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MAY EVENTS

- May 9, Blood Drive, 2-6 p.m. SPPS School Gym
- May 15, Weld and Rheinberger House Museums Opening Day
- May 16, Meet the Chamber Night, 6:30 p.m., Pageant Headquarters
- May 27, Annual Memorial Day Community Picnic, 11 a.m.-2p.m., Nauvoo City Park
- May 27, Craft Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Cambre House see article p.2
- June 1, Fairy Door Contest, See article p.3
- June 2, SPPS God's Portion Day, See article p.3

MAY MEETINGS

- May 2, Hotel Motel Tax Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- May 13, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Fire Station
- May 14, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- May 15, Historical Society Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., Old Grade School
- May 16, Mayor's Round Table, 6 p.m., City Hall
- May 16, NBA, 7 p.m., City Hall
- May 20, School Board, 6p.m., Grade School
- May 20, Library Board, 7 p.m., Library
- May 27, Chamber Executive Board, Noon, City Hall
- May 29, Senior Citizen Luncheon, 11 a.m., Fire Station

Nauvoo Firefighter Honored



Nauvoo firefighter and paramedic Mark Kennedy was honored at a ceremony hosted in the United States Capitol building in Washington, D.C. recently. The National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) presented him with the 2019 EMS Advocate of the Year Award at its annual EMS On the Hill Day. This national award is in recognition of efforts Mark has made to advance EMS through educating and engaging elected government leaders, the EMS community, the wider healthcare community, and the public.

Mark is the NAEMT Advocacy Coordinator for Illinois and has personally met with elected officials, U. S. Representative LaHood and U.S. Senator Durbin, on issues important to rural EMS, such as the SIREN Act recently signed into law as part of the 2018 Farm Bill. The SIREN Act brings \$30 million dollars to rural EMS services like Nauvoo Fire Protection District for training and equipment. He was invited as Durbin's guest to the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee (DPCC) Rural Summit in addition to several other meetings where the details of the Act were finalized.

This is great news for Nauvoo area residents and the Nauvoo Fire Protection District as well as a real tribute to what the efforts of a single person can accomplish. Nauvoo is proud of you! Thank you for helping to facilitate this important piece of legislation.

Paving the Way with Memories

It's interesting how a flood of memories are revived by simply hearing or reading a word or two from out of the blue. The proposed Nauvoo Community Center is featuring an attractive entrance plaza purposely designed to highlight these names, memories, or events that have played an important part in your life. This is an opportunity to personalize these memories in brick or granite for all to remember: "pave the way" to Nauvoo's future while memorializing the past-- What a thoughtful, perfect present for a birthday, anniversary, or Christmas.

So now, you are primed and ready to make a purchase! The brochure "Leave a Mark on Nauvoo!" is now available at business locations in town. It gives all the pertinent information for ordering the 4"x 8" and 8" x 8" clay bricks or the 16" x 16" granite paver. You may also place an order online at the Nauvoo Community Center's Capital Campaign's website: www.nauvoocc.org.



The Power of Public Places: "Social Infrastructure"

A recent book *Palaces for the People* by Eric Klinenborg, a sociologist, speaks about public buildings and places that bring us together and strengthen communities. The author writes about how public life and spaces, which help us support each other, have decreased because of population decline, lack of job opportunities, etc. Through his research he found strong community ties are strengthened by shared gathering places. He called these gathering places "social infrastructure."

Klineburg devotes considerable attention to libraries, which have "reinvented themselves with services such as computer training and job-preparedness programs." He noted that "public events at libraries bring the isolated into contact with others and bring together diverse communities." Our proposed community center would serve as such a space—a space which would invite, not only the Nauvoo Area Senior Citizens, but also multiple generations to gather.

The author adds that social infrastructure fights crime by providing alternatives to idleness (through programs focused on the needs of the community). Additionally, it can help reduce distrust of law enforcement (the police station would have a newly defined presence in the building rather than in an out-of-the-way space as in the present City Hall). These spaces form a cohesive link for community meetings, educational opportunities, and a centralized public place for people to gather.

