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# See Nauvoo News

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## APRIL EVENTS

- April 2, Platelet Drive, 8:15 a.m.– 3:15 p.m., Fire Station
- April 20, Pancake Breakfast, 7 a.m., Fire Station
- April 20, Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., Fire Station
- April 20, “Whooters” Bake Sale, 7-10 a.m., Fire Station
- April 24, City Wide Clean-up, See article p2
- April 27, Beautify Nauvoo Day, 9-11 a.m. see article p.2

## APRIL MEETINGS

- April 4, Hotel Motel Tax Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- April 8, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Fire Station
- April 9, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- April 15, School Board, 6p.m., Grade School
- April 15, Library Board, 7 p.m., Library
- April 18, Mayor’ Round Table, 6 p.m., City Hall
- April 18, NBA, 7 p.m., City Hall
- April 22, Chamber Executive Board, Noon, City Hall
- April 24, Senior Citizen Luncheon, 11 a.m., Fire Station

## NC<sup>5</sup> Soon to Introduce New Website and Facebook Page

As the Nauvoo Community Center capital campaign moves into its public phase, the Capital Campaign Committee has updated and expanded its online presence.

The website, [www.nauvoocc.org](http://www.nauvoocc.org) now sports a new look and provides a more robust menu of information. It offers users the ability to make donations directly through the site or to purchase an inscribed brick for the entrance plaza. It provides answers to the Who, What, When, and Where of fundraising activities that are planned for the upcoming summer season. And it enables users to understand the scope and scale of what the community center will bring to the Nauvoo community.

In addition, the Capital Campaign Committee will be opening a Facebook page and a YouTube channel which will be available later this month to allow people to tap into the reach of these popular social media platforms. The committee expects these communication tools to help spread the story of the community center to the widest possible audience.



## Nauvoo Agricultural Partnership

Area Farmers have a special connection to Nauvoo. Many have grown up in the area and still live on the family farm. Some have farmed the home place and have even acquired additional land to grow their farming operation. Their children attend, have attended, or will attend Nauvoo schools. Many of them will continue to live in Nauvoo after their formal education is completed. Some will take on the responsibilities of farming and will continue their life-long love of the land. Whether a person who has grown up in Nauvoo remains in the area or moves away, Nauvoo is and always will be the place they call home.



It is with this in mind that the Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NC5) are calling on area farmers to invest in Nauvoo -- a way of preparing the soil of Nauvoo’s local economy to generate greater harvests in the future. A packet of information about the Nauvoo Community Center has been sent to approximately 90 area farmers.

A “Nauvoo Agricultural Partnership” has been created with Consolidated Grain and Barge (CGB) in order to give farmers an opportunity to donate a portion of their harvest toward the future of the social and economic life of Nauvoo.

All of CGB’s elevators are prepared to accept grain dedicated to the project, which will be “spotted” upon delivery with the proceeds directed to the Nauvoo Community Center Building Fund. Every bushel adds up! It is hoped that farmers will “weigh in” on this opportunity.

## Historic District’s Master Plan

The Master Plan’s Phase I for the LDS Church’s historic district on the flats is in progress. At the City Council’s March meeting, Jordan Bodily, Director of Nauvoo Facilities Management (formerly NRI) received permits for construction and/or restoration of the following homes: Weeks (Young Street), Gheen (Partridge), Hyde (Hotchkiss) in order to make them more accessible to the public. The Hunter home (near Partridge and Young) will be reconstructed, and a pedestrian walkway and open pavilion will be included nearby. Work is planned to begin in April with homes open for tours in the spring of 2020. The Church is also installing extensions of the city sewer and water lines.

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## Nauvoos City Council News March 12, 2019

- Approved advertising for mowing bids.
- Approved 1st Reading of 2018-10, a Special Ordinance authorizing the ceding of private activity bonding authority (transfer of 2019 Home Rule volume cap to WIEDA). Waived the 2nd and 3rd Readings.
- Approved Beautiful Nauvoos website.
- Discussed former school issues.
- City-wide cleanup will be Wednesday, April 24.
- The NBA will sponsor a "Meet the Candidates night" for aldermanic candidate on Thursday, March 21 from 6-7 p.m. at the Nauvoos Fire Station.
- A Special Finance Committee meeting for the 2020 budget will be held March 19 at 4:30 p.m.
- Approved purchase of weapons to assist the police department in its response to any critical incident. Part of this year's budget is to upgrade police vehicles' weapons package for a total of \$4,977.03. Two rifles, 3 shotguns, and accessories will be ordered.
- Approved building permits for Phase I of Master Plan for LDS Church presented by Jordan Bodily. Permits over \$5,000: 55 Partridge St. (Gheen House), 965 Young St. (Weeks House), Lots 1 and 2/Block 82 (Hunter House), Lot 79 (Stone Exhibit Pavilion and regrade Lot 80), and 395 Hyde St. (Hyde House).
- Streets request was tabled until April.
- Mr. Palmer has requested streets be vacated in the area north of Young Street between Warsaw and Robinson.
- Approved Joe Tripp taking 2 months off work for farming, as per last year's granted request.

