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# See Nauvoo News

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## FEBRUARY EVENTS

- Feb 2-4, *Untold Nauvoo Stories*, see article p4
- Feb 8, String Art, Baxter's Vineyards, 6-8 p.m.
- Feb 10, Truffle & Wine Pairing, Baxter's Vineyards, 6-8 p.m.
- Feb 11, Valentine Dinner and Movie, Methodist Church, 5 p.m.
- Nauvoo Orchestra Dinner, Feb 13, Fire Station, 5:30-7 p.m.
- Feb 14, Story Time, Library, 11 a.m.
- Feb 18, Valentine's Day Essential Oils, Baxter's Vineyards, 1-4 p.m.
- Feb 19, Platelet Drive, Fire Station, 8- 2:25 p.m.
- Feb 22, Mentalist Dennis Watkins, Legacy Theater 7 p.m.
- Feb 24, Nauvoo Orchestra Concert, Historic Nauvoo Visitor Center, 3p.m.
- Feb 24, TBA Live Music, Baxter's Vineyards, 7-11 p.m.

## FEBRUARY MEETINGS

- Feb 1, Hotel Motel Tax Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- Feb 12, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Fire Station
- Feb 13, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Feb 19, School Board, 6p.m., Grade School
- Feb 19, Library Board, 7 p.m., Library
- Feb 21, Mayor's Round Table, 6 p.m., Fire Station
- Feb 21, Nauvoo Betterment Association, 7 p.m., Fire Station
- Feb 28, Senior Citizens, 11 a.m., Fire Station

## Nauvoo City Center Public Meeting

On January 31, the former grade school's gym hosted a group of 55 people who came to learn about the plans for the proposed Nauvoo City Center to be built on the site. The property was purchased by the city in 2014 when the elementary school was relocated to Nauvoo's Junior High.

Mayor John McCarty reviewed the almost ten-year process of the committee's due diligence in their initial task: a new location to house Nauvoo's library/learning center, which eventually led to an expanded vision that incorporated city offices, including a much-needed compliance upgrade for the police department. Space for the food pantry, senior citizens, tourism office, and groups indicating a need for meeting and event requests were included.

Librarian Amber Bevier presented "the state of the library," including today's library's changing role as a learning center, the present library's present limitations in that role, and the opportunities that the new facility would offer.

A computer-generated bird's eye video of the building's exterior showed how it would look from various angles on the site. There were comments and questions from those in attendance and answers from committee members and Poepping, Stone, and Bach architect, Martin Meyer.

The interior of the building would include a 250 capacity multi-use room component which will allow for more marketing options for Nauvoo as well provide a meeting space for events. A catering kitchen will be available.

Questions dealt with storage, access, bathroom facilities, other possible options for inclusion, and the availability of bus parking. It was also noted that three buildings would be freed up for commercial opportunity: city hall, library, and tourism office.

Future committee meetings will deal with updates to the building and donation options. At last November's city council meeting, the committee requested and was granted two years to raise the 4-million-dollar construction cost. (**Note:** The city council stipulated that construction cost must come from sources other than city funds and without any new taxes being levied upon residents. All design work and cost studies were underwritten by private donors.) Construction will not begin until the total amount is in place. Strategies for a capital campaign are in the planning stages. All contributions are tax deductible.

Questions may be directed to Mayor John McCarty or committee members: Dianne Adkisson, Amber Bevier, Jordan Bodily, Elaine Ferguson, Chuck Gilbert, Karen Ihrig, Larry Nicholl, Jeanette Simpson, and Paul Sly. If interested in helping with the capital campaign, please contact John McCarty, 217-453-2359 [outlawt@frontiernet.net](mailto:outlawt@frontiernet.net) or Karen Ihrig, 217-453-2202 [kinauvoo@frontiernet.net](mailto:kinauvoo@frontiernet.net).

The mayor described the new city center--a block in the heart of the city-- as a focal point, a destination, an investment in our community. It would show others how we perceive ourselves and the pride that we have in making this investment in our community.

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### Nauvoo City Council News January 9, 2018

