



N A U V O O B E T T E R M E N T A S S O C I A T I O N

FEBRUARY EVENTS

- Feb. 4, Platelet Drive, Nauvoo Fire Dept, 8:15-3:15
- Feb. 9. Movie Matinee, Friendship Hall, 3 p.m.
- Feb. 19, Nauvoo Historical Society Quarterly meeting, City Hall, 3 p.m.
- Feb. 29, Athletic Fundraiser, Former Grade School Gym, 5 p.m.
- Feb. 29, Drop off Suggestions at City Hall for Webinar (See article p. 3)

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

- Feb. 6, Hotel Motel Tax Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- Feb. 10, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Fire Station
- Feb. 11, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Feb. 17, School Board, 6p.m., Grade School
- Feb. 17, Library Board, 7 p.m., Library
- Feb. 20, Mayor' Round Table, 6 p.m., City Hall
- Feb 20, NBA, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Feb 24, Chamber Executive Board, Noon, City Hall
- Feb. 25, Disaster Response Plan Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Fire Station
- Feb 26, Senior Citizen, 11 a.m., Fire Station

Untold Nauvoo Stories

Untold Nauvoo Stories is a great way to learn more about Nauvoo and the many unusual stories from times past. Over 20 speakers will present topics ranging from “The Doodlebug Train” and “The History of Benet Hall” to “The Nauvoo Button Factory.” The Symposium is from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31 and Saturday, Feb. 1 at the Joseph Smith Historic Site Visitor Center, Nauvoo. The full schedule of speakers and registration information is available at www.untoldnauvoostories.com, and also in last months addition of *See Nauvoo News* on the back page.

A meal and keynote presentation is at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 31. Rebecca Williamson, Nauvoo Historical Society President, will speak on “Mormon Springs and French Town” at Hotel Nauvoo.

On Saturday, February 1, John McCarty, Nauvoo Mayor, will present “Festival on Wheels Memories” at the Nauvoo Pageant Headquarters, 885 N. State Hwy 96. A catered meal will be served for a free-will donation at 5:30 p.m., with the program at 6:30 p.m.

River Road Closure Announced

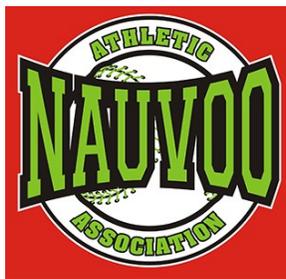
Get ready. It’s coming. Mayor McCarty announced at the January City Council meeting that the closure of River Road for approximately three months: August 3 to November 9. This temporary road closure of IL 96 at Sheridan Creek 0.9 miles south of Nauvoo to enable the removal of the existing two span bridge and replace it with a single span steel plate girder bridge. The original plan was to close the road in early May and end in August. Mayor McCarty and Hancock County Economic Development Director Belynda Allen worked with Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and other State officials to move the dates so as to not disrupt Nauvoo’s tourist and pageant seasons. The State will detour traffic from Hamilton to Nauvoo along state highways to Carthage, LaHarpe, Dallas City into Nauvoo (a long journey). Mayor McCarty negotiated with Hancock County officials which will allow a shorter detour and signage along Connable Road.



New Banners on Mulholland

The Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA) purchased twelve seasonal banners to adorn Mulholland from Wells to Winchester for the winter season. They are replacing the seasonal decorations, which had become problematic. NBA is planning to purchase at least two more sets of banners, which will brighten the downtown area as well as welcome all to Nauvoo. The City has offered to pay one-half the cost (\$1200) of these banners and any future banner purchases.

Nauvoo Athletic Association Fundraiser



The Nauvoo Athletic Association is hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, Feb 29th, 2020 at the former Nauvoo-Colusa Elementary School gym. The event starts at 5pm with a pull pork meal served with pasta salad, baked beans, chips, a drink and a desert for \$10. Additional drinks including water, soda, beer, and wine slushies will be available for a small fee. Carry-out meals are also available. Proceeds will be towards purchasing of equipment for our children’s baseball, softball and t-ball teams. This event is for patrons 21 years of age and older. Please come out and support our kids. Have some fun by playing cards or visiting with friends and neighbors. If you are unable to attend the event and would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to the Nauvoo Athletic Association and mail to the State Bank of Nauvoo at PO Box 218, Nauvoo, IL 62354.

New Missionary and Temple Presidents Arrive



Nauvoo welcomes President John and Marilyn Ritzley (left), Arizona, who has replaced President Lusvardi as Historic Site Director (formally known as Mission President) and President Eric and Catherine Andersen (right), Utah, who has replaced President Irion as Temple President. Each position is a three-year term.



