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NAUVOO BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION

MAY EVENTS

- May 4, Joseph Smith Historic Sites Open
- May 5-7, Dan Ayer memorial online Auction, see page 4
- May 7, Taco Supper, 5 p.m., see page 3
- May 20, Nauvoo Community Center Groundbreaking, 6 p.m.
- May 30, Memorial Day Picnic, 11– 1 p.m., City Park, see page 3
- May 30, Cambre House open house, 1-4 p.m., see page 3

MAY MEETINGS

- May 2, Chamber Executive Board, noon, Zoom
- May 9, Chamber of Commerce, Noon,
- May 10, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- May 16, Fire District Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., Fire station
- May 16, School Board, 7 p.m.
- May 16, Library Board 7 p.m.
- May 18, NBA, 7 p.m. City Hall



Groundbreaking Announced

The Nauvoo Community Center will have an “official” groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, May 20, 6:00 pm. (The ground was actually “broken” in April.

Now that construction of the Nauvoo Community Center construction is happening, the Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NC5) is hoping that you will want to make a first or an additional gift to the capital campaign. Donations will focus on upgrades to materials, parking provisions, sidewalks, and landscaping.

Adding to a previous donation could, perhaps, lead to acknowledging your gift as a major donor on the Donor Wall of honor, which will be located in the lobby adjoining the entrance plaza. Major donors will be acknowledged at the following levels: Bronze: \$ 5,000-\$24,999; Silver: \$25,000-\$49,999; Gold: \$50,000-\$99,999; Platinum: \$100,000+. Note: If you wish to be included on the Donor Wall and insure proper inclusion it would be appreciated if your donation be received by June 30, 2022. While many are able to donate at an elevated level, any gift is greatly appreciated. And, it is amazing how the accumulation of smaller gifts mount up! One LOCAL couple in sent a monthly \$25 check for three years, increasing it to \$100. Their donation to date is \$1400. Amazing!

All donations may be sent to NC5, City of Nauvoo, P.O Box 85, Nauvoo, IL 62354 or made online at nauvoocc.org. Please know that while you may not be in the major donor category, all gifts--monetary, as well as gifts in kind--will be recognized. Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee: *Dianne Adkisson, Amber Bevier, Jordan Bodily, Elaine Ferguson, Chuck Gilbert, Karen Ihrig, John McCarty, Alan Moberly, Jessie Nelson, Larry Nicholl, Barb Schafer, Gary Schoeni, Kathy Schoeni, Paul Sly, Scott Sumner*



On April 21, Schickedanz Construction set flags and outlined the footprint of the new Nauvoo Community Center. Elaine Ferguson, Barb Schafer, and Dianne Adkisson, members of the Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee, point to the lines outlining where the library will be. The smiles on their faces tell it all!

Nauvoo Park District Seeks New Board of Commissioners

After many years of service to the Nauvoo Park District and its Park, the 5 member board has collectively decided it is time to get some fresh spirits involved in its management. The board is seeking 5 individuals as replacements; hoping that candidates who have children and friends that utilize the park will be interested in its oversight and improvements.

Park District Commissioners are non-partisan and must have lived within the Park District (City of Nauvoo or Nauvoo Township) for at least one year. Candidates must also be registered voters within the park district. If appointed to fill a vacancy, the new commissioners shall have to file a statement of economic interest. Meetings are typically once per month, excluding December.

Individuals who are interested in serving the Nauvoo community in this capacity, and satisfy the requirements above, may contact Nauvoo Park District, P.O. Box 211, Nauvoo, IL 62354 or Park Board President Mark Anderson at 309-221-0768. Thank you in advance for your considerations!

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Nauvoov City Council Minutes April 12, 2022

Agenda Business Items:

- Approved the payment of per diem to Chief of Police Mike Boley for a training trip to Minnesota.
- Approved a five-year contract to Kohlmorgan Hauling (lone bidder) for trash and recycling for Nauvoov's [non-commercial residents] at a cost of \$16 a month per household. Kohlmorgan recycles cardboard, paper, steel and aluminum cans, and plastic (no glass). The curbside recycling will replace the dumpster on the old school grounds. Currently residents pay \$10 a month for trash removal.
- Awarded mowing bid for City properties to Dustin LeBonte of Carthage, who will receive \$650 per mowing. Three bids were received.