- Action on Vicki Andrus--Splash Pad in City Park or other location removed from Agenda until Council gets more info.
- Approved 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2017-12 to amend Section 2-2-4 of the city code to change evaluation report from monthly to quarterly.
- Discussed appointing Brock Stout to replace Brandon Motley on the Economic Development Committee. This will be on the agenda for the February meeting.
- Received and approved bid of \$1,200 from Jason Lorentzen, Keokuk, Iowa, for 2004 Pontiac GrandAm.
- Approved Resolution 2017-9 to approve revised policy prohibiting sexual harassment.
- Approved 1st Reading of Ordinance 2017-13, establishing an administrative procedure for assessing and determining claims under PSEBA and waived 2nd and 3rd Readings.
- Approved SSPS request for Special Event Liquor License for Chili Cookoff on Saturday, March 3, from 5-7:30 p.m..
- The State of the City 2017 will be on the February agenda.
- Approved street closures from Main Street to Parley and Parley from Main to the Mississippi River for the Exodus Reenactment on Saturday, February 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The commemoration walk will be from 10 -11:30 a.m..
- Approved Barry Cuthbert to attend the ILRWA Conference on February 20-22, including reimbursement of \$175 for registration, \$270 for 2 nights motel, mileage, and per diem.
- Approved hiring two part-time snow plow operators, Colton Hardy and Brandon Siegfried, at \$12.69 per hour.
- Approved \$275 for an all-season coat for Chief Boley to be deducted from police funds.
- Approved 2017 Audit. The overall review showed a positive increase in balances. Hotel/Motel tax revenue was down \$10,000 over the previous year.

Submitted by Bev Reynolds

#### Senior Homestead and Tax Freeze Exemptions

Homestead exemptions are available to homeowners born in 1952 or before who occupy their residence can apply for a \$5,000 reduction in their assessed value for the 2018 real estate tax bills payable in 2019. First-time applicants must apply in person and supply a photo copy of the deed to their property and their birth certificate or other acceptable proof of age. Any individual who has previously filed and did not receive a mailed certificate should contact their local Supervisor of Assessments office. (217-357-2615)

There is a second and separate tax freeze exemption available to homeowners born in 1952 or before. An individual must have owned and occupied his/her home on January 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018. Incomes must be \$55,000, or less, which includes Social Security. Call Supervisor of Assessments office for more information.

Both exemptions need to be renewed yearly. Certificates of status must be completed by March 31.

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

### February Story Time at Nauvoo Public Library

February's Story Time will be February 14 from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the library. The talented Elaine Ferguson will be reading some Valentine stories and may even share a Valentine treat!

### Nauvoo Community Platelet Drive

Nauvoo's platelet drive will be on Monday, February 19 from 8:00 a.m.- 2:15p.m. inside the Nauvoo Fire Department Community Room, 2015 Mulholland Street. To donate, call Raymond Siegrist at (309) 221-5127.

### Take Your Valentine to "Dinner and a Movie"

The United Methodist Church is repeating one of its favorite fellowship events, dinner and a movie. Families, friends, and neighbors are invited to enjoy a hot dog and view the movie, *God Is Not Dead 2* at the church's Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 11, at 5:00 p.m. An RSVP is not required but would be appreciated: 217-453-2422.

### Nauvoo Area Senior Citizens

**Did You Know?** One of the best-kept secrets in the Nauvoo area is the Nauvoo Seniors Organization. Now beginning its 8th year.

**Purpose:** The mission of Nauvoo Area Seniors is to create an environment in which senior citizens can live and retire with vitality, dignity, and safety.

**Membership:** Anyone who supports these purposes is eligible for membership. There are no dues.

**Volunteer Board of Directors:** Eleven board members are elected from the membership. Officers for 2018: President, Jackie Sumner; Vice-president, William Seaver; Secretary, Karen Ourth; Treasurer; Betty Martin; and Assistant Treasurer, Linda Sinele. Other members of the Board are Barb Brown, Judi Davis, Kay Di Prima, Virginia Gerhardt, Peggy Shurts, and Jyll Sly.

**Meetings:** A luncheon and program meeting is held monthly at the fire station's community room at 11:00 a.m. on the last Wednesday of each month. A free-will donation is suggested to defray the cost of the meal. An informational or entertainment program follows the luncheon

**The secret's out!** Why don't you join us? Our next gathering is Wednesday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Senior Luncheon

Joyce Buckert will speak about the Orphan Train, a supervised welfare program that relocated about 200,000 orphaned and abandoned children from cities of the East Coast to the Midwest between 1854 and 1929. Joyce will concentrate on orphans who settled in Hancock County and the surrounding area. Join us for an interesting program, a tasty lunch, and good conversation on Wednesday, February 28, 11:00 a.m., at the fire station.

### Sweets to the Sweet

The Fudge Factory reopens on February 2nd in time for Valentines day. Sweet "tooths" rejoice!

### February Events at Baxter's Vineyards

Baxter's Vineyards will host the following events in February:

- String Art, Feb. 8, 6-8 p.m., RSVP required
- Truffle & Wine Pairing, Feb. 10, 6-8 p.m., RSVP required
- Valentine Day Essential Oils, Feb. 18, 1-4 p.m.
- Live Music TBA, Feb. 24, 7-11 p.m.

Visit [www.NauvooWinery.com](http://www.NauvooWinery.com) for details or call (217) 453-25258 to RSVP

**Tourism Office News**



The Nauvoo Tourism Office acting director, Sharon Nicholl and members of the Hotel/Motel Tax Board would like to extend a big thank you to outgoing Executive Tourism Director, Kim Logan, for the fantastic job she did serving, promoting and expanding Nauvoo's presence throughout the region, state, and beyond

over the past five years. We wish her continued success with her new and varied business ventures.