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Nauvoo City Council News

- Approved City Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 (1 May 2019 – 30 Apr 2020)
- Approved payment of \$805 for a survey by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund to compare retirement plan options for City employees.
- Approved hiring of Ryan Dykstra as a part-time police officer (one weekend a month).
- Approved per hour pay raises: \$0.62 for full-time City employees, a \$0.45 for part time City-employees, and
- \$1.13 for Police Chief Mike Boley to adjust a calculation error.
- Approved paying \$400 to purchase a chair for the police office.
- Awarded a mowing bid to GrassMaster Cutting Service of Ursa for \$685 per mow--a \$175 per mow savings from the previous year.
- Awarded a special event liquor licenses for God's Portion Day Auction at Sts. Peter & Paul Church and for the Mulholland Music Fest, May 25.
- Approved various temporary closures of streets on the Flats for historical restorations, historical presentations and the Pageant.
- Approved installation of two reserved parking stalls for city employees on Bluff Street. (This is to clear congestion behind City Hall.)
- Approved spending \$4,455.62 to replace the picnic tables in Nauvoo City Park with new commercial grade tables: two 6', two 8', and one ADA compliant.
- Accepted \$32,000 Motor Fuel Taxes from the State to use to improve Nauvoo streets.
- Approved the following permits: construction of a 28x30 garage at 145 S Fulmer and an attached garage at 2045 Knight St.
- Heard report from Chief of Police Mike Boley about the Hancock County Addiction Coalition (formerly the Hancock County Opioid Task Force). (To learn more, readers can watch the "Hidden in Plain Sight Hancock County" video on YouTube.)
- Appointed Teri Siegfried to the Library Board, replacing Gwen Krumperman.
- Removed Resolution 2018-6, agreement with the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Beautiful Nauvoo website from agenda, as the Illinois State Legislature is currently discussing a bill (Senate Bill 2810) to require cities with budgets of over 1 million dollars to own and maintain a city website.

Submitted by Alan Moberly

Senior Citizens Luncheon

It's May! Time to be "bowled" over by the musical abilities of Mike Eastmond, who will present a program of singing bowls for the May luncheon. (And you thought YOU had musical talent!) Come eat lunch, hear Mike's "chorus," and chat with friends on Wednesday, May 29, 11:00, Fire Station.

May Events at Baxter's Vineyards

Pamper your mom on Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Shop with vendors, enjoy breakfast casserole, pastries, fruit, mimosas, bloody Mary's and drunken coffee. \$10/mother or !2/person and includes ne breakfast and one drink. Call (217) 453-2528 for reservations.

Nauvoo Election Results

Two newly elected aldermen will be seated at May's City Council meeting. Outgoing aldermen Dave Koechle (1st Ward) and Bev Reynolds (3rd Ward) will be replaced by Jason Skog and Larry Nicholl, respectively. Jason Skog grew up in Keokuk and moved to Nauvoo 1997. He works in heating and air conditioning at Nauvoo Facilities Management (NRI). Larry Nicholl grew up in Iowa and has lived in Nauvoo since 2002. He has considerable volunteer experience promoting the betterment of Nauvoo through his work on various committees. Both support improving the city 's infrastructure and the proposed Community Center. Incumbents Tacy Anozie and Brenda Adkisson will be re-seated at the May 14 meeting. Nauvoo appreciates those citizens who are willing to step forward to serve, become educated on how city governments operate, and offer their time and talents to make Nauvoo a great place to live and work.



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has been guarded every minute of every day since 1937. For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5'10 and 6'2" tall, and his waist size cannot exceed 30". Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year. More information can be found at www.tombguard.org/FAQ.html (Society of the Honor Guard-Tomb of the Unknown Soldier web page).

Memorial Day's Community Picnic in Nauvoo

Mark your calendars! Monday, May 27, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., is NBA's Nauvoo's 8th annual Memorial Day Community Picnic in Nauvoo City Park. Festivities include a short program and music by the Nauvoo Community Chorus and the Brass Band. Pulled-pork sandwiches, hot dogs, baked beans, desserts will be available for a free-will offering.

