



N A U V O O B E T T E R M E N T A S S O C I A T I O N

- APRIL EVENTS**
- April 2, Movie at Methodist Church, See article p. 3
 - April 4, VOTE!
 - April 8, Pancake Breakfast 7-10 a.m., Fire Station
 - April 8, Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., Fire Station
 - April 8, Movie at Grandpa John's, 2 p.m.
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Tickle the Earth with a hoe, and She'll laugh with a harvest.

- APRIL MEETINGS**
- April 11, Chamber of Commerce, Noon
 - April 11, Park Board, 6 p.m.
 - April 11, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
 - April 17, School Board, 6:30 p.m.
 - April 17, Library Board, 7 p.m.
 - April 19, NBA, City Hall, 7 p.m.
 - April 20, NFPD, Fire Department, 6:30 p.m.
 - April 25, Chamber Executive Board, 12:30 p.m.



Nauvoo's New Acting Mayor

By now, everyone knows that Nauvoo has a new acting mayor. Tacy Nelson was selected by and voted in by her Council peers to complete the term of Mayor Jason Skog, who resigned in February. The City Council now operates with an acting mayor and five (instead of six) councilmen, as Tacy has chosen to retain her seat as Ward 2 alderman. Doing so allows her a vote on issues that may come forward. The next mayoral election is in 2025 and, if she chooses to do so before that time, she may appoint someone to fulfill her Ward 2 aldermanic seat, which will allow her to vote as mayor only in case of a 3-3 tie. She has represented the Second Ward since 2017 when she was appointed to fill the vacancy created when Clive Moon resigned.

Tacy, is the first woman to fill the role of Nauvoo's mayor. (Lillian Snyder would be delighted!). Tacy, 37, is the daughter of Kathy and the late Durell Nelson. Born and raised in Nauvoo, she went to NCHS and went on to BYU where she was graduated with a degree in Art History. Tacy has had a variety of work experience prior to and during her working for the City. Presently she is working as secretary of Nauvoo Colusa Elementary School but worked at the school for a couple of years as a one-on-one aide for a sixth grader. Other jobs include working on payroll for Martin's Accounting; custodian at the Temple; and six years as president of the Nauvoo's Relief Society, a service organization for women of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Open and outgoing, Tacy "likes filling a void," and she finds her position as acting mayor "a wonderful challenge." She also loves to travel and "loves those kids." Nauvoo has lucked out in all sorts of ways with Tacy's enthusiastic involvement.

Easter Happenings in Nauvoo

- **Pancake Breakfast:** April 8, 7-10 a.m., The fire department is hosting its annual pancake breakfast. Bring the family and enjoy a yummy meal! Breakfast is free but donations are appreciated.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** April 8, 10 a.m., Following the pancake breakfast head outside and join the fire department in a giant Easter egg hunt.
- **Free movie:** April 8, 2:00 p.m., Join the Nauvoo Public Library on at Grandpa John's Theatre for a free showing of the movie *Peter Rabbit*, rated PG. Free popcorn and soda provided.



Nauvoo Park District



Nauvoo Park District is one of Nauvoo's hidden treasures. The park (affectionately called "the purple park"), is located on north Winchester, and is presently overseen by a five-member board: President Mark Anderson, Doug Stevenson, Ralph Pezley, Tyson Kelly, and Carol Zumdomo. The Nauvoo Park District was formed in 1977 and, since then, the Board has overseen and grown the approximately 5-acre park with the help of projects done by Eagle Scouts. Presently, the park has a lighted ball field, (much used by the Nauvoo Athletic Association, who are responsible for scheduling games) and a shelter house, which includes restrooms, cooler, freezer, and refrigerator—often used as a concession stand for those games, as well as other events. The shelter house offers nine picnic tables with two ADA tables soon to be added—all under cover. School picnics have taken advantage of the setting over the years. Soon a water bottle fountain filling station will be added. Other planned projects include adult exercise equipment—so adults can get a workout while children in their care can enjoy nearby fenced-in play equipment. Serious consideration is being given to purchasing a splash pool, which will be a delight to the child in all of us.

The Park Board is always looking for new members. Board elections take place in odd-numbered years; Mark and Tyson are up for reelection this April's election for their two-year terms. However, position(s) that come open by resignation(s) may be filled by appointment (you have to be at least 18 and must have lived in Nauvoo or Nauvoo Township for one year). The Board meets at 6:00 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at the park, weather permitting. Your ideas and energy are encouraged. What a way to make Nauvoo an even better place to live!

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Special Meeting of Nauvoo City Council
February 28, 2023

Nauvoo City Council
March 14, 2023

The Council voted to accept the resignation of Mayor Jason Skog in his letter dated February 23. He is moving to California for employment. Alderman Tacy Nelson was sworn in and seated by the Council to serve as Acting Mayor of Nauvoo for the remaining two years of Skog’s term (2025). She will continue serve as an alderman for the Second Ward and can still vote on matters brought before the City Council.