Submitted by Bev Reynolds

### Memorial Day Picnic

The Nauvoos Betterment Association (NBA) is planning the 8th annual Memorial Day Picnic to be held on Monday, May 27 with details coming in the next few weeks.

Volunteers are always needed for various NBA projects and if you want to become a part of a group dedicated to improving our town, please contact Co-chairmen Karen Ihrig at 217-453-2202 or Barb Schafer 319-470-0495.

### New Location and Times for Mayor's RT and NBA

Starting in April, Mayor's Round Table and Nauvoos Betterment Association (NBA) will meet at the Nauvoos City Hall's Civic Center instead of the fire station. Round Table will meet at 6:00 (original time) and NBA at 7:00 (original time). The meetings will remain on Thursdays.

### Platelet Drive

A Nauvoos Community Platelet Drive will be hosted from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 2 at the Nauvoos Fire Department Community Room.

To donate, please contact Raymond Siegrist at (309) 221-5127 or visit [www.bloodcenterimpact.org](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org) and use code 3082 to locate the drive.

### Senior Citizens Luncheon

Many have read Curt Swarm's weekly newspaper column "Empty Nest." Curt is also a self-taught photographer and metal sculptor—both of which have won awards. Come hear what Curt has to say about life and the art of writing about it at the luncheon on Wednesday, April 24, 11:00, at the Fire Station.



## COMMUNITY CLEANUP

### Clean-up Time in Nauvoos

It's April. Time to clean up and clean out those items in closets, basements, garage, sheds, and backyards that are no longer needed but just seem to accumulate. There will be two opportunities to spiff up our community at home and in town.

- **City-Wide Clean-up Day** will be held on Wednesday, April 24 for residents not businesses. The City will mail flyers that will specify what can and cannot be left at the curbside. Bags of regular household garbage will not be accepted at this time. **FYI:** Excessive amounts of clean-up items per household will be refused. **There will be no electronics accepted this year at City Hall.** (This service might be available next year.) For more information and possible assistance, call City Hall at 217.453.2587.

- **Earth Day** will be honored in Nauvoos on Saturday, April 27, 9 to 11 a.m. this year. Since it's not on the actual Earth Day date, it will be called **Beautify Nauvoos Day**. Sidewalks and streets in the business district along Mulholland will be swept clean of the sand that was deposited over the winter. Litter will be removed. We will be ready to greet the season with a clean "house."

Meet at City Hall for assignments. BYO broom and gloves, if possible. Trash bags and additional equipment will be available. Call Bob Wright (309.333.6861) with questions or to schedule a group. Watch for flyers with more information. The event is sponsored by NBA.

### Just a reminder....

Have you been thinking about improvements you could help make for our town? As mentioned in last month's newsletter, forms for betterment projects for the city are available at City Hall.

Individuals, families, friends, and/or organizations are encouraged to become "entrepreneurs" and see an idea come to life that will benefit Nauvoos, its citizens, and visitors.

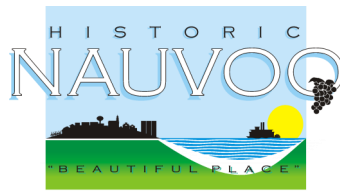
Nauvoos Betterment Association (NBA) Projects require you to supply the time and talent. NBA will supply all or part of the financing, depending on the project and cost. Nauvoos belongs to all of us, and only we can work to make it what it is and provide the groundwork for what we want it to become. The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago says it all. We and our children will benefit in the future from our being forward looking today.



Copies of *See Nauvoos*  
News are now  
available at the Nauvoos  
Clinic

**Chamber News**

Just a reminder that the new *Experience Nauvoo* brochures are available for distribution. For copies, contact Sharon Nicholl at sharon.nauvoo@gmail.com. The goal is to have these brochures in all public and private areas for ease in directing visitors to of their options when visiting Nauvoo.



Chief Kendall Gallaher alerted Chamber members of a recent ordinance concerning all Nauvoo businesses regarding upcoming fire inspections. (See article on this page.)

The next Chamber meeting will be held on Monday, April 8 at noon at the Fire Station. A delicious luncheon will be provided by Havenlight Nauvoo Gallery beginning at 11:45 a.m.. Guest speakers will be Rebecca Williamson and her sister Amy Provine who will be telling us a little about the history of the remodeled Cambre House Event Center and their upcoming events. Bob Bruce, new General Manager of WCAZ Radio, will also discuss upcoming radio advertising opportunities.