Other:

- Learned that Alderman Nicholl is pursuing a Scenic Byways Grant for upgrading downtown public restrooms.
- Announced the citywide cleanup on April 27th
- Announced a Taco Supper at the new Knights of Columbus Hall (former furniture store) on Saturday, May 7. Proceeds go towards the joint fireworks display with Montrose.
- Approved a request to allow bus traffic on Young Street east of Main this summer bus access to the Sarah Grange Kimball barn for youth activities.
- Considered a change to the City Code to require itinerant merchants (such as food trucks) to pay a larger fee to the City. The amount of the fee would be time based and business activity. Expressed concerns included additional taxation for present merchants as well as the fact that itinerant merchants do not pay sales tax to the City, which led to possibility of a required itinerant merchants' sales that would include the Nauvoov City sales tax and seeing that the tax be collected. The aldermen voted to table this proposal until next month
- Authorized the purchase of ten "Smart" thermostats (c. \$500) for the old school for c. 25% cost reduction.
- Discussed pros and cons of participation in IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund), providing City employees working more than 1,000 hours per year with a better retirement plan. Participation in the IMRF is irrevocable; once adopted, there is no change of course. Chief Boley gave a detailed explanation of the benefits and costs of the program. Costs to the City would increase from about \$16K to \$44K per year. (Ex. a \$100,000 home would pay \$31-\$50 a year more, depending on method of City's funding. Hamilton, Dallas City, Warsaw, and Carthage; as well as the Nauvoov-Colusa School District are members of IMRF. Members of audience voiced their opinions for the proposal with pro comments supporting City workers' upgrade in their retirement plans, giving incentive for them to remain their jobs long term, avoiding the City's need for recruiting, hiring, and training new workers, which is expensive. Several former aldermen in the audience expressed regret that the City declined to join IMRF in the past. Con comments included not wanting to pay more taxes and the fact that the self-employed must provide their own retirement. The City Council approved the second reading of this ordinance, 5-1. Aldermen Anozie, Adkinson, Christensen, Boyles, and Nicholl in favor; Grant, opposed. The decision will be made after the third reading at the May meeting.
- Jim Cobb, representing Nauvoov Adventure Rentals, assured the Council and those gathered that the 6 golf carts and 30 Go-Karts rented out to visitors would not be intolerably noisy. These vehicles would not be allowed on Mulholland Street. They are outfitted with lights, turn signals, and all required safety features. Police Chief Boley affirmed that the police would have a "zero-tolerance" policy on the vehicles.

City Council Minutes Continued

- The City Council considered what to do about a recent requirement by the Nauvoov Fire Protection District (NFPD) for fire suppression sprinkler systems, specifically in the new Community Center building. This is an unexpected cost (estimated at \$125,000) that the City did not anticipate, as it was not required in the building code. Chief Kendall Gallaher of the Nauvoov Fire Protection District spoke passionately in favor of the requirement to install sprinkler systems in the new Community Center, emphasizing that it saves lives of the public and of firefighters.

NOTE: At the March meeting of the City Council, the City awarded the contract for construction of the new community center after a year of soliciting bid proposals. The proposals were following what the City Engineer set as the current code guidelines which showed that sprinklers were not required as long as all other fire safety guidelines were met. The new sprinkler ordinance was adopted by the Nauvoov Fire Protection District a week after the March City Council meeting. There is disagreement about whether the NFPD adequately informed City and Nauvoov Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NC5) about the sprinkler requirement.

There was lengthy discussion about the need for better communication between the City and the Nauvoov Fire Protection District in the future on issues of this magnitude. The City Council voted unanimously to follow the new (sprinkler) ordinance and cover the cost of this addition.

