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DECEMBER EVENTS

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Wishing, dreaming, hoping, and praying is a way of laying the groundwork for future plans.



DECEMBER MEETINGS

- Dec. 5, Chamber Executive Board, noon, Zoom
- Dec. 12, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Inn at Old Nauvoo
- Dec. 13, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Dec. 15, NFPD, Fire Department, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 19, School Board, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 19, Library Board 7 p.m.

Christmas is coming, and so are many seasonal events in Nauvoo.

December 1-31: The Nauvoo Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. Residents and businesses will be lighting up Mulholland Street and Nauvoo neighborhoods with various themed tree decorations. Winners will be announced at the soup supper at the fire station that evening (4:00-7:00).

December 1-3: An exhibit of 50 nativity scenes from around the world will be on view at Havenlight Fine Art Gallery at the following dates times: December 1 (11-3:00), December 2 (2-7 p.m.), December 3 (2-5 p.m.).

December 3rd, 2:00-5:00 pm: Merry Making on Mulholland

Scavenger Hunt: All participating businesses will have one item in their store marked with a red ribbon. Find the item and get a prize! All ages are welcome to participate. Once the item is identified, the scavenger will be awarded a ticket to the following activities: Petting Zoo at Nauvoo Market Place; Ornament Making with Cambre House at the Knights of Columbus Hall; Cupcake Walk at Nauvoo Health & Chiropractic with Nauvoo Pharmacy and Nauvoo Cafe and Sweet Shoppe; Nativity Display (times listed above) at the Havenlight Gallery; Santa at the Quarry House Gallery; Hot Chocolate at the Hudson Country Store (aka Nauvoo Christian Visitors Center); Caroling on Mulholland by missionary carolers; Face Painting at Nauvoo Yoga Studio (old school building); Model Train Display at Allyn House, Mini-Doughnuts at Toothsome Diner; Craft Activity at Red Front, and Rock Painting at Baxters Winery.

December 3rd, 4:00-7:00 pm: Soup Supper at the fire station during Nauvoo Fire Protection District's Annual Soup Supper where soup, maid-rite sandwiches, various desserts, and a drink will be available for a free-will donation

December 9th, 6:00-9:00 pm: Old Nauvoo Community Christmas Walk: wagon rides, Christmas storytelling, live nativity, music, and refreshments!

December 10th, 7:30-9:00 pm: Nauvoo's Annual Handel's *Messiah* Choral Performance at the Legacy Theatre in Carthage.

December 17th, 6:30-9:30 pm: 2nd Annual Dickens Christmas Ball at Smokin' Gun Event Center where Historical Merriments will provide Victorian dance instruction, parlor games, delicious delicacies, and more! For more information visit HistoricalMerriments.com.

For more to see in Nauvoo in December, check out the link at beautifulnauvoo.com/events.

-from an article by Alan Moberly

Deck the Town

All residents and businesses can get into the Christmas spirit by decorating their homes or businesses. Sign up for judging by December 10 in order to be included in the map. Maps will be available at the Fudge Factory or online at DeckTheTown@gmail.com or contact Sidney Pitt or Jamie Steen. Decorations need to be up by Friday, December 16 for judging purposes.

Christmas Trees on Mulholland

Enter the tree-decorating contest. Trees need to be up before December 3. Prizes will be awarded for Best Decorated, Most Original, Most Nostalgic, and Best Themed. The Christmas trees will be on display throughout the month of December. Submit an entry by emailing: NauvooChamberofCommerce@gmail.com, subject line: Christmas Tree Contest 2022. Judging happens on Saturday, December 3. Winners will be announced at the Nauvoo Firehouse Soup Supper that night.

Christmas Is Coming...

Are you still looking for that special gift—one that will be a lasting one? The Nauvoo Community Center Committee is still accepting orders for bricks or pavers for the entry plaza and walkways. Because weather is already setting in, preparing the ground for placing them probably won't be until spring, so you have plenty of time to decide on wording. Memorializing a family or an event or even an organization or business would make a lasting gift. Forms are available at City Hall or you can order online at www.nauvoocc.org. (And, because the gift goes toward a city project, your donations are even tax deductible. Imagine that!) And, thanks to all who have already donated to the project. It could not have been done without your help.