**SAVE THE DATE:** On Thursday, May 16 the Nauvoo Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 2nd Annual "Welcome to Nauvoo and Meet the Chamber Night" at the Pageant Headquarters Building beginning at 6:30 p.m.. This event is held to welcome all new residents and missionaries new to the Nauvoo area and to introduce them to the members of the Chamber. All Chamber business members that wish to participate need to let Chairperson Jessie Nelson at (thetunafish07@gmail.com) know as soon as possible to reserve your spot at the event. More details coming next month!

**Sts. Peter & Paul School News for April**



• **Sts. Peter & Paul School Enrollment:** Are you considering enrollment at SPPS? Want to learn more or see us in action? Sts. Peter & Paul School is now accepting admission requests for students preschool – 7th grade. Please call the school (453-2511) and schedule a time to visit.

• **SPPS Screening:** Wednesday, May 1, 3:00 - 6:00 pm. For NEW Preschool and Kindergarten students (REQUIRED if enrolling for the first time at SPPS). Please call for an appointment.

**Nauvoo Community Gardens**



Nauvoo Community Gardens reminds everyone that the coming of spring brings with it a new gardening season. Would you like to start a garden but don't know how? Do you have a garden but every year watch it turn into a weed patch? For free consultation on turning a part of your yard into fresh flowers and vegetables this summer, contact James Topic at 217-453-2764. Remember, you don't need a green thumb, all you need is a little help from Nauvoo Community Gardens.

**Easter Services at Living Hope**

Nauvoo Living Hope will be having a Good Friday service on Friday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. We are also having Free Easter Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and worship at 10:00 on Sunday, April 21. If you do not have a home church you are very welcome to join us. We are the new little church on the east edge of town. Come to visit and see what is happening here for yourself.

**Nauvoo Fire Protection District News**

The Nauvoo Fire Protection District advancing its life-saving efforts by implementing a new safety ordinance as of this April, which includes the requirement of certain buildings in the Nauvoo Fire Protection District to have a rapid entry key box also known as a "Knox Box." The Knox Box is a key vault, which is mounted near the door on the address side of the building. The contents include keys to the building and the owner's contact information, allowing firefighters rapid access to inside the building without causing undue damage during emergencies. (The Department retains a master key in a carefully monitored, code-secured lock box. Each fire department member has his/her own pin number which, when used, alerts Chief Gallaher to information re: who and when access is made.)



Structures which are now required by ordinance to have the Knox Box system include the following:

- Commercial or industrial structures
- Multi-family-residential structures that have restricted access through locked doors with a common corridor for access to the living units
- Schools, whether public or private
- Governmental structures and nursing care facilities (unless the building is staffed or open 24/7)

The new ordinance applies to both new and existing structures, although some structures may be exempt from the mandate if they meet certain conditions. Existing structures will have a six-month grace period to have the Know Box installed; new buildings (as of April 1, 2019) will have to have the box installed before being occupied. Structures who fail to comply with the ordinance may be fined a penalty of \$250 per day.

Chief Kendall Gallaher states there is an initial fee for the building owner to purchase the device which averages \$250-\$350; however, Gallaher says that cost is minimal as he recalls many times where a key was not quickly available and firefighters had to break-in the door or window, resulting in high repair costs averaging over \$1000. Gallaher says that during emergencies, seconds count and this device could save a life as well as undue damage.

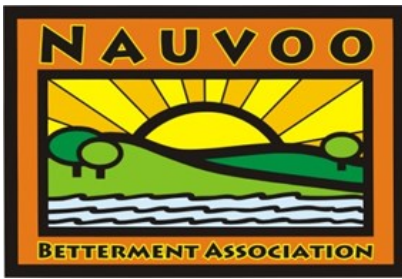
Businesses can purchase there own Knox Box by visiting [www.knoxbox.com](http://www.knoxbox.com). For more information, contact Fire Chief Kendall Gallaher (217) 357-5554. If you would like to view a copy of the full ordinance or if have any questions about the ordinance you may contact Fire Chief Kendall Gallaher (217) 357-5554.

**Nauvoo Fire Pancake Breakfast**

You're invited to the Nauvoo Fire Dept. pancake breakfast & Easter egg hunt. This will be the biggest year yet with over 4,000 eggs filled with candy and prizes. Come for the breakfast stay for the fun! Saturday April 20 - Breakfast starts at 7 a.m. The egg hunt starts at 10 a.m.. The fire Dept. would be happy to accept any free-will donations big or small for breakfast. The Easter egg hunt is 100% free.

**Bake Sale**

The "Whoooters" cancer team will be having a bake sale on Saturday, April 20 from 7-10 a.m.. at the Nauvoo Fire Station during their pancake breakfast. Proceeds from the bake sale goes to Hancock County Fights Cancer to benefit Hancock County cancer patients.