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City Council Minutes January 14, 2020

The City Council approved the following:

- Registration, lodging and per diem to Police Chief Mike Boley to attend the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) Conference in Springfield from March 29-31.
- Registration, lodging, mileage, and per diem to Water Superintendent Barry Cuthbert to attend the Illinois Rural Water Association (IRWA) Conference in Effingham from February 17-20. Mayor John McCarty pointed out that state regulations now require that water superintendents earn more continuing education requirements for managing waste water.
- Registration, lodging, per diem and mileage to send four persons to the Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs (IIRA) Rural Economic Development Conference in Springfield on February 26-27.
- Payment of \$133 for consultation with Roger Brooks International to assist with branding, tourism, downtown development and marketing efforts. The Hotel/Motel Fund and Chamber of Commerce will each pay one third of the total cost of \$400.
- Hiring Sharon Nicholl as Tourism Director for \$30,000 plus expenses (which must be pre-approved by the Finance Committee) effective January 16.
- Donating \$350 to Warsaw High School for their After Prom event.
- Granting a Special Event Liquor License to Sts. Peter & Paul School for their March 7 Chili Cookoff.
- Forwarding a license agreement to Dan Faulkner for the Parley Street boat ramp.
- Mayor McCarty's appointment of Bob Wright to the Hotel/Motel Tax Board (replacing Carol Brown).
- Ordinance 2019-5 FY 2020 Business Development Grant Application for TIF. This allows businesses who are renters as well as owners to make improvements to the rental property and get 80% reimbursement. The City Council added a provision to allow applications to be retroactive to six months prior to the signing date of the ordinance. Businesses interested in obtaining such a grant can go to City Hall to inquire and obtain the necessary forms.

Members of the City Council reported that public input on whether to allow the sale of cannabis within the Nauvoo city limits was mostly negative. They plan to take a final vote next month.

PILOT Program Update

At City Council Mayor McCarty announced that the PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (for the properties removed from the tax rolls) for this year is \$90,000. This amount will be reduced by 20% over the next five years when it will stop altogether. The distribution of this \$90,000 to various taxing entities is as follows:

- Nauvoo Fire Protection District - \$22,801.82
- Nauvoo Park District - \$4,220.90
- Nauvoo Roads & Bridges - \$8,282.33
- Nauvoo City - \$44,293.89
- Nauvoo Public Library - \$10,401.06

Submitted by Alan Moberly

A Library Is Never a "Lie" brary

Not dependent on social media for its information, the library remains a consistently reliable resource for accurate information.

Tourism Office News

In December, the City Council voted to allow the Hotel/Motel Tax Board to start advertising for a full-time Tourism Director for the City of Nauvoo as an independent contractor. Six applicants were interviewed for the job. Sharon Nicholl, past president of the Nauvoo Area Chamber of Commerce, hired as the new Tourism Director. Sharon has already promoted Nauvoo at a booth at Utah's largest travel show – the Morris Murdock Travel Expo in Sandy Utah. While in Utah Sharon had meetings with representatives of several other travel and tour companies including Columbus Travel, Legacy Travel & Tours, and Fun-for-Less Tours. She also met with Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints leaders over the Church History Sites to introduce herself and discuss how the city and the church can continue to work together going forward for the betterment of Nauvoo.

We appreciate those volunteers who have graciously offered their time and talents in the past. And we are once again looking for individuals to help with staffing the Tourism Office. Even if you just have a couple of hours, your help would be very much appreciated. Stop by the Tourism Office or call (217) 453-6648 and meet or say hello to Nauvoo newest Tourism Director!

Nauvoo Historical Society News

The Nauvoo Historical Society Quarterly Membership Meeting will meet on February 19, at 7 p.m., at City Hall. Program presenters, Elder Regan Willmore and Sister Trisha Willmore, will discuss "Nauvoo Historic Residences Restoration Project," an overview of the four homes being restored/reconstructed on "the flats").

Note: If you believe your membership in NHS has lapsed, please check your records to see when you last paid dues. Some of you, and the others in NHS who do not have email addresses, will receive a paper copy of the newsletter and a brief note showing when NHS last heard from you. In converting from all-paper to electronic record keeping, we may have lost track of when you paid the membership dues, so please help us



Nauvoo Area Senior Luncheon

Once again Alan Kanauss' students from the Warsaw and Nauvoo-Colusa band departments will make music magic at February's Nauvoo-area senior luncheon. Bring your appetite for fun, food, and entertainment to the fire station on February 26, 11:00 a.m. You need not be a senior citizen (50+) to attend the program part of the meeting, which begins at approximately 11:45 and lasts until 12:15, or so. There's always something interesting to learn and enjoy. Come. Bring a friend.

