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APRIL EVENTS

- March 31, Nauvoo Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. Nauvoo Fire Protection District
- April 3-6, Book Fair, see article pg. 2
- April 7, Fried Chicken Dinner, 4:30-7 p.m. Appanoose Church
- April 11, Story Hour 10:30 a.m., Library
- April 13, Ooey Goey Night, 6 p.m., SPPS
- April 18, SPPS Screening, 2-6 p.m.
- April 23, Platelet Drive, 8a.m.-2:15 p.m., Fire Station

APRIL MEETINGS

- April 5, Hotel Motel Tax Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- April 9, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Fire Station
- April 10, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- April 16, School Board, 6p.m., Grade School
- April 16, Library Board, 7 p.m., Library
- April 19, Nauvoo Betterment Association, 6 p.m., Fire Station
- April 19, Mayor's/Leadership Round Table, 7 p.m., Fire Station
- April 25, Senior Citizens, 11 a.m., Fire Station

New Nauvoo Cell Tower

Installation of the foundation of Nauvoo's new cell tower is planned to begin on March 26. It will measure 26' x 26', have a depth of 8', and will consist of 20,000 pounds of metal rebar and 222,750 pounds of concrete. The monopole tower will be 199' high including the 4' lightning rod, and will not require any lighting to be installed due to the height being under 200'. In a catastrophic event, the monopole is designed to bend over on itself and be contained within the compound.

The initial carrier on the tower will be AT&T; it will also contain communications gear to support a nationwide mobile network, FirstNet, which when partnered with AT&T, will provide the latest in LTE coverage for AT&T mobility customers and FirstNet subscribers.

FirstNet is a federally commissioned, nationwide mobile network for emergency services personnel: police, fire, EMT, etc., and will provide priority and call preemption for those emergency services subscribers at all times. This feature alone will increase the public safety of the citizens and visitors of Nauvoo, as well as surrounding communities across Hancock County. The plan is for the tower's being on line and functional in late April.

Information from Chris Wiese, CellSite Solutions

Leadership Roundtable

On Thursday, March 15, Sharon Nicholl, Executive Director of Nauvoo Tourism and Chamber offices, in conjunction with Mayor John McCarty sponsored a gathering of community leaders to discuss a number of issues relating to our city. These members were selected because of the offices/positions they hold in various city and community organizations. Eighteen of the 24 invitees and/or their representatives attended: Dianne Adkisson (Library Board, Public Spaces Committee), Carol Berry (Bright Angel Program), Jordan Bodily (Nauvoo Facilities Management), Mike Boley (Nauvoo Police Chief), Marilyn Candido (Nauvoo Historical Society), Elaine Ferguson (Public Spaces Committee), Dan Gallaher (Nauvoo Fire Protection District), Karen Ihrig (Nauvoo Betterment Association), Rich Irion (Nauvoo Illinois Temple), Matt Kennedy (Hotel/Motel Tax Board), Mark Lusvardi (Illinois Nauvoo Mission), Dave Moore (Nauvoo Illinois Stake), Larry Nicholl (Planning Commission, Untold Nauvoo Stories), John McCarty (Mayor), Barb Schafer (Nauvoo Betterment Association), and Gene Shurts (Economic Development Committee).

The purpose of the roundtable was to promote better communication among the various organizations and find ways they can work together for the good of Nauvoo. Sharon noted that city organizations need "to have a clear understanding of the roles played in the fundamental workings of our city and to identify ways we can support and help one another." These might include sharing their goals and purposes, a master calendar of groups' activities, and the establishment of a forum to discuss ways in which these groups could communicate and, thereby, join forces in the promotion of identified shared goals and challenges.

The attendees felt that continuing the discussions with future meetings would be beneficial. It was decided to combine the leaders meeting with the monthly Mayor's Roundtable meeting. This will provide a learning and listening opportunity for those in leadership roles as well as include community members who want to be involved.

The Mayor's Roundtable meeting will be changed from the third Wednesday to the third Thursday of each month. The first one-hour joint meeting will be April 19, 7:00 p.m., at the fire station's community room. (Note: The Nauvoo Betterment Association meeting will now precede the round table at 6:00 p.m.)