Cambre House Craft Show

Take a step back in time and help the Cambre House, built in 1867 by French Icarian Adolphe Cambre, celebrate its third annual craft show and open house on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crafters and vendors will be on hand to sell their items, and food will be available on site. Follow signs north of Nauvoo-Colusa school from highway 96. Contact Rebecca Williamson at 309-221-9803 or Amy Provine at 309-833-5282 for details. Cambre House and Farm, One Cambre Lane, Nauvoo, Illinois. www.cambrehouse.com

Electronics, Paint, and Battery Collection

Most of you know that electronics, paint, and batteries were not picked up at Nauvoo's recent city-wide cleanup day in April. However, you can bring these items to Hancock County Highway Department, 101 S. First Street, Carthage 217.357.3155. Hours are 8:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. on Fridays (unless it's a holiday). The list of accepted and unaccepted electronics, paint, and batteries is on a flyer that is available at City Hall.

NHS Museums Open for Season

The opening day for the Weld House and Rheinberger House Museums is Wednesday, May 15. The Rheinberger House Museum, located in Nauvoo State Park, will be open daily from 1-4 p.m. The Weld House will be open Thursday-Sunday from 1-4 p.m.

The Nauvoo Historical Society Quarterly Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 15, at 7 p.m., at the former grade school on Knight Street.

Fairy Door Trail

The "Nauvoo Fairy Door Trail" will be celebrating its third year with a FAIRY GARDEN CONTEST on Saturday, June 1. Individuals or small groups may enter this contest with their original garden creations by signing up at the Fudge Factory, or Annie's Custard, or by calling Darby Robison (309-209-0556) before May 29th. All who register on, or before this date will receive a special handcrafted participation medallion made by our local glass artist Jim Topic.

Each fairy garden should be approximately one cubic foot in size, made with nontoxic materials and display the whimsical characteristics of the "wee people" such as fairies, gnomes, trolls, or elves. Remember these magical creatures love bright, colorful and cheerful surroundings.

An award will be given for each of the following categories: Charming, Colorful, Humorous, and Whimsical. A \$25 cash prize will be given to the "People's Choice" garden. This award will be given to the entry that receives the most votes by the public.

Entries may be delivered to the front porch of Hotel Nauvoo on June 1, between 9:00 and 9:45a.m. If you cannot deliver your gardens on Saturday morning you may drop off your creation at Annie's or the Fudge Factory the day before. Be sure to have your name and phone number attached to your garden. For more information check out our Facebook page "Nauvoo Fairy Door Trail". Watch for our soon-to-be created Facebook page too.

A Raffle You Can't Afford to Miss!

Raffle tickets for a quilt made by Peggy Siegfried, 4 tickets to a Cubs Vs. Cardinals game at Wrigley Field, or a night's stay at one of Bob Hopp's 10-Acre Treehouses or Cabin will be available May 1. Drawing to be held June 22. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. Tickets will be available at several area locations as well as from NC⁵ committee members. All proceeds, after expenses, will go to the Nauvoo Community Center Fund. Take a chance—or two, or three...!

NBA Project Application Forms Available at City Hall

NBA Mission Statement: *The NBA is dedicated to enhancing Nauvoo through its appearance and amenities by making it more comfortable, interesting, attractive, and user friendly to both its citizens and visitors. It will promote and encourage improvements to the quality of life in Nauvoo through short-term, long-term, and on-going action committees. These groups will help build community pride through the assistance of local groups and individuals.. Individuals, friends, families, and organizations are encouraged to participate in the "betterment" of Nauvoo. Project suggestions are available...or, create your own.*

Community Blood Drive

Sts. Peter and Paul School will host a community blood drive from 2 - 6 p.m. Thursday, May 9, inside the school gymnasium. To donate, please contact Karla Sullivan at (309) 221-5444 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 1898 to locate the drive.

The Fire Department's Tribute to a Fallen Veteran



Nauvoo area's finest were on hand to honor Art Adkisson as his funeral procession made its way down Young Street after the funeral on April 16. *Day is done, gone the sun, from the hills, from the lake, from the sky. All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.* Art will be missed.

