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## JULY EVENTS

- July 2, Car Show, See article p. 1
- July 3, Fireworks
- July 7, Story Time begins, see article p.3
- July 9 & 10, Painting Classes, Cambre House, See article. p.4
- July 11, Movie Night, See article p.4
- July 18, River Day, Living Hope Church, See article p. 4



## Cruisin' for Kids

The 9th Annual Cruisin' for the Kids Cruise Night in Nauvoo will be held on Friday, July 2, from 5-8:30 p.m. The registration and car display will be at Outlaw Tees on North Iowa Street (behind the car wash). There is no entry fee for entrants or spectators, and the event is open to all types of vehicles and all ages of participants. A special area and award will be presented to an entrant under 21. The cruise is intended to our younger car enthusiasts the possible of possible career opportunities in an automotive field. There will also be information on how high school students planning to continue their education after graduation in an automotive related program can apply for scholarships through the Festival on Wheels/ Tom Ciolek Scholarship Fund. A special cruise through town and the Historic Sites will be around 6:30 p.m. and then will return to Outlaw Tees where door prizes and

awards will be presented. Food and t-shirts will be sold with a portion of the proceeds going to the scholarship fund.

Cruise organizer, Michael McCarty, knows the importance of promoting trades opportunities to the younger crowd. Michael who now lives in North Liberty, Iowa, graduated from Warsaw High School in 2015 and, after 1 year at Kirkwood Community College, entered a plumbing program at the school. Since graduating, he has been employed by Hannah Plumbing in Marion, Iowa, and will become a journeyman plumber in November. He has witnessed firsthand a shortfall of younger tradesmen across the board in all industries, many who offer generous pay and benefits. The automotive market right now is in desperate need of more mechanical and body shop technicians. You are invited to come, join the fun, and support a great cause on July 2.

## Sunset Hill

Sunset Hill Shave Ice and Soda Co., a new Hawaiian Shave Ice shop, opened June 1 and is located at 1595 Mulholland St. The owner, Brielle Hill, a native Hawaiian, along with her four children, has lived in the area since 2002. She has worked at Carl Sandburg College Branch campus in Carthage as a college English and Composition instructor since 2005.

Her dream of opening a small shop was to allow her children, Bianca, Autumn, Jacob, and Stone, to work and gain real-world experience in running a small business, as well as to provide a place for young people to hang out.

The shop sells traditional Hawaiian shave ice, which is different from a snow-cone in that "it consists of blocks of ice that are shaved to a very fine and fluffy snow-like texture that immediately melts in your mouth." The syrup flavorings and, toppings like cotton candy and nerds, snow cap (sweet cream) or different flavors of Boba (bursting bubbles of fruit juice) add to the taste treat.

A small gift shop area includes souvenirs: like bracelets, sunglasses, chips, and other small snacks as well as Nauvoo t-shirts and sweatshirts. Sunset Hill Shave Ice and Soda Co. will be open Wednesdays-Saturdays all summer from 11:30-8:00 pm. We are happy to have Brielle's business join others on Mulholland.

-Taken from an article by Alan Moberly



## JULY MEETINGS

- July 12, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Location TBD
- July 13, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- July 19, School Board, 7 p.m.
- July 19, Library Board 7 p.m.
- July 21, NBA, City Hall 7p.m.
- July 26, Chamber Executive Board, noon, City Hall
- Please check with your organization for updates on meetings.

## Nauvoo Bright Angels

The Nauvoo Bright Angel committee is working with local schools on a school supply program for children in the community for the 2021-22 school year. Backpack tags with lists are at the State Bank of Nauvoo and The Red Front beginning July 6. They contain a list of necessary school supplies for the child in need. This year there will also be a separate tag for the backpack only, which you can purchase for the grade and gender listed on the back of the tag. Please purchase the items on the list and turn your purchases in to the Nauvoo Pharmacy or Christ Lutheran Church no later than August 9. Monetary donations may be made at the State Bank of Nauvoo.

## Nauvoo City Council Minutes June 8, 2021

Former First Ward alderman and now Mayor, Jason Skog appointed Ron Grant as First Ward alderman appointment to serve the remaining two years of his term.