New Garbage Contract

Tired of their not being enough room for your recyclables in the recycling trailer located at the old school? Well, you'll be happy to learn that, as of June of this year, recycling is coming to your house. Only one bid for residential garbage hauling was received and opened at the April City Council meeting. Kohlmorgan prepared two bids: garbage pickup only (\$7,000 per month); with recycling added (\$8,000). (The City's last year paid Kohlmorgan \$5,290 per month w/o recycling plus additional costs of \$6,000 per year for recycling trailer rental and \$490 a month for two city workers to haul trailer to and from Fort Madison for dumping.) City residents will find a \$16 charge on their water bills (from \$10). Residents will supply their own recycling tub or container marked "recyclables." Garbage and recyclables will be picked up separately. No more hauling things in your truck or trunk. No more eyesore of an overly filled bin in our uptown area. Thanks to Janet Hill for putting the home recycling opportunity in the City's ear at the Council's March meeting. They were listening.

Fire District News

Paul McKoon, who has served over 30 years on the Fire District's Board of Trustees, will be retiring at the end of next month. Elgin Berry will take his place effective June 1. Also, starting in May 2022, board meeting will now be held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Brian Scheetz and Julie Stout recently passed EMT training tests and are waiting for their state license to arrive. Seven more EMT students are scheduled to take their exams. The EMT course and two new heart monitors were funded by a \$115,000 Federal Grant aimed at Rural EMS agencies. Chief Gallaher also reported that the annual pancake breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt was well attended by 266 individuals and netted a profit of \$1,259 which will be used for the purchase of small equipment. Other items discussed included the installation of a new cellphone signal booster in one ambulance and the replacement of a door lock on the building.

A Thank You Goes to...

- Paul Brown for fixing the leg of the bench outside of the Red Front.
- Jackie Sumner for coordinating NBA's Earth Day cleanup on April 23rd. The wind was a challenge for all especially the youngest volunteer Elmer Kraus who could have easily blown away!



Tacos for Fireworks

Nauvoo and Montrose, Iowa, share the costs and take turns in providing the location for the annual July 4 celebration. This year it's Nauvoo's turn, and a fundraiser is planned at the KC Hall to help raise \$4,500, Nauvoo's share of the \$9,000 it takes to put on the fireworks extravaganza. There will be a taco supper on Saturday, May 7, at the "NEW" KC Hall in Nauvoo. Serving starts at 5 p.m. the menu consists of: tacos, taco salads, enchiladas, chips, beans and rice, and drinks. Carry-out available. For information call 217-453-2359.



Memorial Day

The Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA) will sponsor its 9th Annual Memorial Day Picnic at Nauvoo City Park on Monday, May 30 from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mayor Jason Skog will be master of ceremonies for the event, which will feature a patriotic tribute of remembrance to those who have gone before. The event will be highlighted with music by the Nauvoo Brass Band and the Performing Missionaries. The traditional pulled pork, giant hotdogs, baked beans, chips, and dessert will round out the day. This is not only a wonderful day spent honoring our veterans and loved ones, but it is also an opportunity to give your support via a free-will donation, which will go toward the Nauvoo Community Center, which will officially break ground May 20. Funds are needed for completion of parking provisions, landscaping, and general upgrading of the area.

Quilting for Warriors



The Piece Makers of Sts. Peter and Paul will be displaying their most recent Quilting for Warriors project quilts at the annual Nauvoo Memorial Day Celebration. The quilts will be sent to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany where they are given to U.S.A. active duty military personnel who have been injured, wounded or taken ill while deployed overseas.

This year the quilters have prepared a 42" x 42" wall hanging that will be sold at silent auction during the Memorial Day Celebration. All proceeds will go to the Quilting for Warriors project for the purchase of fabrics and to cover the cost of shipping. Donations will also be accepted and are always very much appreciated. For more information, or to make a donation, you may contact Julie Johnson at Quiltingforwarriors@gmail.com.

Cambre House Open House

Cambre House and Farm will host their sixth annual craft show and open house on Memorial Day, Monday May 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. The historic home will be open to the public to tour free of charge. Craft vendors will be outside with a variety of items. Wilson Brothers food truck with a have great selection of BBQ. Starting at 1 p.m. Nathan Gosnell will be playing on the patio. Bring a chair and relax on the patio with good music and good food. Call or text 309-221-9803 for more information.

New Event! French Heritage Days

A new event is being planned for July 1-3, 2022 in Nauvoo –French Heritage Days will feature various activities throughout Nauvoo. Watch for more information in the June & July newsletters!!