City-wide Cleanup Day is Wednesday, April 25

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Nauvoo City Council News March 13, 2018

- Approved Special Event Liquor License for SPPS's God's Portion Day Auction on Sunday, June 3, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. It will be held at the Sts. Peter & Paul School's gym
- Approved NRI request for street closures of Hotchkiss and Hyde Street on Monday, March 26, for the Prairie Grass Burning. Street closures are from 3:30-9:00 p.m. The burn will be at 6 p.m. The Lemmings are to play. The Nauvoo Bakery and the Apron will have concessions.
- Approved Hotel/Motel request to extend Acting Tourism Director for another 90 days and pay increase from \$10 per hour to \$12 per hour, with weekly hours not to exceed 30. The 90 days will be from March 24.
- Approved Resolution 2017-10 approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement.
- Approved 1st Reading of Ordinance 2017-14, a Special Ordinance authorizing the ceding of private activity bonding authority (transfer of 2018 Home Rule Volume Cap to WIEDA) and waived the 2nd and 3rd Readings.
- Jordan Bodily introduced Steven Olsen who gave a presentation of the LDS Church Historic Nauvoo's Master Plan: Phase 1--Temple District and Visitor Services, 2014-2020; Phase 2--Historic Nauvoo flats and outdoor stages, 2014-2028; and Phase 3--2025-2039.
- The TIF Board of Review will meet on Wednesday, March 21, at 4 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the Annual Financial Report.
- Approved Carol and Carrie attend the Payroll Law 2018 in Quincy on April 5, registration of \$140 per person, mileage, and per diem.
- Approved Joe Tripp's second leave-of-absence request for family farming during April and October.
- Approved Chief Boley's request to send Mark Church to a Certified Taser Instruction Class in Monticello, Illinois, on June 14 from 8-5 p.m. and pay for registration, hotel, per diem, and use of a squad car. The cost of the training is \$435.
- The City needs to establish weather this year is the last year for the pilot payment from the LDS Church, and to establish the future of the program.
- Approved request from the Capital Campaign Committee to establish a brokerage account to accept gifts of securities.
- Tabled mileage expense of the Interim Tourism Director until the City Attorney can review it.
- Approved an increase of 3% of the base for employee salaries and a \$1.00 an hour extra pay increase for the City Collector and Treasurer.
- Approved Hotel/Motel Budget.
- Approved permits over \$5,000: 1. 1450 Mulholland, Nauvoo Products, construct 60'x30' garage. 2. 1850 Ripley, Carol McGhghy, remodel front porch. 3. 1895 Young, Durell Nelson, build front porch. 4. 70 Butternut Lane, Bob Combs, construct new workshop 48' x 36'. 5. 205 Partridge, NRI, stage floor and structural improvements
- Approved roofing application, 46 Willow Lane, Jenna Bevier
- Approved investigating Pay Pal and/or credit/debit card payments to the city.

Submitted by Bev Reynolds

Community Platelet Drive

Nauvoo will host a Platelet drive Monday, April 23 from 8 a.m.-2:15 p.m. at the Nauvoo Fire Department Community Room. To donate, call Raymond Siegrist at (309) 221-5127.

Sts. Peter & Paul School News for April Ooey Goey Fun Night:

Does your 3-5 year old like to get messy, but you hate cleaning up the mess? Problem solved! Bring your child to Sts. Peter and Paul School on Friday, April 13 for their annual Ooey Goey Fun Night. Check-in begins at 6 p.m. Be sure to dress casually as things can get messy!

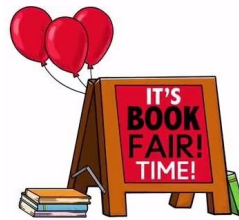
Space is limited to 60 children (only ages 3-5 please) and registration is required. Please call SPPS at 217-453-2511 or go to www.stspeterpaul.org to register. T-shirts will be available for purchase. We hope to see you at this fun, free, and messy event!

Sts. Peter & Paul School Enrollment: Are you considering enrollment at SPPS? Want to learn more or see us in action? Please call the school 453-2511 and schedule a time to visit.