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Nauvoo City Council November 8, 2022

Approved the following actions:

- To pay former Chief of Police Mike Boley for thirteen unused vacation days
- To purchase a rifle light (\$440) as requested by Acting Chief Dykstra.
- To purchase three ¼" thick ballistic shields (\$599.99 each) for use if a police response is needed at the Pageant or the Schools. There will be one in each squad car, and they have a five-year life-span warranty.
- To pay for three dot.gov mail accounts, which are needed for evidence at \$10/month each.

In other business:

The council also discussed contracting with Midwest Alarm Services for a sprinkler system and fire extinguisher inspection for the new community center building at a cost of \$2,558.50 up front followed by \$1,558.50 annually. They will vote on this at next month's meeting.

Nauvoo resident Karen Ihrig, representing the Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NC5) reported that the new Community Center building was "a little over 90% done." The flooring is in, and the HVAC will be installed at the end of November. The Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA) ponied up funds for an automatic (ADA compliant) front door, as well as a rolling window and stainless-steel serving cart for the kitchen. A site plan is in the works for the grounds surrounding the building. The big pile of excavated dirt to the southeast of the building will be used as backfill or the rear and sides near the building, but more dirt will be needed for the front. This soil will have to be "tamped down" so that sidewalks can be poured around the building, and the temperature will have to cooperate for pouring concrete. Once done, the grounds need to be landscaped for sidewalks and parking, etc. It may be spring before the new building is available for use. Martin Meyer from Poepping, Stone, Bach & Associates was awarded the bid for the site plan design.

Alderman Jeff Christensen reported that Nauvoo motels enjoyed an uptick in business in late October, as visitors came for the Friday (October 28) Oktoberfest and stayed for the Saturday Pumpkin Walk. Apparently having two events back-to-back was a profitable idea for the community.

Mayor Skog reported that the Nauvoo State Park has closed the burn pile, permanently. The pile is supposed to be used for disposal of yard waste, but some have left commercial items with nails and screws, and the State Park shut it down. The City will be looking for another location. One resident asked whether a mulching machine could be placed there so that residents could recycle wood waste for their gardens and such.

The City Council accepted the resignation of third ward Alderman Larry Nicholl, who along with his wife, Sharon, is serving as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Anaheim California FamilySearch Center. Mayor Skog then proposed that Scott Sumner serve out the remainder of Nicholl's term, which will end in May 2023. The Council unanimously approved the appointment, and swore Mr. Sumner in.

Nauvoo residents Jax Mathews and Rachel Moon introduced their plan to humanely deal with Nauvoo's problem with feral cats. (See accompanying article.)

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City Council Continued

The new City Council approved a change to an old ordinance on "lewd or indecent dress or conduct" to remove a segment about wearing clothing not of one's gender. This was not in response to a complaint, but because of an ongoing review of the codebook by Acting Chief Dykstra and the City Attorney Diane Vine.

Mayor Jason Skog gave a thank you to all Veterans and expressed his wishes that everyone would have an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends.

Submitted by Alan Moberly



City Council Seats New Alderman

At its November meeting, the Nauvoo City Council unanimously approved Scott Sumner as Mayor Skog's Third Ward appointment, replacing Larry Nicholl. Scott, 50, was born in Colorado and raised in northern Utah. He graduated in 1990 from Roy High School, where he served as senior class president and achieved Eagle Scout ranking in the Boy Scouts. From 1991-1993 Scott served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Belgium and France.

On his return, he found employment with Swire Coca Cola in Ogden, Utah, rising to the position of Accounts Manager. He left that position in 2002 to become a small business owner, opening his own portrait studio as a full-time professional photographer (Scott Photography LLC) where, over sixteen years, he established clients throughout the United States. His images have been published in many books, as book covers, billboards, television, and in magazines. He has served as a board member of several art associations. Scott holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Sales from Weber State University (Ogden, Utah).

Scott and his wife Stacie Jo are the parents of six children. They moved to Nauvoo in the spring of 2018 where he immediately got involved in the local community, serving on the Nauvoo Hotel Motel Tax Committee (2018-2020) and on the Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (2018-present.)

Sumner will serve out the remaining six months of the term left vacant by the resignation of previous alderman Larry Nicholl.