### The Council also approved the following actions:

- Extending the previous Tourism Director contract to the previous contractor. If she declines, the position will be advertised. The consensus was that the previous Tourism Director already had the experience and would not need to be "brought up to speed." It was noted that 30 busloads of visitors have already scheduled to come to Nauvoo this summer.
- Purchasing a new F150 Ford Truck from Carson Motors for \$27,311.60 to replace the 2006 Ford F250 which had a catastrophic engine failure.
- Advertising for a new City Attorney. A former City Attorney who now resides in St. George, Utah, has agreed to temporarily provide legal services to the City until a replacement can be hired.
- Approving a new License Agreement with Don Faulkner of Mississippi River Experience to construct a boat dock at the end of Parley Street so that Nauvoo will be a stop for his excursion pontoon boat. The 45'x12' craft will seat 49 passengers, plus the crew. It already stops at Keokuk, Fort Madison, and Burlington, Iowa. Nauvoo would be the first stop on the Illinois side. Mr. Faulkner said the dock could be ready in a couple of months. The \$500 annual fee for this license was waived, the consensus being that a boat-trip stop in Nauvoo would bring more visitors and ought to be encouraged.
- Approving road closures down on the Historic Sites area during evening performances of Sunset by the Mississippi (Partridge Street) and Trail of Hope (Parley Street).
- Accepting a donation of land to be sold to raise funds for the new Community Center. The land is a lot located at Walnut Drive and Hickory Lane in Bluff Woods.
- Authorizing the sale of the following surplus property to the public: 1995 Ford Pickup, 2006 F250 Ford Pickup, and a 1975 Galion Maintainer (a motor grader)

### Other:

A lively public discussion ensued on complaints received by the City about overgrown grass and weeds in the Outdoor Museum District down at the Historic Sites. In 2019, the City approved a one-year exception to the City's grass-cutting ordinance so that part of the Historic Sites could offer a "more authentic 1840s look" to visitors. City offices have received numerous complaints about the tall grass so close to walking areas that provide a habitat to snakes, raccoons, and other wildlife. A woman shared her opinion that this was what real-life was like in the 1840s. Others have voiced their concerns that the place is looking "abandoned," "run down," and "un-cared for," instead of lovely and beautiful as depicted in the brochures. One woman commented that her family had to step into tall grass to get out of the way of the horse-drawn carriage ride and afterwards her six-year-old was covered with chigger bites. There was vigorous discussion among the public gathered. In the end, Facilities Management Director Jordan Bodily said that at next month's meeting he would present a proposal of which areas would be mowed and which would not. The City can then decide on appropriate action.

-Submitted by Alan Moberly

### Thank you!

The family of Randall Brown wishes to extend their appreciation and thanks to each one of you who in any way participated in our sorrow and loss. This community is outstanding. Your thoughts, prayers, food, calls, visits and monetary donations were greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## Recap of Memorial Day Events

These little piggies didn't go to market, but they fattened up the Community Center's capital campaign purse. The long-awaited results of the decorated pig contest were as follows: Best Fed: \$2,024.84 by an anonymous donor; Best Dressed: Jamie Steen; Most Creative: "Deco Pig" by Jyll Sly and runner-up: "Starry Night" by Janette Glass; Honorable Mentions: Best Advertisement "Corky Pig" by Wine Barrel and "Beach ed Pig" by Laura Skog; Best Out-of-the Pen: "Piggy Prophecy" by Alicia LeVesque. Runner-up: "Ten Acre Treehouse Pigs" by Marty Hopp. And, of course, there was Oscar, made by Margaret Schneider, who sported a QR code and gobbled up free-will offerings for the meal! Oh, we are so glad that those piggies gave it their all for the cause!



### Piece Makers

The Sts. Peter & Paul Piece Makers, a local quilting group, had a display of quilts made for wounded service members. A quilt was presented to US Army Major Aaron Smith, who served in the United States Army for 22 years and just returned from Afghanistan. Smith is currently employed by a stone company that is currently re-laying brick pavers at the Monument to Women Memorial Garden, located just south of the Visitors Center.

