end of Parley Street at sunset to the bank of the Mississippi River. Recently something new has been added to the viewing platform that offers benches for reflection and an up-close-and-personal opportunity to become a part of the river scene while watching the sun go down. This structure was erected in 2015 as part of a nature trail sidewalk which runs from the corner of Parley and Water Streets, continues along the river, crosses the Stone Arch Bridge, and ends at the Veterans Memorial.



Just this month, something new and educational was put in place—two 20" x 24" attractive reader boards made of powder-coated aluminum. One provides an interesting graphic comparing the capacity of barges with that of trains and trucks. The other is dedicated to Mississippi River facts, a few of which are presented below.

- The Mississippi River is 2,320 miles long and is the 4th longest in the world after the Nile, Amazon, and Yangtze.
- It forms the eastern or western borders of 10 states.
- With its 250+ tributaries, the Mississippi River basin's watershed drains all or part of 30+ states in the United States and two Canadian provinces between the Rocky and Appalachian Mountains, earning it the nickname "America's Watershed."
- The Mississippi is one of the four major flyways for migratory fowl. The other flyways are the Pacific, Central, and Atlantic.
- Ninety-two percent of the United States' farm exports are transported on the Mississippi each year (2016).
- Commercial towboats transport bulk goods such as grain, coal, oil, chemicals, salt, cement, scrap metals, and building materials.
- Eighteen million people depend on the Mississippi for drinking water (2016).
- The United States Corps of Engineers maintains the channel at a minimum of 9' deep and 300' wide to allow for safe passage of barge traffic.
- The channel meanders from one side of the river to the other. Channel width varies from 200-300 feet on the Upper Mississippi.
- Wing dams are unmarked navigation structures - rock piles often below the water line - used to direct water flow into the main channel.
- This display also teaches about "Locks and Dams on the Upper Mississippi", and about "Mississippi River Pool 19."

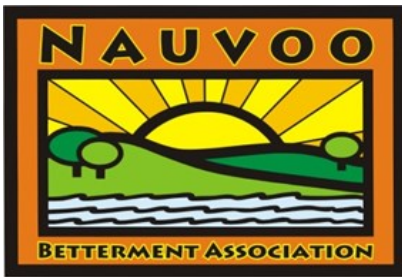
A third reader board tells of the history of the Nauvoo Blue Cheese factory on Young Street, near where the Nauvoo Blue Cheese factory once stood. An aerial photograph from the 1970s shows viewers how the surrounding area looked when the factory and St. Mary's Academy were there, and includes a "You Are Here" dot to help the viewer see and imagine traveling back in time to what once was. The area also has two benches under the trees to allow for contemplation or just a rest after walking uphill on Young Street. Three additional displays will be installed soon, along the Nauvoo Riverwalk on Water Street. Submitted by Alan Moberly

July Events at Baxter's Vineyards

With the progression to Phase IV, Baxter's Vineyards has reopened the Wine Barrel and will be utilizing the patio for outside seating. The following events are currently scheduled:

- Liz Bently on the Patio, Sunday, July 12, from 3 p.m. to 5p.m.
- Bocephus Wayne on the Patio, Saturday, July 25, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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Bright Angel Backpack Program 2020

This summer, our bright angel backpack program will be different than it has been in the past. Due to COVID-19, we are trying to meet the needs of the students and schools in our district and therefore we are requesting

- Monetary donations
- Clorox wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Clorox Anywhere Spray/Lysol Spray
- Paper towels
- Kleenex

Monetary donations will be used to purchase additional requested items as well as school supplies that will be distributed on an individual basis as needed.

Monetary donations -- Please make checks out to Bright Angels and leave at any Nauvoo church or send to the State Bank of Nauvoo, State Bank of Nauvoo, 1205 Mulholland St., P.O. Box 218 Nauvoo, 62354.

Drop off locations for the items are at any (open) Nauvoo church, Nauvoo Market, The Red Front, and the Fudge Factory. Thank you for your support of this program!!

Drive in Movie



Come to Nauvoo for an old fashion drive in movie on Saturday, July 11. We will be showing the *Parent Trap* in the large grassy area beside Outlaw Tee. Movie will start at dusk (about 8:30). Come a little early for a cardboard box car contest. Decorate your own cardboard box to win a prize and then kick back and watch the movie in it. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to sit in the yard. Preorder Nauvoo picnic baskets from either Red Front or Baxter's Winery. Each basket will have Fudge from the Fudge Factory and root

beer from the Red Brick store. Baxter's basket will have wine and cheese, the basket from the Red Front will have a gift certificate for anything in the store. Call the winery or Red Front to preorder. Come enjoy this fun family event, but please be mindful of social distancing. Look for more details on Facebook.



First Presbyterian Church

After a 165 year presence in Nauvoo, the First Presbyterian Church held its final worship service on Sunday, June 21. It was a day of remembrance as we thought of all those who built our church and congregation into the viable one that it was.

Mark Anderson has been our rock and had guided us over the past 19 years. We are forever grateful for the love he has shown to our congregation.

Due to the virus situation, we have decided to cancel our Celebration of Life that was planned for August 9 and will plan to hold a reunion in 2021. On Sunday, the 9th we will host an open house from 1-4 p.m. to give friends an opportunity to visit the church building again and also view the items (including the building) that will be sold at a virtual auction on Saturday, August 15.

We thank the community for its support over the years and especially at this difficult time.

2020-2021 Nauvoo Standing Committees

Streets, Sidewalks, Buildings, & Grounds: Chairman Jim Boyles, Jason Skog, Tacy Anozie

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Retail/Lodging: Tacy Anozie, Alderman; Brandon Nott, service; Vicki Berry, Lodging

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