-From an article by Alan Moberly

Results from the Hancock County Elections Office

Hancock County is a small county. The November 2022 election yielded 624 registered voters with 387 (62%) ballots cast. Here are the results (*denotes overall winner).

Constitutional Amendment: YES – 168, NO – 192;

U.S. Senator: Duckworth* (D)118, Salvi (R)259, Redpath (L)8

Governor: Pritzker* (D)105, Bailey (R)262, Schuler (L)14

Attorney Gen'l: Raoul* (D)105, DeVore (R)266, Robin (L) 7

Sec. of State: Giannoulias* (D)108, Brady (D)259, Stewart (L) 10

St. Comptroller: Mendoza* (D)115, Teresi (R)254, McCloskey (L)11

St. Treasurer: Frerichs* (D)104, Demmer (R)262, Nelson (L)11

U.S. House of Rep- 15th District: Lange (D)104, Miller* (R)276

-Hancock County Elections Office/submitted by Alan Moberly



Nauvoo’s Bright Angels

Mere mortals are being called upon to become “angel helpers” and help make this Christmas a little brighter for children in Nauvoo. Here are ways you can be a helper. Select an Angel card from a Christmas tree in the Nauvoo Public Library or State Bank of Nauvoo. The card will contain the age and gender of a child in need, along with a list of suggested clothing or toy for that child. Put your contact information on the sheet near the tree, and take the angel card with you, using the suggested gift list on the angel card. (Try to keep the gifts within the \$25-\$30 price range per child.) Then, take the new, unwrapped items and the Angel card to the Nauvoo Pharmacy by December 5th. (Word on the street is that the Nauvoo Pharmacy has a special connection with the big guy himself!) “Santa” will take care of the rest.

Those who prefer to make a monetary donation to Nauvoo Bright Angels can do so at the State Bank of Nauvoo.

Being an angel’s helper will likely not get you any wings, but who needs wings anyway! You would have to change your entire wardrobe! On the other hand, some angel helpers have reported having a lighter step and a happier heart—always a good thing.

-From an article by Alan Moberly

Santa and a Movie!

Join the Nauvoo Public Library at Grandpa John’s Theatre on Saturday, December 17, for Santa and a Movie. Santa will be there at 1:00 p.m. to greet the kids and pass out a treat. At 2:00 p.m., the library will be showing *The Santa Clause*, rated PG. Free admission, which includes popcorn and drinks.



Fire District Meeting

The Nauvoo Fire Protection District (NFPD) Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting at the Nauvoo fire station on Thursday, November 17 where the purchase of a new ambulance was discussed. A public hearing on the proposed tax levy for next year will be at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, December 15 at the fire station. Next year’s proposed tax levy is \$300,393, up \$14,312 from previous year, due to increased EMS (emergency medical services) costs. It was noted that there were 29 emergency calls in October: 1 fire, 1 car wreck, 27 EMS calls. As of November 17th) the NFPD has responded to 314 emergency calls during 2022, as opposed to 343 same time last year.

EMS Officer Vicki Gallaher reported on upcoming training classes: refresher courses as well as a Tactical Emergency Casualty Care class (to respond to school shootings) for NFPD (EMS) personnel. Some are in January. The Board learned there have been more frequent requests from hospitals for transfers to other facilities, which have created problems in having volunteers available to respond to local requests as well as taking personnel away from their regular jobs.

Nauvoo Historical Society

The Nauvoo Historical Society (NHS) thanks everyone for contributing to the success of their annual pie sale at Pumpkin Walk. “Best year ever,” according to Rita Souther. NHS cleared \$1,850. Now that’s a lot of pie!

Piano Finds Winter Home



Thanks to Dan Moffitt and the Knights of Columbus for giving our community piano a home for the winter in their old KC building. Anyone who has moved an old piano knows how heavy it is! All it took was a call to Brandon of Motley Fitness. He and Justin came to the rescue and moved it from the sidewalk in front of Grandpa John’s Café to the old KC Hall. As Justin said, that was a nice warm up for his workout! Thanks Justin and Brandon. The Nauvoo Betterment Association appreciates everyone who made it happen.