Community of Christ News

The Joseph Smith Historic Site will open for the season on Wednesday, May 4 at 10 a.m.. The schedule for the tourist season is Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in May. The schedule for June and July we will be Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.. August-October opening times will be announced later this year. There is a Preservation Fee of \$5 per person for the guided tour of the Homestead, Mansion House and Red Brick Store. All tours will depart from the Red Brick Store (610 Water Street) as the Visitor Center will remain closed in 2022. www.explorenauvoo.com

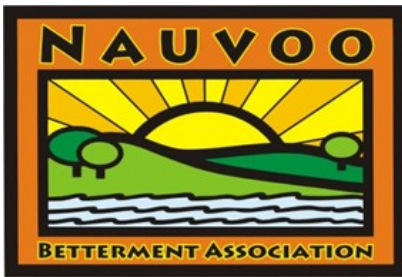
iDig is back at the Joseph Smith Historic Site! From May 18- June 18 excavations will be held at the *Times and Seasons* site on Water Street, West of the Red Brick Store. Go to idignauvoo.legacysare.org to sign up to volunteer for the dig and to learn more.

June Events Coming Soon

- **Home Décor and Book Sale:** A multi-family "yard" sale will be held in conjunction with the Nauvoo Library's book sale on Saturday, June 4 starting at 8 a.m., at the former elementary school gym. Quality home décor including kitchen items, furnishings, plants, and more will be offered at the yard sale. The library will have a large selection of children and adult fiction books for \$1 a bag. All proceeds will benefit the new Nauvoo Community Center/library, which will include a state-of-the-art library, municipal offices, food pantry, and community room.
- **Return of the Fairy Gardens:** A Fairy Garden contest will be held on Saturday, June 11, 10:00 to noon. This free event will be located on the front lawn of Hotel Nauvoo and will be a fun activity for both young and old. Competitors will be divided into two age groups: 5 to 11 and 12 to 112 (no typo!). "Tiny Gardens" and "Large Gardens" will be the two categories judged. Prizes will be awarded in each category and for each age group. A special \$25 prize will be given for the best handcrafted garden. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required. Forms will be available at the Nauvoo library. Start making plans now for your magical fairy gardens, as we are once again looking forward to seeing your unique creations! If you have questions call Kathy Schoeni, 309-209-0337.
- **Color Run:** Although it's a month early, it's the right time to save Saturday, June 11 (June 18, rain date) for a Color Run. The Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NC5) continues to raise money for amenities beyond their original task of funding actual construction of the Center. Most of the \$2M raised was by donations, grants, and participation in various fundraisers. However, as with any new building project, there is always a need for more resources. Here is your chance to participate in the campaign and have a fun workout at the same time. Start and ending points will be the old school block where construction of the Nauvoo Community Center has already begun and will meander through the uptown and flats. The \$35 per person fee includes shirt, sunglasses, wrist band, and color packet. And, there will be prizes! Aren't you just "dyeing" to color yourself a participant in the event that inundates you with a rainbow of colorful powders while running a 3.1 mile (5K) through Nauvoo? Invite your relatives and friends. It will be a blast!

May Events at Baxter's Vineyards

May 14 & 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. - Rock Painting
 May 15 from 3 to 6 p.m. - Live Music with Trystan Grisham
 May 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. - Ceramic Mug Painting
 May 21 from 2 to 9 p.m. - May Birthdays Party
 May 22 from 3 to 6 p.m. - Live Music with Bocephus Wayne
 More details on these events and activities can be found online at www.NauvooWinery.com or our Facebook page!



Articles may be submitted at any time to
seenauvoonews@gmail.com
Deadline for the June issues is May 27

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Havenlight Fine Art Gallery

Another new business has made Nauvoo its home. Havenlight Fine Art Gallery, located east of Red Front Restaurant, officially opened its doors this month. Manager Janet Hill became enamored of Nauvoo and the possibility of starting a business that would be majorly involved in participating in and creating community activities for our community when she visited last year. Janet, most recently from Utah where she worked as gallery manager and personal art consultant for 20 years, moved to Nauvoo in November. Not only did she decide to open a business on Mulholland, but she is also in the process of building a house in Bluff Woods.