SPPS Screening: Wednesday, April 18, 2-6 p.m. For NEW preschool and kindergarten students (Screenings are REQUIRED if enrolling for the first time at SPPS). Call for an appointment.

Scholastic Book Fair

The public is welcomed to attend and encouraged to support the Nauvoo Elementary and Jr. High and its PTO! This is one of our best fundraisers and helps to supply our teachers with much needed books for their classrooms and for our school library. For more information contact Brielle Hill, PTO Secretary, 701-578-8722



The book fair is in the Gym Foyer at the following days and times:

- Tuesday-Friday, April 3-6, 8-10 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m.
- Thursday evening 5-8 p.m. (during the junior high musical "High School Musical" and art exhibit).

Fried Chicken Dinner

Appanoose Church near Niota will have their annual Fried Chicken Dinner Saturday, April 7, from 4:30-7 p.m. The menu will include fried chicken, cheesy potatoes, green beans, corn, salads, drinks, and desserts for a free will offering. Everyone welcomed!

Senior Citizens Luncheon

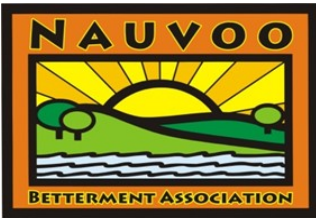
Save Wednesday, April 25, 11:00 a.m., at the fire station for Nauvoo Area Senior Citizens' monthly luncheon. A guest speaker from the Iowa Fertilizer Company in Weaver, Iowa, will talk about the plant's operation (speaker still TBD). If you are 50 or older, please come for lunch and program. Or, if just a young whipper snapper, make a point to come for the program, which begins at 11:45 a.m. It's a great time for learning, lunching, and laughing.

Looking for Lincoln

Nauvoo is a "Looking for Lincoln" community, and this month is the 10th birthday of the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. A big birthday celebration will take place on April 28 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield, IL. Contact the Tourism Office for more information.

Nauvoo Public Library Story Time

Nauvoo Public Library’s Story Time will resume its normal schedule- every week on Wednesday from 10:30-11:00 a.m.- starting April 11.



Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA)

The NBA is always looking for projects that benefit the city, its citizens, and its visitors.

- Over the years, various Eagle Scouts have presented proposed projects for consideration. This year Dillon Grow is looking forward to heading a group to replace the waste receptacles surrounding our city’s trash barrels.
- In addition to acting as a liaison group for city improvement projects, the NBA plans and coordinates activities for Memorial Day’s picnic in the city park, providing an opportunity to honor those who have gone on before and to enjoy visiting with each other.
- Because they were such a hit last year, scarecrows will be back in full force lining Mulholland during the month of October. Plans are already underway.
- The NBA is contemplating offering a stipend for young adults who wish to create and execute a project of benefit to the city’s betterment. Stay tuned for more information.
- NBA has changed its meeting date to the third Thursday at 6 p.m. preceding the newly formed Mayor’s/Leadership Roundtable, which begins at 7 p.m.

Historic Nauvoo Announces Long-term Plans

Steven Olsen, chairman of Historic Nauvoo Steering Committee, Salt Lake, presented a timeline of long-term enhancements, 2014-2039, at the City Council’s March meeting. The plan will focus on core messages and increased authenticity of the historic sites, the integration of historical landscapes, and the improvement of visitor experiences.

Phase One (2014-2020) will focus on the Temple District and Visitors Center and include historic restorations of the Weeks, Gheen, and Hyde homes. In addition, it will recreate the Hunter home, West Grove, and landscape features. New exhibits will be created at the Visitors Center and Jones’ property, the latter from original temple stones. Phase Two (2018-2028) will focus on Historic Nauvoo “flats” and outdoor stages; Phase Three, additional projects in Historic Nauvoo.

Steve indicated that no additional property purchases are anticipated and all projects will be financed by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His committee anticipates the projects will improve collaboration among community and cultural partners and be indirect investments in the social fabric and local economy of Nauvoo. The plan is scheduled to be completed in 2039, the bicentennial of the Latter-day Saints arrival in Nauvoo.