The Nauvoo City Council approved the following actions:

- Sending two police officers for training.
- Increasing average water and sewer bill by 3%. (This is done every year and will be visible on the March water bills.)
- Retaining the services of Justina McCandless Lichner, Rebecca Williamson, and Erin Jespersen as Social Media and Website Facilitators. Alderman Jeff Christensen explained the selection process, stating that the Hotel/Motel Tax Board received 12 applications for the position. They will serve as separate teams, with Justina McCandless Lichner as one team, and Rebecca Williamson and Erin Jespersen as the other team. Lichner will reach out to those who live farther away. The Williamson/Jespersen team will contact local businesses to find out what they want and work on local events Each team would be paid \$500/month and a \$150/month advertising budget. Total annual cost would be \$15,600. This comes out of Hotel/Motel tax revenues. The goal is to get people to come to Nauvoo and stay in local lodging. Minimum requirement is two posts per week from each team. They will be required to report quarterly and attend Hotel/Motel tax board meetings and Chamber of Commerce meetings.

The City Council voted to table (take no action on) the following items:

- Adjust the original contract with Schickedanz Construction to remove the sidewalk work (around the new Community Center building) from the contract. (The City plans to include the sidewalks portion of the original contract with the landscaping contract.)
- To accept the annual warranty offered by Midwest Alarm Systems for years two through five of the (sprinkler system) agreement. The first year of the warranty is free, the extended warranty costs \$1,972.80 per year. The aldermen need clarification on what services are included in the warranty and cost verification.

Submitted by Alan Moberly

The Council approved the following items:

- A new Police Manual
- Awarding the contract for a counter for city offices at the new Community Center to the winning bidder, Tom Hopp, \$7,400.
- Awarding a contract of up to \$15,000 for a Divers and Mussel Survey if required by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). (Funds for this will come from American Rescue Plan money previously awarded to Nauvoo.)
- Purchasing of 100 Safe Neighborhood activity books (\$75) for the police to pass out at school.
- Awarding Tracy Chatwin TIF (Tax Increment Financing) funds up to 80% of total project cost or \$2,500, whichever is less, for improvements at The Emporium, a soon-to-be-opened quilt shop located at 1265 Mulholland.
- Approving payment of \$1,972.80 for the annual warranty offered by Midwest Alarm Systems for years 2 through 5 of the agreement.
- Adjusting the original contract with Schickedanz Construction (Community Center) to delete the sidewalks. A new contract will be sent out for bids to build the sidewalks along with the landscaping, parking lots, and site elevation.
- Spending \$120,000 from the Motor Fuel Tax to improve City roads and streets.

Acting Mayor Nelson also announced that Wednesday, May 17, will be the date of the Nauvoo’s annual city-wide cleanup. Residents will receive flyers in the mail.

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Nauvoo Fire Protection District (NFPD)

At their monthly meeting, the trustees unanimously approved amendments to the FY23 budget, which included a new ambulance. The NFPD responded to 31 calls in January including 29 EMS and 2 fire incidents. Attorneys are finalizing the details of an agreement in which the NFPD will expand ambulance coverage to include area of the Dallas City FPD. The surplus 1985 F350 fire truck sold for \$9,000. The NFPD is exploring options for the purchase of a monitoring system which allows receiving hospitals to view a patient’s vitals live while the ambulance is en-route. Three new members, all currently enrolled in an EMT course, joined NFPD: Brett Allen, Trischa Allen, and James Scheetz. A seat with worn upholstery was replaced in one of the ambulances (to keep in compliance with regulations). Chief Gallaher restated his concerns about the City of Nauvoo considering the addition of a new TIF district. Gallaher reported that he recently met with Nauvoo city officials regarding the issue and stated that he plans to continue to pursue the issue more. (The Chief’s comments were reported in the March edition of the newsletter.)

Taken from an article by Alan Moberly



Plan Ahead...Save the Date

Wednesday, May 17, is Nauvoo clean-up day. Start putting aside those items that are no longer useful and are taking up space. (Interestingly, putting them at curbside is a great recycling adventure: “One man’s trash is another man’s treasure.”) More information in the May edition of the newsletter

Stop Signs and You

Did you know that a ROLLING STOP at a stop sign is a MOVING violation and that stop sign violations makeup around 70% of all police-reported accidents.

Stopping at the sign on Page and Young streets has been problematic. (There is no stop sign at the top of the hill heading south on Page Street; however, there are three at the intersection: two on Young; one on Page heading north.) Speeding has also caused issues. To compound the problem, there are about 18 children living in a one block area on Young between Page and Bluff, and there are no sidewalks on the south side of Young. Good driving judgment is especially important.

However, there is good news to report. Soon there will be 3-way signs put on the stop signs at Page and Young, and the overhanging cedar tree is being taken down on the corner for better visibility.