The gallery, which focus mainly on paintings, features original art by both local and regional artists. The gallery will also sponsor various art workshops. Miki Jackson, who has lived in the Nauvoo area for the past year, will assist Janet in running the gallery. Miki and family moved to rural Nauvoo from Springville, Utah, to be closer to family. She is also the new manager of Nauvoo Orchestra. Nauvoo is delighted to welcome Janet and Miki to the community. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 1-6 p.m.

Dan Ayer Memorial Fundraiser

Auction time! Janet Hill, Havenlight Fine Art Gallery manager, is hosting an auction for Dan Ayer, much loved principal who died a year ago in a motorcycle accident. Janet, saw a way to support the community as well as promote art by honoring Dan and is sponsoring an art auction in his honor. Because of COVID restrictions, the community had little chance to memorialize Dan at the time of his death. With the blessing of both the school administration and Dan's widow, Shaila, Janet was delighted to move ahead with the project.

The online art auction will take place from May 5-7. Six pieces of gallery art have been donated to the cause. (All are available for view at the gallery.) Each piece will have a minimum bid of \$400, which will automatically secure \$2,400 to benefit the school. Students will vote on how to spend the money.

A celebration of Dan Ayer's life, open to former students, teachers and the public, will be held at Nauvoo Colusa school on Tuesday, May 10, beginning at 8:05 a.m. For more information about the auction and the event, contact havenlightfineartnauvoo@gmail.com or call the gallery, 217-453-6571 or visit the gallery.

Conference at Flood Museum

According to Bob Wright, Flood Museum owner and director, the Flood Museum is co-sponsoring a conference with the Learning Institute Foundation Explorers (LIFE) the 2022 Faith and Science Conference on May 27 and 28. The topics discussed "will demonstrate the power of science that is consistent with faith." The Conference venue will be at 190 N Page Street (formerly the Presbyterian Church). Admission is free, but registration is required, and donations are accepted. Readers can obtain more information about the 2022 Faith and Science Conference or the Flood Museum and register to attend by visiting their website at www.thefloodmuseum.com or call 800-264-4817.

Taken from an article by Alan Moberly

Nauvoo on the Move

- **Nauvoo Theater.** Living Water, a contemporary Christian cover band hosted two Easter concerts at the Nauvoo Theater, annexed to Grandpa John's Café. Band members Michael Haas, Kris Knoke, and Amanda Greehalge have worked with the Kraus family in bringing the former movie theater to life through the enhancement of the facilities. To carry on their work, free-will donations are gratefully accepted. For more information on how you can help, call Michael Haas at 309-221-1401.
- **Grandma's House,** located across the street and west of Casey's, has a new owner. Rebecca Williamson recently purchased the property and will use it as an Airbnb (opening date TBD) as well as her primary residence. Rebecca presently serves as president of the Nauvoo Historical Society.
- **"Blimpie's,"** across the street and west of Allyn House, was recently purchased by Tom and Kimberli Grant. Tom, one of the chiropractors who share an office at the rear of the building and wife Kimberli also own Historical Merriments, located in the former Presbyterian Church, where Kimberli offers historical dance classes. It will continue to be a chiropractic location as well as offer health foods.

Nauvoo Historical Society

The Weld House and Rheinberger Museums need a few members. The hours are 1-4 on Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays. If you cannot serve every week, but could come once or twice a month, that will help. There are instructions for both museums, so you do not have to know everything about Nauvoo history, just be there to open the museum for visitors. Please consider how you can help! You may email or call Rita Souther 217-453-6635 for Weld House hours and Deon Lung 217-242-2743 for hours available at the Rheinberger Museum. A master calendar will be on the NHS website in the future.

Also, please consider donating a new clear plastic tote/storage box with a lid that shuts tight (or a clean, used one that you do not need). Either the 23x16x13 size or the 22x16x6 flat ones, not the gigantic ones that would be too heavy for one person to lift. The local Dollar General has them for about \$10-12. These boxes are acid free and stackable, so we would be able to take better advantage of our limited storage space.

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