Nauvoo Fire Protection District

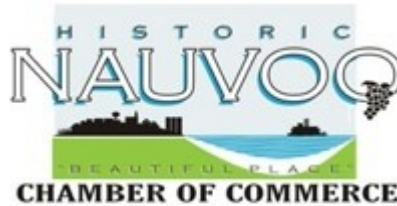
Dan Gallaher recently announced that as of May 1, the Nauvoo Fire District’s positions will be as follows: Fire Chief, Kendall Gallaher; Assistants Scott Diprima and Phil Kaehler; Captains, Bryton Hopp and Will Marshall; ESDA, Daniel W. Gallaher and Gary Shanks; Medical, Vicki Gallaher; and Trustees Paul McKoon, Bill Shanks, and Daniel W. Gallaher. The Nauvoo area is grateful to have a prepared and dedicated staff who are ready to assist in times of emergency.

Tourism Office News

March and April are Spring Break months when Nauvoo welcomes many families and groups. We have also seen more businesses open up after their “long winter’s nap” to accommodate these visitors.

The Tourism Office has also welcomed some new volunteers that have graciously offered their time and talents. A big thank you goes out to Ruth Griffiths, Robby Barlow and Alan Moberly for their much appreciated help. More volunteers are still needed so if you have time, we have projects! Stop by the Tourism Office or call 217-453-6648.

The 2018 Illinois Governor’s Conference on Tourism held recently in Chicago was a great networking and learning opportunity for Tourism Director Sharon Nicholl. Sharon Nicholl was reminded once again, how amazing it is that a town of 1,149 citizens can expand to welcome over 100,000 visitors each year and make it work as well as it does.



Chamber of Commerce News

Calling all Nauvoo businesses “Ask not what the Chamber can do for you, but what you can do for the Chamber!” The

Chamber leadership is once again encouraging ALL business owners to join and get involved in the Nauvoo Area Chamber of Commerce. If you want to know how you can get involved in Chamber activities, what are the benefits of being a member and what committee you should join, then contact Sharon Nicholl at sharon.nauvoo@gmail.com, 217-453-6648 or stop by the Tourism office.

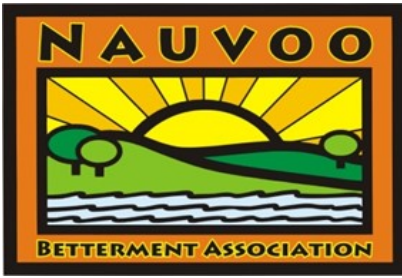
The Chamber members meet the second Monday of each month at noon in the Fire Station. A delicious lunch is served to members by our spotlighted business prior to the meeting. Guest speakers present relevant educational topics relating to all aspects of operating and marketing a business. The April 9th meeting will welcome Abbi Clevenger, SET Confluence Vista and two CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) high school students who will discuss how to use hash tags, social media, websites and more to increase exposure

Meet The Chamber Night

On Thursday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m. at the Nauvoo Pageant Building, the Nauvoo Chamber of Commerce will hold an open house for all individuals new to the community. We will have a short overview of the community’s businesses and then you will have a chance to meet the business owners, have some samples, gather some coupons, and see what our town has to offer.

Priests Pedaling for Prayers

Three young priests of the Diocese of Peoria are preparing to climb on their bicycles and cross central Illinois to raise awareness of and prayers for vocations. This year’s route is expected to cover as many as 275 miles as it takes Father Tom Otto, Father Adam Cesarek and Father Michael Pica from Sts. Peter and Paul School in Nauvoo on Monday, April 16, to Holy Cross School in Mendota on Friday, April 20. Along the way, the “Priests Pedaling for Prayers” will make stops at schools and churches in Macomb, Peoria, Washington, Streator, Ottawa, Oglesby, LaSalle and Peru for assemblies, Masses and Holy Hours for Vocations. (For the schedule, visit the website of the diocesan Office of Priestly Vocations at comeandfollowme.org)



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Deadline for the May Issue is April 27

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Renovation in the Works

In 2000, Helen Campbell, a born and bred Canadian, living at the time in Ankeny, Iowa, chanced to drive through Nauvoo and, as with many, fell in love with the place. An opportunity presented itself to relocate, and Helen who had recently earned a nursing degree, was hired on to provide in-home care to long-time resident. Voila! Helen was transplanted to Nauvoo.