"Nauvoo: Experience History" or "Nauvoo: History Still in the Making" are the slogans Sharon is promoting to help visitors embrace Nauvoo's complete heritage. In addition to the Mormon history, the focus will include American Indian, Icarian, Catholic and German history. It will be a fun challenge to consider how Nauvoo's complete history can be showcased. Focusing on ways to provide more family-friendly historical and specialized activities year round should increase tourism and overnight stays. There will be more information and updates to come.

The Nauvoo Tourism Office sponsored two travel show booths in Utah during the month of January to encourage bus tour groups, families and individuals to visit Nauvoo. The first was the Columbus Travel Expo held in Layton, Utah, January 5 and 6. The second was the Murdock Travel Expo held in Sandy, Utah, January 26 and 27. Over 400 "Experience Nauvoo" brochures were handed out at each show and many more people were personally invited to come enjoy the many activities offered year round in Nauvoo.

Sharon also met with LDS Church leaders in Salt Lake City to discuss Nauvoo and how the city and church can work better together going forward. The meeting included representatives of the Public Affairs, Church History, and Missionary Departments.

Sharon's many tourism duties often take her away from the office, but please stop by the Tourism/Chamber office at 1295 Mulholland Street to say hello whenever the "Tourist Information" sandwich sign is out.

**Illinois Fun Facts**

- Two other capitals preceded Springfield: Kaskaskia and Vandalia.
- Illinois is the fifth largest state in population; 25<sup>th</sup> in land acres, 80 per cent, of which, is farm land.

**Nauvoo Orchestra**

The Nauvoo Orchestra will present A Spring Symphonic Concert on Saturday, February 24, at 3:00 p.m. in the West Theatre at the Nauvoo Visitors Center. Come and let your spirits soar!



**Chamber of Commerce News**

The Nauvoo Chamber of Commerce is starting 2018 with a new president. Sharon Nicholl has new ideas and goals to promote and expand the scope of our Nauvoo businesses. She is looking at ways to increase membership in the Chamber and will be inviting educational speakers to take a few minutes at the monthly meetings to lend ideas, help and support to business owners.

Sharon intends to organize a Nauvoo Leaders Roundtable to meet monthly and explore ways to improve communication between the heads of all the main organizations in our community as we move forward in helping to expand existing businesses and attracting new businesses to our city.

The Chamber meets monthly on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Fire Station meeting room beginning at noon. A delicious lunch is provided at the start of each meeting by one of the current member businesses for all members to enjoy.

The Chamber currently sponsors two big annual community events, Untold Nauvoo Stories the first weekend in February and "Bootiful" Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk the Saturday before Halloween. We look forward to sponsoring even more events for the community and our visitors to enjoy.

**Breast Cancer**

**Financial Assistance Available**

If you--or someone you know--live in Hancock County, have breast cancer and have insurance that won't pay for **follow-up services** or are in **breast cancer treatment**, you may qualify for limited financial assistance for breast cancer patients and/or survivors. A grant made possible by funds received from the Susan G. Komen for the Cure allocates up to \$500 per person to help with co-pays, labs, imaging, wigs, bras, and travel: hotels and gas. Call Hancock County Health Department, 217-357-2171, and ask for Marla or Carla for further information.

**Nauvoo Orchestra Dinner**

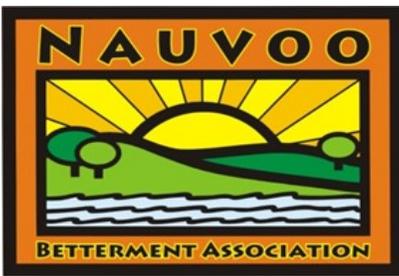
Come and enjoy an "Orchestrini Italiano" dinner at the Nauvoo Fire Station on Tuesday, February 13, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The Nauvoo Orchestra will also be providing relaxing music. Suggested donation is \$10 per plate. There will be a silent quilt auction of the quilt displayed at the State Bank of Nauvoo. Bids can be made at the bank, library, or at the dinner. The winner will be announced following the dinner. You do not have to be present to win.

**February is Heart Health Month**

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States. The good news? It is also one of the most preventable. Making heart-healthy choices, knowing your family health history and the risk factors for heart disease, having regular check-ups and working with your physician to manage your health are all integral aspects of saving lives from this often silent killer. FEBRUARY IS HEART HEALTH MONTH. Make a difference in your community by spreading the word about strategies for preventing heart disease and encouraging those around you to have their hearts check and commit to heart-healthy lives.

Visit [www.theheartfoundation.org](http://www.theheartfoundation.org) for the rest of the article and how **you** can make a difference in our community!