Sts. Peter and Paul God's Portion Day Activities

SPPS's 20th Annual God's Portion Day auction will be held on Sunday, June 2, in the school's gymnasium. Continental breakfast serving begins at 9 a.m. with the live auction starting at 10:30 a.m.

There are many fun events scheduled throughout the day, including a bucket auction and a hat auction where two of the hats and one bucket will reveal the three big winners: a brand new John Deere mower and either a brand new iPad or a television. Other items to be auctioned include generously donated items from local businesses and families: concert tickets, dinner parties, coolers, patio sets, harvest table, arts and crafts basket, Legos, children's toys, camping basket, grill, smoker, seed beans, event tickets, rock, many gift certificates, among others.

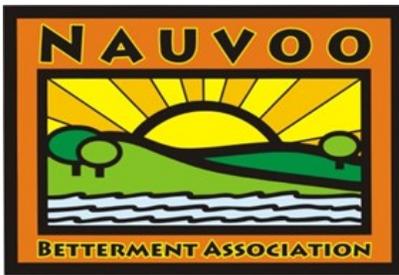
Food and drinks will be available for purchase along with activities, including Kids Zone, students' homemade projects, quilt and tuition raffles. Check out the God's Portion Day 2019 Facebook event page for updates and more photos of donated items.

Tuition raffle tickets are available at Sts. Peter & Paul School or from any SPPS student. Tickets are \$1/each. Each ticket sold is an opportunity for a SPPS student to win one of this year's prizes: ½ year free tuition (2), free registration fee, free lunch for the year, or \$50 towards uniform shirt purchase. Raffle tickets for a quilt (donated by the Piecemaker Quilt Club and displayed at the bank) are available at the State Bank of Nauvoo, SPPS, or from any SPPS student. Tickets are \$5/each and only 200 tickets will be sold. Winners of all raffles will be drawn at the auction; however, you need not be present to win. Student fundraisers include a "Penny War \$1 casual days each month, selling tuition raffle tickets, and projects for the auction.

Donations are still being accepted. Please contact Sts. Peter and Paul School at (217) 453-2511. Join us for a day filled with fun, food, faith and family. In 2018, the God's Portion Day Committee raised over \$150,000. The goal for 2019 is to exceed that amount. Contact: Lindsey Henson, gpd@stspeterpaul.org or (217) 357-7319.

Nauvoo Chamber of Commerce Welcome Night

The Chamber will host a Welcome-to-Nauvoo night, on Thursday May 16, 6:30 p.m. at Pageant headquarters east of Nauvoo on Highway 96. This is for new residents, missionaries and others who would like to see what Nauvoo has to offer. Mark your calendars!



Articles may be submitted at any time to
seenauvoonews@gmail.com.
Deadline for the June Issue is May 24

See *Nauvoo News* may be picked up at the following locations for a suggested donation of twenty-five cents: Casey's, City Hall, Dollar General, Fudge Factory, Grandpa John's, Motley Fitness, Nauvoo Clinic, Nauvoo Market Place, Nauvoo Mill and Bakery, Nauvoo Pharmacy, State Bank of Nauvoo, and Winning Looks. The newsletter may also be found online at Beautiful Nauvoo's Facebook Page and at www.beautifulnauvoo.com. **Note:** If there is lack of space, the See *Nauvoo News* staff reserves the right to condense event information, referring readers to reference sites for specific event details.

2019 Warsaw Prom Court



Front Row (L to R) Anna Walker (Daughter of Stephanie and Dusty Walker), Alivia Jacquot (Daughter of Marla and Jason Jacquot) Madison Huls (Daughter of Missy and Dave Huls), Zoe Hughes (Daughter of Erin and Jeff Hughes), Alexandra Blint (Daughter of Andrea Blint). **Back Row** (L to R) Joshua Ferguson (Son of Vicky and Jeff Ferguson), Vance Cameron (Son of Tea & Jason Cameron) Brady Boyer (Son of Brenda Hutson and Jason Boyer), Andrew Martens (Son of Betsy and Brian Martens), John Bedard (Son of Pamela and Michael Bedard).