Articles may be submitted at any time to  
[seenauvoonews@gmail.com](mailto:seenauvoonews@gmail.com).  
Deadline for the May Issue is April 26

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](http://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.

### Nauvoo Resident Provides Special Service

A small satin heart adorned with a touch of blue ribbon and tiny angel ornament allows a grieving family to remember the baby boy who didn't come home from the hospital with them. It recalls their last image of the still-born infant dressed in a lovingly made burial outfit supplied by Little Angel Gowns (LAG), an Indianapolis-based organization that seeks to alleviate some of the pain that comes with the loss of a small child.

Nauvoo resident and LAG volunteer seamstress, Kathy Black, has helped to bring this service to Hancock County. Kathy got acquainted with LAG after learning of a new-born intensive care nurse who had witnessed bereft parents suffering needless frustration over the inability to see their deceased babies appropriately dressed for burial. Members of LAG collect donated wedding dresses and turn them into beautiful properly-sized burial outfits for children under age one.

Returning to Nauvoo years after serving here as a senior missionary, Kathy made it a point to talk with Memorial Hospital administrator, Ada Bair, introducing her to the LAG services for hospitals. Bair was so impressed with the LAG concept, that, on the spot, she offered to donate her own wedding gown. In the intervening weeks, Kathy has turned that gown into thirteen outfits for boys and girls.

If you have a wedding dress that you would like to donate, email Kathy Black at [grandmarn@gmail.com](mailto:grandmarn@gmail.com) or Little Angel Gowns at [littleangelgowns@yahoo.com](mailto:littleangelgowns@yahoo.com) or on the web at [www.littleangelgowns.org](http://www.littleangelgowns.org).



### Memorial Hospital Foundation Gala

Memorial Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce their 2019 "Here's to the Night" Gala to be held at Lake Hill Winery in Carthage. Friday, April 5. This year's theme is a mysterious evening "Behind the Mask" Masquerade Ball. Gala tickets are \$70 each or \$650 for a premium table for eight. The evening includes a social hour beginning at 6 p.m. Dinner served at 7 p.m. followed by the announcement of the silent cake auction winners and a live auction. Jared Murphy from Carthage will provide live piano music during the social hour and dinner.

The evening will continue at 9 p.m. with the gala after-party, featuring a live band. The after-party cover charge is \$15 per person. Doors open for the after party at 9 p.m.

All proceeds go to the 2019 "Hidden in Plain Sight" Campaign to bring awareness about and to help combat the opioid crisis and for opioid related issues in Hancock County.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Terri Twaddle at the foundation office at 217-357-8567 or by contacting Greta Wetzel at 309-221-7286.

### Kibbe Museum

The Kibbe Museum was created around the large natural history collection from Dr. Alice Kibbe, former biology professor of Carthage College. It continues with home, farm, fashions and military items from Hancock County's past; and relics from Carthage College, Native Americans, and fossils and rocks of the area. The museum features special exhibits about Memorial Hospital and the life of Abraham Lincoln.

The Abraham Lincoln life-history exhibit remains a popular section of the museum, showing all stages of Lincoln's life and his connections to Hancock County. The exhibit also includes items received from the Illinois Funeral Directors Museum depicting interesting memorabilia.

Kibbe Hancock Heritage Museum in Carthage will open for the season on April 2. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12 to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. The museum is closed on major holidays. It can be toured in groups at other times by appointment by calling 217-357-9552.

### Standing Bear Council April Meeting

The Standing Bear Council will host its membership meeting on Sunday, April 7 at 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. Lee County Youth Coordinator, Breana Houtz, will speak on monarch butterflies.

The Council will continue to coordinate the presentation for the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America 32nd Annual Convention, "Love Our Neighbors," June 21-22 at the First Lutheran Church in Keokuk, Iowa. They will discuss 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.

### Fort Madison Toll Bridge History

It's that time of the year when trips to and from Fort Madison might be delayed because of a barge. Or, one of the 100 trains a day might be making the crossing with you on the lower-level tracks.

The bridge's first charter was in 1872 and cost \$580,000. In 1887 a combined rail and wagon bridge was approved. By the mid-1920s, the increased weight of locomotives and rolling stock required an upgrade, which included a track that separated the rail from road traffic.

The current bridge has a toll that covers maintenance and two decks: the upper for autos; the lower for rail traffic. The four main river crossing spans are 270 ft. long with the two swing-span arms at 256 ft. A typical opening for a tow with 15 barges will take 15-20 minutes. The nearest bridges are 20-25 miles on either side. The bridge is widely considered the longest double-deck swing-span bridge in the world. Just something to think about while you're sitting on the bridge. And, you can contemplate which phrase is correct: an "open" bridge means your crossing isn't impeded and a "closed bridge" bridge means you have to stop—or, is it vice versa?

-Taken from North Lee County Historical Society brochure