Platelet Drive

A Nauvoo Community Platelet Drive will be hosted from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, at the Nauvoo Fire Department. To donate, please contact Raymond Siegrist at (309) 221 5127 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 3082 to locate the drive.

Nauvoo Fudge Factory Opens for the 2020 Season

The Fudge Factory will open for regular hours beginning Friday, January 31. Stop in and try our flavor of the month, Cherry Vanilla and don't forget candy for your Valentine!



Webinar

The City of Nauvoo has hired Roger Brooks International to present a live webinar to the City of Nauvoo on March 19 at 4:30 p.m. Roger Brooks has assisted nearly 2,000 communities with their branding, tourism, downtown development and marketing efforts. To help him focus the discussion on Nauvoo, we need input from the Economic Development Committee, the Chamber of Commerce, the City Council, and citizens of the City. What are Nauvoo's strengths? What are Nauvoo's weaknesses? What should be improved? Please send or drop off your suggestions to the City Clerk by March 1.

Submitted by Jeff Christensen

United Methodist Church News

Nauvoo United Methodist Church is excited to welcome its new pastor, Mary McQuilkin, to the area. Pastor Mary recently moved to Nauvoo and started her service in December. She is familiar with small towns, having grown up in Magnolia, Illinois. Her last appointment was as Associate Pastor at Edwardsville, Illinois, St. John's United Methodist Church. She will be serving Nauvoo United Methodist and Burnside United Methodist Churches and is looking forward to getting to know the area and the people here in Nauvoo.

Movie Matinee: Come join us inside the Friendship Hall, Sunday, February 9 at 3 p.m. for a matinee showing of "The Grace Card."

The Census Matters

The fourth article in a series

As boomers age, does the government expect a dramatic rise in the number of older Americans counted?

Yes. In 2010, there were more than 40 million people age 65 and older in the United States—13 percent of the population. That number is projected to grow to 55 million—16 percent of the population—in 2020. It is projected that by 2050, those 65+ will make up 20 percent of the population.

As the number of older Americans increases, how will the census improve their lives?

An AARP survey shows that most of older adults want to stay in their homes and communities as they age. Filling out the census could increase the likelihood of that happening. Census data will be used over the coming decade to decide where to place parks, roads, and hospitals. It will determine funding for community projects that benefit people of all ages, including mass transit, which helps many people remain in their homes longer.

-Taken from AARP Bulletin, Real Possibilities, September 2019

www.nauvoocc.org

Have you taken a look at the Nauvoo Community Center website lately? If not, you might be surprised at the number of those who have contributed to the efforts of the new community center—over 250! Some have given cash, donations of appreciated stock, made a multi-year pledge, supplied auction items, and ordered bricks for the entrance plaza. One couple even chose to write a monthly check for the past year and a half. How's that for commitment! It's 2020. If you are 70 ½ or older, it's time to consider just what you would like to do with your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). We know the perfect place....

See Nauvoo News Welcomes New Sponsors

Two new businesses in Nauvoo have taken the place of two long-term sponsors of See Nauvoo News: Martin's Accounting Tax Service and Art Needlework Shop. Both owners, the Schafers and Mary Lou Ferneti, opted for retirement. We wish them well. In their place are Three Keys Collection and Red Front Restaurant where newsletters are available, as well. We appreciate their support of the newsletter and welcome them to the ranks of our long-term sponsors who have helped.

The Game's the Thing!



Are you a puzzle fanatic? Love doing really challenging 500, and even 1,000 piece jig saw puzzles? Want to test your abilities with a group (4 per group) of like-minded puzzlers? The Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NC5) is sponsoring a contest featuring a two-hour competition on Saturday, March 21, at the old grade school gym from 2-4 p.m. with a supper open to all to

follow from 4-6 p.m. Prizes will be given for the winning team in each category.

The same 500 or 1,000 piece puzzle (choice made by team on registration form) will be available to each team of four (A team will consist of participants 12 and above who may either be preselected or be created the afternoon of the contest.) Size of puzzle desired, name of team, if desired (let those creative juices flow!) and its members--or individuals who would like to be put on a team need to preregister by March 9 (so puzzles may be ordered). Donate your used puzzles, which will be sold for a nominal fee at the event.

If jigsaw puzzles just aren't your thing, you are invited to come watch and/or exercise your mind by playing a board game, word puzzle, or other "mind exercises" that appeal to you. Supper, purchased separately and opened to all, is from 4-6 p.m. (Remember, this is meant to be a fundraiser as well as fun! All proceeds go to the Nauvoo Community Center Fund.)

For more information on the event, contact Barb Schafer, Kathy Schoeni, Rita Souther, Jessie Nelson, or Karen Ihrig.