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 Deadline for the March Issue is February

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### Untold Nauvo Stories

The community of Nauvo will host a variety of activities in Nauvo during the weekend of February 2 – 4, 2018 with the return of the Untold Nauvo Stories Historical Symposium. The symposium has expanded and will include two evening keynote speakers and seeks to celebrate Nauvo's history with presentations that explore less well-known topics. The event will be augmented by the re-enactment of the 1846 Exodus from Nauvo to the Salt Lake Valley by members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The purpose of these events is to enrich the understanding of the personalities, conditions, and social currents that converge in Nauvo.

Registration and open house begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Joseph Smith Historic Site and Visitors center. Sessions will run from 1-2:15 p.m., 2:30-3:45 p.m., 4-5:15 p.m. each day. On Friday, 5:30 - 8 p.m., there will be a banquet at Hotel Nauvo with keynote speaker Dr. Benjamin Pykles who will present "Archaeologists Who Helped Restore Nauvo." On Saturday, 5:30- 6:30 p.m., there will be a catered meal at Nauvo Pageant Headquarters. Free-will donations will benefit the Nauvo Food Pantry. Keynote speakers Paul McKoon and former Passion Play participants will present "Remembering the Nauvo Passion Play." The detailed schedule of events, registration and details are available online at www.BeautifulNauvo.com.

Friday, February 2, 2018			Saturday, February 3, 2018		
Joseph Smith Historic Site Visitor Center, 865 Water Street			Joseph Smith Historic Site Visitor Center, 865 Water		
	11:30 AM	Registration Meet, greet, share previews of presentations, and pose questions		9:30 AM	Exodus Re-Enactment Family Living Center, 650 White Street
1A	1:00 PM	Glenn Lloyd: History of the Development of the Lock and Dam at Keokuk Jeff Hancks: After the Saints: Nauvo's Icarian History and Legacy	4A	1:00 PM	Father Tony Trosley: Sts. Peter and Paul Church: History in Context Phil Hoenig: History of the Organ at Sts. Peter and Paul Church
1B	1:00 PM	Carol Brown: History of the Nauvo Mill and Bakery Peggy Shurts: Old-time Pastimes	4B	1:00 PM	Barbara Chapman: Ellen Flynn, Los Angeles Widow, Comes to Nauvo in 1891 Dane Chapman: Two Doctors in Early Nauvo— Samuel Bennett and W. W. Rust
2A	2:30 PM	Meg Stout: Nauvo's Texas Connection Matt Kennedy: History of the Budweiser Sign	5A	2:30 PM	Reg Ankrom: The Quincy Refuge of Father Augustus Tolton Byron Holdiman: Quincy and Nauvo: Mid-19th Century Connections
2B	2:30 PM	Chuck Moulton: How to Keep Others from Messing Up the Real Story Randall Soland: The Nauvo Coffee House in the 1970s	5B	2:30 PM	Kathy Nichols: Hancock County Historical Materials at the WIU Archives Amy Provine and Rebecca Williamson: The Cambre House and Farm, Then and Now
3A	4:00 PM	Paul DeBarthe: The Patriarch and Lucy's Double Log House: Roads Leading Back Joseph Johnstun: History of the Official Announcement of the Martyrdom	6A	4:00 PM	Dan Moffitt: History of the Knights of Columbus Glenn Lloyd: A Brief History of Nauvo Transportation
	5:30 PM	<b>Hotel Nauvo</b> <b>1290 Mulholland Street</b> <b>Dinner &amp; Plenary Session</b> Dr. Benjamin Pykles: Archeologists Who Helped Restore Nauvo		5:30 PM	<b>Nauvo Pageant Headquarters</b> <b>885 N. State Highway 96</b> <b>Dinner &amp; Plenary Session</b> Paul McKoon and former Passion Play participants Remembering the Nauvo Passion Play

### Mentalist at the Legacy Theater

A magical evening is planned at the Legacy Theater in Carthage on Thursday, February 22, at 7 p.m. when mentalist/magician Dennis Watkins comes to town.

Watkins is an award-winning, third generation magic performer from Chicago where he performs regularly at his Magic Parlour at a suite in The Palmer House hotel.

Watkins comes to Carthage for a one-night-only show of family friendly, card magic, mind-reading, illusions and close-up sleight-of-hand that have audiences wondering, "How did that happen?" For a short look at his work, go to the Legacy Theater website, [www.thelegacytheater.com](http://www.thelegacytheater.com) and click to watch a video of his performance on Penn and Teller's "Fool Us" television show.

Tickets are sold at The Legacy Theater from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday or call 217-357-9479 at other times and leave a message. Tickets are also sold at Carson Ford in Carthage, Zion Mercantile in Nauvo, and Keokuk (Iowa) Convention and Tourism office.