Carbon Monoxide Scare

On Thursday, November 17. Elaine and Tom Ferguson were jolted awake at 6 a.m. by the insistent loud alarm from their carbon monoxide detector registering 39 (1 is bad; 2 can kill you within 24 hours). They immediately called 911, and within a few minutes EMS personnel Kendall Gallaher, Phil Koehler, and Steve Jespersion arrived and corroborated the reading and found the problem that resulted in the need for a new furnace. Elaine and Tom were lucky and are encouraging anyone who uses a fossil fuel [(natural gas, propane, fuel) for heating, cooking, or producing hot water] to have a carbon monoxide detector installed. Theirs saved their lives. Final note: Carbon monoxide detectors can be purchased at WalMart, Lowe’s, Menard’s or online for around twenty bucks. They might make a nice Christmas present for someone you love. Also, it might be a good idea to have your furnace inspected by a professional.

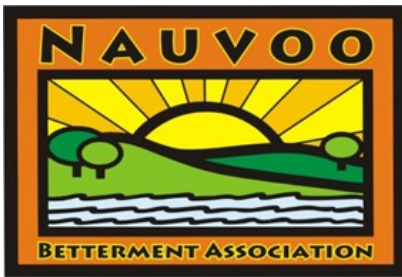
-From an article by Alan Moberly

Feral Cats Beware! An Altered State Awaits

At November’s City Council meeting, Nauvoo residents Jax Mathews and Rachel Moon introduced a plan to rid neighborhoods of feral cats in a safe and humane manner. They and a group of interested citizens plan to trap the animals and take them to the Quincy Humane Society. For \$25, the cats will be spayed or neutered. After an overnight at the Humane Society, the felines would then be brought back to Nauvoo and released where they were found where they could continue feasting on rats and mice but not reproducing. (Not to worry. The trappers know the difference between a feral cat and someone’s pet.) In order to facilitate the group’s effort, the City Council approved the use of City property for setting traps. In order to defray expenses, Mathews and Moon are seeking donations for this project. If you would like to be a part of this important and humane way to treat a pesty problem, please contact Jax Mathews at msjax8530@yahoo.com.

Pre-Filing Notice

Nauvoo Park District positions up for election: President and Commissioner. Note: The position of commissioner open is to fill the remainder of a vacated seat for which the term expires in 2024. If you would like to run for either of the open positions, please bring your notarized petition form with a minimum of 25 signatures to Secretary Alicia LeVesque. Alicia will be receiving petitions at the Nauvoo Public Library on Thursday, December 8 from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. If you have any further inquiries, contact President Mark Anderson at 309-221-0768 or Secretary Alicia LeVesque via e-mail at aliciasideas@gmail.com. If you would like a petition, contact Alicia, who will make sure you receive a petition promptly.



Articles may be submitted at any time to
seenauvoonews@gmail.com
Deadline for the January issues is December 23

See Nauvo News may be picked up at the following locations for a suggested donation of twenty-five cents: City Hall, Fudge Factory, Nauvo Market Place, Nauvo Pharmacy, State Bank of Nauvo, and The Red Front. The newsletter may also be found online at Beautiful Nauvo's Facebook Page and at www.beautifulnauvo.com. **Note:** The See Nauvo News staff reserves the right to condense event information, referring readers to reference sites for specific event details.

Handy Hero Cleaners

Have you heard about Handy Hero Cleaners? They have been in business for many years and they have finally come to the Nauvo area! They offer most handyman type of services, house cleaning, junk hauling, moving services, organizational services, just about any kind of odd job you might think of, and they have even been known to run errands for people. Whether it's because of need or just for your convenience, you can call them and see what they can do for you. They have a large service area and many happy clients! Read our reviews on Thumbtack and Angi. A website is a work in progress (please forgive it's rough appearance): HandyHeroCleaners.com. Our e-mail address is HandyHeroCleaners@gmail.com, but the best way to reach us is by phone, my direct line is (470) 940-6258.

- Submitted by Bryan Furse

Medicare Annual Enrollment Period

If you are eligible for Medicare and you live in Illinois, make sure you have chosen your Medicare Plan for 2023. It's important, so don't delay, as you may not be able to change your Medicare coverage for an entire year.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Those Paper Products

According to the Paper and Packaging Board (2020), "paper and paperboard is the most recycled material in the country, accounting for more than 2/3 of everything that gets recycled." The Christmas holiday makes use of lots of paper products from catalogs to wrapping paper to Christmas cards and mailing/gifting boxes—all things that should, eventually, end up in the recycling bin.