John McCarty was caught unaware when he recently accepted a gift from Gary and Kathy Schoeni at a June NC5 meeting. Gary and John were competitive bidders for the NCHS barn painting auctioned off on Memorial Day. Gary won the bid. John won the prize! It was a win-win for both of them.



## Fairy Gardens and Fairy Doors Find a Home in Nauvoo

Local crafters lent their talents to creating fairy gardens (pictured below) as well as fairy doors, which can be found on the Fairy Door Trail at the following locations: State Bank of Nauvoo, The Fudge Factory, KL Real Estate, Grandpa John's, Kraus's Furniture, Three Keys, Tourist Office, Red Front, Country Cottage Antiques, Sunset Hill, Zion Mercantile, Nauvoo Gallery & Gifts, Nauvoo Public Library, Hotel Nauvoo, Eborn Books, Annie's Custard, the Allyn House, City Hall, Nauvoo Riverwalk—and, even the public restrooms! Some of the doors were painted directly on the buildings. Look carefully! Hats off to organizer Kathy Schoeni and the whole "fairy crew": Jamie Steen, BreAnn Petersen, Carol McGhghy, Darby Robison, Jax Matthews, and Chris Marshall's granddaughter. (Pictured are a few of the prize-winning fairy gardens.) Fairy books were read by Elaine Ferguson; Jim Topic lent his wizardry talents, and fairy wands were available for sale.





## Nauvoo Community Center Update

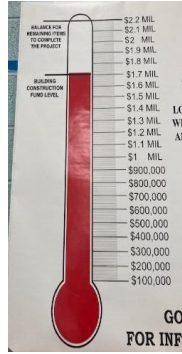
Creativity has oozed out of our town in support of the Community Center construction's fundraising efforts.

- **May:** The Memorial Day Picnic proceeds benefited NC5 this year. Margaret Schneider's "Oscar," a huge replica of the contest's piggy bank, won squeals of delight as he proudly sported a money slot and a QR code (shown elsewhere in the newsletter for your giving convenience) for collection of free-will donations. His belly held over \$1,700! The piggies brought in a grand total of \$5,979, which included the feed-a-pig contest and the sale of the banks and rocks at the Memorial Day picnic. Jaime



Steen, artist who won most creative, got a commission to paint an additional pig, which she promptly turned over the profits to NC5. The winning bid of \$450 for the barn painting went to Gary Schoeni. Square foot gardening instructor, Linda Carroll, taught 10 wannabe gardeners who went away with Mel soil (made from a special recipe), a plant, and instructions on how to plot and prepare for a unique gardening method. Another \$250 for the cause, along with a wealth of knowledge for participants.

- **June:** Fundraisers worked toward matching the \$100,000 given by an anonymous donor. And, all of June, with emphasis on June 15's "Day of Giving" did not disappoint. The Fudge Factory generously donated 50% of their sales that day (in store and online) to the Community Center on the Day of Giving for NC5 as did a whopping sale of 13 bricks and/or pavers and an additional \$10,000 in donations. On June 26, members of the Nauvoo Orchestra presented a progressive dinner and "A Little Night Music," sponsored by Nauvoo Orchestra, Nauvoo Historical Society, and NC5. Proceeds from the main course were split between the Nauvoo Orchestra and the NC5. The Nauvoo Historical Society and Nauvoo Flute Day reaped the financial awards from the desserts. A couple of donors stepped up to match any money raised up to \$1,000. This event was especially important for three of Nauvoo's non-for-profit organizations. The idea was formulated and promoted by its organizer, Jim Topic, who made a point to combine the three into one fundraising activity.
- **June:** The date for bids to be accepted for the Community Center was changed to July 16 in order to accommodate some modifications in the specifications for the design-build contractors. Once the bid is let and the Library Grant provider signs off on the project, the City Council will decide whether or not to accept one. Once that is done, meetings with the contractor will occur for more detailed planning.