Living Hope Church

Nauvoo is home to seven churches. The newest of these is the Living Hope Church at the east end of Mulholland. The church began with a Bible study group, which met at various locations in Nauvoo. Their numbers grew, and after an affiliation with the Southern Baptist Church became the Nauvoo Baptist Church. The congregation constructed its current facility in 1999. Then, in 2016, the congregation became a satellite of the Harmony Bible Church of Danville, Iowa. With a congregation of 30-40, the church decided to become locally led congregation and changed its name to Living Hope Church, a non-denominational Christian Church. Elders are Steve Deally, Paul Fehseke, and Larry Ralph.

Sunday worship services are at 10:00am with childcare provided, (dress casual). They also have a Bible Study Thursdays at 6:30pm. Questions about the Living Hope Church can be directed to 309-221-4050.

Taken from article by Alan Moberly in *H.C. Journal-Pilot*

Standing Bear Council May Meeting

The Standing Bear Council will host its May membership meeting on Sunday, May 5, at 1:00 p.m. at the Hawkeye Restaurant, Keokuk. Standing Bear Council meetings are open to all people – Native and non-Native. Please bring one canned or dry good for storage. Licensed massage therapist, Monica Thompson, will speak on earthing/grounding therapy techniques.

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.

Stock Up on Repellents

Tick and mosquito season is just around the corner. Choose repellents with 15-30% Deet, 20% Picariden, and 30% oil of eucalyptus. Ticks can be especially harmful. Be prepared! Don't let those little suckers get to you!

The Essential Rules of Self-Protection...

Opt for electronic statements. Keep a shredder handy. Stop entering sweepstakes. Use a credit card whenever possible, not a debit card. Add your name to the National Do Not Call Registry (888.382.1222 from the phone you want to register, or go to donotcall.gov. Don't answer calls from numbers you don't recognize. Be prepared to hang up. (Do not respond to questions from a robocall. And, by all means, don't hit a button when prompted to stop getting calls.) Taken from AARP Bulletin, April 2019

Time to be counted...

According to the 2010 Census, Nauvoo has 1,149 people and 494 occupied households (average household size of 2.28 - go figure!) \$50,259 is the median income: 7.7% make less than \$15,000; 41.7% make between \$15,000 and \$50,000; 33.9% make between \$50,000 and \$100,000; and 16.7% make greater than \$100,000. (Data estimates from 2016 American Community Survey). (Note: This information pertains to Nauvoo City only, not surrounding areas.)

While Nauvoo would never be considered as being a wealthy community, it is not poor. Approximately 70 of those 494 households have incomes greater than \$100,000. If each of those 70 households gave \$5,000 (the smallest donation that would earn a place on the donor wall of recognition) to the Nauvoo Community Center's Capital Campaign, not only would they be permanently, and artfully, recognized in the center's foyer, but the campaign would realize \$350,000 (over a quarter of a million dollars) And, thinking even bigger - if each of those 70 households gave \$25,000, there would be \$1,750,000 - pretty close to \$2 million dollars working for Nauvoo. And, that's just from those in the 16.7% of households making over \$100,000! And the households outside of Nauvoo aren't even in the mix! Imagine what would happen if every household in and outside of Nauvoo committed to a reasonable gift to help fund our community center. It would be a "Go Fund Me" page where ALL the proceeds would stay within our city.

When it comes to giving, it's always a benefit to give locally where you can see where your money is going and benefit from it. All the while having the single-stop convenience for city services, the go-to place for civic and social events, and as well as wonderful learning center, and the pride of accomplishment from a job well done. It would finance that needed hub of our small town's "social infrastructure."

Go-to sites for Nauvoo Community Center Information

Read about the history, find answers to FAQs, see pictures of layout, learn about fundraising activities being planned, purchase an inscribed paver, make donations directly, and watch videos at

- nauvoocc.org (or nauvoocommunitycenter.org)
- colusaelevator.com (Consolidated Grain and Barge/CGB's website) to donate grain and access a link to Nauvoo Community Center website

Social Media

- Facebook: Join the group at Nauvoo Community Center
- YouTube: Watch the videos at Nauvoo Community Center