Interestingly, there was paper recycling in New York as far back as 1929—almost 100 years ago. It began when "ragpickers" with pushcarts collected rubbish from apartment houses and homes, sorting out even the smallest scraps of paper and fabric for potential reuse. This recycling was tied to new ideas about trash—especially paper-- and sanitation reform. That paper and rags (from natural fibers like yarn and flax, from which linen is made) would eventually return to the earth has been a widespread view since the 1690s. A common refrain is that each piece of paper is recycled four to seven times: a high-quality magazine paper might become a box, and then another box until the quality of the paper diminishes in quality, ending up as something like toilet paper, which goes to waste treatment plants and ultimately becomes compost. Cycle complete. While most new paper products come from trees, the smallest pieces of paper to recycle adds up. Do your bit this season and give a gift to Mother Nature. No wrapping required!

Social media platforms, such as Twitter and Facebook are mostly designed for broadcasting rather than actual communicating and exchanging ideas between people. They are mostly about speaking; they are not much about listening.

-Lisa Feldman Barret, Psychologist

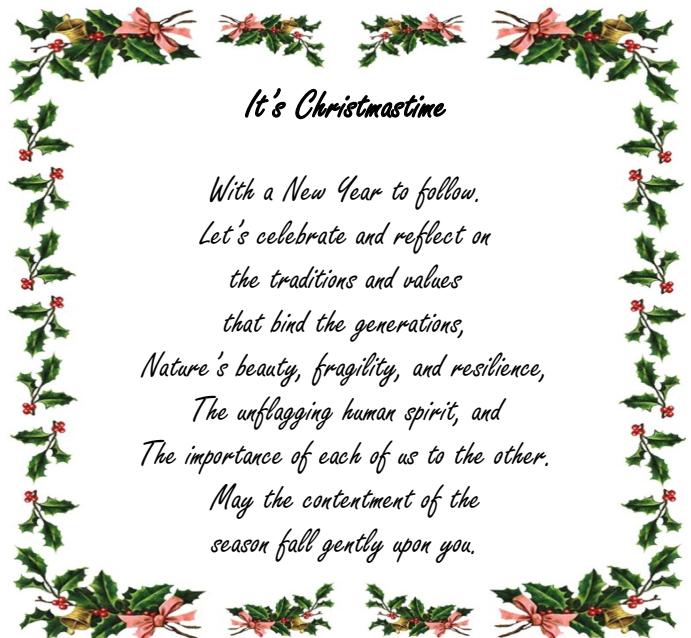
Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway

Have you ever heard of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, or the "Tenn-Tom" as it is popularly called? The 234-mile "canal" parallels the Mississippi River and links commercial navigation from the nation's midsection to the Gulf of Mexico. Its features include a 175-foot-deep cut between the watersheds of the Tombigbee and Tennessee rivers, 234 miles of navigation channels (maintained at 9'), and ten locks and dams. (The Locks are the same dimension as those on the Mississippi above Lock and Dam 26 at Alton, Illinois. (Keokuk is Lock and Dam 19.) It is used for smaller barge traffic as well as recreational craft. However, it has a new importance this year because of low water. The Lower Mississippi (below St. Louis) is having some of its traffic directed to the Tombigbee. The Army Corps of Engineers started on the waterway 1972 and completed it in 1984—nearly five years ahead of schedule--at a total cost of nearly \$2 billion. It encompasses 17 public ports and terminals, 110,000 acres of land, and another 88,000 acres managed by state conservation agencies for wildlife habitat preservation and recreational use. Who knew?

-from Wikipedia

Holiday Game

Let each of the letters in the word C A N D Y stand for the first letter of the word in a category. Ex. Dog breeds: Collie, Afghan, Newfoundland, Dalmatian, Yorkshire. Any category should work. Some other examples could be Rivers, Baseball teams, cities, birds, car models, games, colors, etc. You could even time the team or individual player. Try it.



It's Christmastime

*With a New Year to follow,
Let's celebrate and reflect on
the traditions and values
that bind the generations,
Nature's beauty, fragility, and resilience,
The unflagging human spirit, and
The importance of each of us to the other.
May the contentment of the
season fall gently upon you.*