## The Thermometer's Rising— But Not Just Because of the Temperature!

NC5 named June 15 as a Day of Giving for the Community Center's campaign. An anonymous donor was willing to match amounts raised up to \$100,000 and was willing to allow all monies gifted to the campaign during the month of June to be eligible for the match. Spurred on by the challenge, \$118,964 was raised (as of June 23) including a \$50,000 pledge and the sale of a donated lot in Bluff Woods. Wow! NC5 is grateful that they not only met the pledge but exceeded it. Thank you to all who stepped up to make this happen.

## There's Still Time to Donate

NC5 has met its June goal of raising the \$1.7M to build the Center with any additional funds going toward the costs of upgrading the interior/ exterior, landscaping, paving, and other costs associated with the project. Major donor amounts (\$5,000, \$25,000, \$50,000, \$100,000+) will receive inside recognition and bricks/pavers (\$250, \$500, \$2,000) are available for outside recognition.

## Five Ways to Give to the Community Center Fund:

1. Scan the QR code to easily pay through PayPal or with a credit/debit card.
2. Go to [www.nauvoocc.org](http://www.nauvoocc.org) and click on "Donate" for ways to make your donation.
3. Or, to purchase a brick/paver click on "Entrance Plaza."



4. Mail a check made payable to Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign to PO Box 85, Nauvoo IL 62354.
5. Donate a portion (or all!) of your load of grain at any CGB terminal. They will be glad to assist you. Watch for the yellow signs.

## Thank you!

The family and friends of Lori Boyer would like to thank the community for your phenomenal show of support over the past weeks. The events to benefit Lori and her family have had a tremendous show of support and mean so very much! Thank you!

## In Person Story Time Returns!

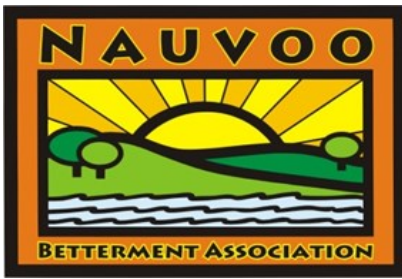
Nauvoo Public Library is happy to announce the return of in-person Story Time! Story Time will be held at City Hall every Wednesday from 10:00 -10:30 a.m.. If you miss it, you can still catch the recording on our Facebook page. It will be nice to see everyone again!

## Panda Painting Party!

Nauvoo Public Library will be hosting a Panda Painting Party at the City Park (across from the Temple and next to City Hall) on Thursday, July 22 at 2:00 p.m.. Meet us for a craft-filled panda party! Paint a panda on canvas, learn some panda facts, and create your own panda snack!

## Potential Library Programs

The fact that the new Community Center is soon to become a reality has not gone unnoticed by Nauvoo librarian Amber Bevier. She is dreaming of the myriad of possibilities which might take place in the community room. Here are a few that might be of interest to you and your family: book fairs, meet and greet events with authors, dinners, summer reading pizza parties, all sorts of classes: painting, sewing, yoga, Baby and Me baby yoga, build-your-own robot, plus summer reading sleepovers; board games, puzzle, and Dungeons and Dragons nights, monthly movies, book club meetings, magic and talent shows, plays, karaoke, dance parties/competitions, trivia nights, Santa and Easter bunny events, build gingerbread houses, escape rooms, scavenger hunts, carnival game night, literary haunted house, spelling bees, writing critique groups, various presenters/lecturers, the list goes on.... impressive. AND exciting!



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Deadline for the August issues is July 23

See Nauvoo News may be picked up at the following locations for a suggested donation of twenty-five cents: Allyn House, City Hall, Dollar General, Fudge Factory, Motley Fitness, Nauvoo Clinic, Nauvoo Market Place, Nauvoo Pharmacy, State Bank of Nauvoo, The Red Front, Three Keys Collection, Winning Looks, and Zions Merchantile. The newsletter may also be found online at Beautiful Nauvoo's Facebook Page and at [www.beautifulnauvoo.com](http://www.beautifulnauvoo.com). **Note:** The See Nauvoo News staff reserves the right to condense event information, referring readers to reference sites for specific event details.

### Movie Night

The Nauvoo United Methodist Church will be having a movie night on Sunday July 11 at 4 p.m. We will be watching "Overcomer." This movie is about a high school coach who is challenged to switch the sports he coaches and take on the cross country team, and the journey that he embarks on to coach one girl to get to the State championship. Light snacks will be provided.