Then, in 2006, Helen's fascination with creamy, scoopable custard led her to the opening of Annie's Custard on the west side of a rented building on Mulholland. By 2011, she needed more space for her burgeoning business and added the adjoining east side. In 2017, Helen decided to purchase the entire building, which included one huge apartment that spanned the entire upstairs plus an addition that added more floor space than the combined area of her first-floor business.

Changes to the building are in the works. While the business area will remain the same, the upstairs' apartment will be seeing a few changes. There will be two apartments available for nightly, weekly, or monthly rental. The smaller one will have one bedroom, a bathroom, and living-kitchen area. The larger will have three bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, and spacious living-dining area. The two apartments can be combined into one, sleeping up to sixteen. Helen is hoping the apartments will be ready to rent by the end of April. (Call 217.219.0189 for more information.) Look for pictures of the finished project in upcoming editions.

Annie's Custard, however, will open on Friday, April 13 (Helen's not superstitious...) and will be serving her famous custard, waffles, and pastries. This year, light lunches will also be available. Hours are 11:30-9:37 p.m., Monday through Saturday; closed Sundays. Stop in and see her sometime and enjoy a tasty treat.

Earth Day

It's time to remember Mother Earth and help her look her spring best! On Saturday, April 21, 9-11 a.m., Earth Day will be celebrated in Nauvoo. All those who would like to be a part of spiffing up our town for spring: cleaning and general policing of the sidewalks and streets in the business district along Mulholland, should meet at City Hall at 9:00 a.m. where assignments

will be distributed. The event will last until 11:00 a.m. B.Y.O. Broom and gloves, if possible. Trash bags and additional equipment will be available. If you have any questions, please call Bob Wright at (309) 333-6861. Donuts will be the "carrots" for all participants!



Illinois Fun Facts

- Collinsville, Illinois is home to the world's largest bottle of catsup.
- The ice cream sundae originated in Evanston.

Local Photographer's Book to Be Published Soon

Local photographer and Nauvoo resident, Tom Simpson, is closing in on his plans to publish a photography book featuring the historic flats and Nauvoo Temple. The book dream began in the summer of 2009 when Tom and his wife, Jeanette, first visited Nauvoo and began to wonder, "What does Nauvoo look like during the other seasons?"

Knowing that timing quarterly trips to catch peak seasonal delights would be difficult, the Simpsons left Florida behind and moved to Nauvoo. Now, several years and thousands of images later, the book *Seasons of Nauvoo: Year-round Imagery of the City Beautiful* is becoming a reality.

You can be part of the book project success. How? Go to www.NauvooImages.com and click on the Seasons of Nauvoo book image in the page sidebar. Read through the book project description, choose a reward, and become a backer.

The Kickstarter campaign will end April 20 so if you want to help a local small business succeed, grab this opportunity before the deadline. You can contact Tom at 217-453-2797 for more details. Thank you for your support!

Public Space Committee

From over a dozen suggested names for the proposed new city building, the Public Spaces' Capital Campaign Committee selected "Nauvoo Community Center." The choice acknowledges the fact that the facility would be serving the communities surrounding Nauvoo as well as the city itself. A name for the facility needed to be established for use in the creation of a letterhead for the necessary documents and forms.

The committee has been tasked with raising \$4,000,000 for the proposed building that will house the library/resource center, a community room which will accommodate 250 (seated at tables; more, if just chairs are used), tourism office, city offices, the police station, and food pantry. As directed by Nauvoo City Council, no public funds are to be used for the construction of the building that will be built on the site of the old grade school, a city-owned property. The City Council granted the committee's two-year request for fundraising. Half, or more, of the required amount of a campaign is usually raised during a campaign's Quiet Phase.

The committee have been meeting, and will continue to meet, weekly while doing their due diligence: preparing materials, establishing accounts, getting legal advice, etc., in preparation for the implementation of this Quiet Phase of the campaign.

Happy Easter!