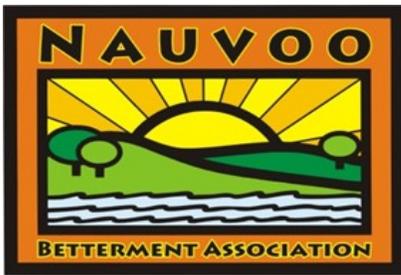
Adopt a Pig

A new opportunity to put aside some coins for the Nauvoo Community Center campaign will be in the form of a friendly, be-speckled pig. Fifty piggy banks will make their debut at the Puzzle Challenge-Game Afternoon and Supper on March 21, sponsored by the Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NC5). This is a way to lend your support for NC5 by "fattening your pig for market."



A \$5 deposit (refundable with return of filled pig) will allow a piggy adoptee to live with you for two months while you have fun stuffing him with "leftovers" (loose change). Each adopted parent(s) will name--and decorate, if desired-- the family addition. After "living in" each household/business for two months, the pigs will reunite and be eviscerated (counted). Prizes will be given to the owner(s) of the pig with the "highest fat content" (cash). Prizes will also be available for piggy with the most creative name and best decoration. Watch for further details.





Articles may be submitted at any time to
seenauvoonews@gmail.com.
Deadline for the March Issue is February 28

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Standing Bear Council February Meeting

The Standing Bear Council will host its February membership meeting on Sunday, February 9, 1:00 p.m. at the Hawkeye Restaurant in Keokuk. Those wishing to eat are encouraged to come at noon. Standing Bear Council meetings are open to all people – Native and non-Native. Please bring one canned or dry good for storage. The Council will review the Winter Gathering at the Oakley-Lindsay Center in January and coordinate ongoing requests for programs and events in the Tri-State area. The Council is a non-profit organization. For more information about the meeting and/or about Standing Bear Council's educational programs, please call Larry Cooper at 319-795-6718, Dona Herr, at 319-520-5919, or Debbie Callaghan at 217-219-1188.

Food For Thought

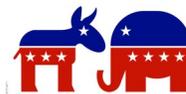
"Correlation" does not mean "causality." Sometimes it seems that there's an enormous amount of "evidence" that proves that one thing actually causes another; i.e., a mathematical relationship between two things (variables) does not mean they cause each other (causation). It's awfully easy to draw an erroneous conclusion, when "putting two and two together." The statistician's age-old example: Teachers got a pay raise. Liquor sales went up. Conclusion: Teachers bought liquor with their raises. Go figure...!

- The truth is always different from what anyone says out loud. Poet Stephen Dunn
- The Origin of ZIP Codes: The U.S. Postal Service introduced the "zone improvement plan" (ZIP) code in 1963. It mechanized more of the work of mail sorting. The first number refers to a region, the next two to a mail processing center. The fourth and fifth digits designates a specific post office. A later expansion added four additional numbers indicating what side of the street, or even hallway, the destination is on.
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A New Use for Grapes

Every year, about 27 million tons of salt is spread on U.S. roads and highways, and that causes an estimated \$5 billion in damage due to the corrosive effects of the salt on concrete, asphalt and steel. The chlorides in road salt do not degrade and threaten to cause long-term environmental damage. Highway departments have been searching for an alternative to salt for years, researchers at Washington State University tried waste peony, sugar beet, grapes, dandelion leaves, and apples. Grape juice won out! Grapes, or, more precisely, grape skins, when chemically degraded and naturally fermented, melt ice faster than either salt--or beet juice, another option tried. Other interesting de-icers tried, among others, have been cheese brine (WI) has been used as both a de-icer and an anti-icing agent, applied to roads before a snowstorm to prevent ice from forming. Pickle brine and potato juice (a waste product of vodka and rum distillation) have been used (TN) to de-ice roads. Hmmm. A new outlet for Baxter's and Koechles' vineyards perhaps?

-From an article by Paul Ausick and shared by Don Griffiths

Nauvo Market Place Supports Community Center

Thoughts of spring cleaning? It's never too early to, at least, START thinking about it. Some of those items that need to be moved on can find a home at Nauvo Market Place. Nauvo Betterment Association (NBA) is sponsoring an opportunity for the proceeds from items tagged with prices and the number 90 to go directly to the Nauvo Community Center's fund. For your convenience, a packet of tags to tie or tape onto each item is available for you to take with you, providing incentive for that cleaning event. Need more? Please feel free to duplicate them, make your own, or call and leave a message at 217.453.2202. (A suggestion: The rule of thumb when pricing items is to use 1/10 of the original cost: a \$10 item would be priced at \$1, etc. The efforts of the community are already showing up!

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