### Painting Class

On July 9, at 5 p.m. and July 10 at 1 p.m.. A "Monet Waterlilies Painting Class" will be held at the Cambre House and Farm. The painting class will be led by Rebecca Williamson, who will walk you step-by-step through recreating a masterpiece while learning techniques that you can use on your own. Learn Impressionist brush strokes and coloring. The class is open to all skill levels. We provide paints, brushes, and canvas. Each class lasts three hours. (bring a snack or drink if you would like). Cost is \$25 per person. Pre-registration is a must because of limited class size. Call or text 309-221-9803 to reserve your spot!

### Nauvoo Living Hope Church Activities

The Living Hope Church is hosting a river day on July 18, from 5:30 -7:30 p.m.. There will be a bonfire, hot dog roast as well as kayaks, sail boats, canoes, and other activities. Meet at Living Hope Church at 2125 Mulholland St. to carpool to the river. Life jackets are available and must be worn. Bring yours if you have one. Questions? Call 309-221-4050 or 217-430-4538. All activities are free.

### The Legacy

Last month's newsletter introduced the *Legacy*, the 49-passenger pontoon boat, captained by Bryan Davis and assisted by deckhand Eric Leffler. A few Nauvoo residents plus others, were invited to participate in a recent promotional tour that left from Fort Madison Marina. Currently, low water allows the boat to go under the Fort Madison bridge; higher water will necessitate the bridge being opened. Near Frenchtown (north of Sycamore Haven) passengers saw a bald eagle's nest where two mature eagles kept watch over their young (one could be seen in nest). There was also a chance to see "the other side" of an Island with no access roads or utilities to service a few cabins, which are mainly used for weekend getaways. A long freight train passed overhead—rather weird, but neat. It's fun to see the river from a different point of view. For more information on how to schedule a boat tour or to charter it for a private party, visit [www.rivertrip.net](http://www.rivertrip.net), or call 319-759-1311.

### History Speaks

The Nauvoo Historical Society will present free "History Talks" on the grounds of the Hotel Nauvoo on Friday evenings from ca.6-6:30 p.m. These history talks will be an opportunity to learn a little more about all of the history of the Nauvoo community from the pre-history/Native American and early settlers' period, Latter-day Saint period, Icarian era, and the later German settlers who were the "founders" of the modern Nauvoo business district. Randy Soland presented the first talk in June, "The Friendship of Father Alleman and Joseph Smith." The plan is to have a different talk, usually based on topics presented at Nauvoo Untold Stories, each Friday evening at 6 p.m. throughout the summer or as long as weather permits. What a great way to enjoy your wait to be seated for dinner at the Hotel Nauvoo! Or, just come out and hear some facts about our community. Check for the topics and presenters on Nauvoo Historical Society's Facebook page.

Submitted by Rita Souther

### Weld House and Rheinberger Museums



This summer, the Weld House Museum will have a temporary display of artifacts from the different local schools. In August, look forward to the Museum's featuring a different aspect of Nauvoo History. Drop by the Weld House on Mulholland St. from 1-4:00 p.m. any Thursday, Friday, or Saturday afternoon and see what is being showcased. The Rheinberger Museum

in the State Park is also open from 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.



### Your Help Is Needed!

(And, it won't cost you any time or money.)

The Nauvoo Emergency Response Communications team needs your help. We are a group of licensed amateur radio operators dedicated to supporting emergency communications in the greater Nauvoo area. A tornado, earthquake, derecho, or flash flood can knock out electricity, damage or destroy phone lines and topple cell towers. When all else fails, amateur radio can get messages through. How can you help? You can donate your old TV antenna tower to our cause. We'll take care of safely removing it from your property. Your old tower will allow us to get our radio antennas as high as possible to provide wider coverage during disasters. Not all towers can be safely removed without using expensive equipment. We'll cover any cost associated with your tower removal. Contact Bruce Bromley (309-333-8083) or Paul Jespersen (217-453-6433) if you have any questions. We hope to never have a disaster that requires our help, but we want to be prepared. Thank you for your support.