Free Movie

Join the United Methodist church Sunday April 2, at 3 p.m. for a free showing of the movie *Soul Surfer*. Popcorn and drinks are free, all are welcome!

Remember to Vote on Tuesday, April 4

April elections are geared toward municipal issues. This year, Nauvoo citizens will be casting votes for aldermen from each of Nauvoo's three wards. All are running unopposed for four-year terms: Ron Grant, Brenda Adkisson, Scott Sumner. Five school board candidates are running for three open seats (vote for three): Neva Koechle, Wayne Jespersen, Joe Radel, Jordan Squire, and Anthony Wasielewski. In addition the Nauvoo-Colusa Community School District No. 325 has a proposition to increase the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes from 2.55 to 3.50. The Park District candidates are running unopposed for two open seats: Mark Anderson and Tyson Kelly. Citizens will also be voting on increasing the levy for Emergency Ambulance Service from .10% to .25%. Also to be voted on is a Hancock County proposition to impose a county school sales tax at a rate of 1% to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals. Make it a point to vote.

Soup Cookoff

Soup Cook off

Sts. Peter & Paul is hosting a soup cookoff on Saturday April, 21, from 5-7:30 p.m. Come and cast your vote on the best soup around. Awards will be given for best soup and best design. Cost is \$5 for all you can eat, (kids eat for \$3). Concessions and activities for children will be available. To enter the soup competition call 217-453-2511.

Fourth of July Fireworks

Over the years, Montrose and Nauvoo have shared the cost of fireworks. An enthusiastic committee from the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting fund-raising events for Nauvoo's share of \$3,750. The first event, a Paint Night sponsored by Havenlight Fine Art, Rebecca Williamson, and Camp Nauvoo will be on Friday, April 28, 6-9 p.m. at Camp Nauvoo. A fireworks scene will be featured. Cost is \$30. (All profit after expenses will be donated to the cause!) Baked goods will be available for sale. For more information or to volunteer to assist at the event or to make a reservation, contact Janet Hill at havenlightfineartnauvoo@gmail.com Reservations required.



Nauvoo Historical Society

The grand openings for the both the Weld House and Rheinberger Museum will be on May 13 from 1-4 pm. Hosts/guides are needed at both facilities throughout the summer, but especially for May 13th and 14th for the grand opening. Regular or flexible schedules are available. The main duties are to open the doors and welcome visitors. You do not have to escort people through the rooms, but be available to answer questions, suggest they join the Historical Society, and provide some security for our collections. There are instructions in both facilities. Please contact any member listed above.

It is time to form a nominating committee for the next election of officers in November. If you would like to serve on the nominating committee, please contact Jim Topic (217-453-2764 or nauvooglassworks@yahoo.com) or Randy Soland (217-652-6360 or randallsoland@yahoo.com). You do not have to be resident in Nauvoo to serve. The following are current officers up for reelection : President, Rebecca Williamson; 2nd Vice President: Dan Kraus; Secretary: Jim Topic; Board of Directors members: Bev Reynolds, Rita Souther.

Earth Day



We must recognize that we're all part of a web of life around the world.

-Gaylord Nelson, founder of Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April 22. The first one was celebrated in April 1970 when Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day as a way to force the issue onto the national agenda. At that time there was no EPA, no Clean Water Act and no other legal or regulatory mechanisms to protect the environment.

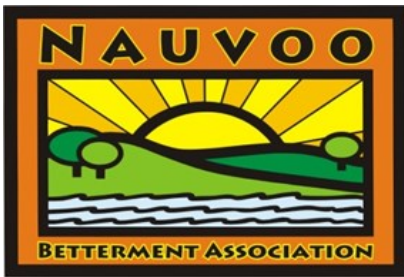
Earth Day in Nauvoo, April 22, 2023

In the past Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA) has sponsored a clean-up activity along Mulholland's Business District. This year Earth Day in Nauvoo will be celebrating the Earth in a different way, although sprucing up surroundings is still a part of the day's celebration.

The NBA has been working on the showcasing of Nauvoo's natural surroundings as part of a 3-pronged themed approach ("Nature," "Creative Events," "Historical") of things to do while in Nauvoo. The NBA has taken on the "Natural Nauvoo" theme. Committees are presently involved in collecting information and gathering ideas for activities and events in order to highlight one of Nauvoo's best kept secrets: the beauty of its natural surroundings. These committees, at present, are focusing on local trees/plants, birds, wildlife, and the river. Some of their efforts, to date, will be showcased in the parking lot area in front of Nauvoo Market Place on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22.

There will be opportunities to find some of Nauvoo's more interesting trees, which will be marked on a map of Nauvoo. (It might be fun to make it into a scavenger hunt!) Wildflower bombs (meant to explode into the soil and yield a bounty of colorful flowers for pollinators to indulge in!), free seed packets, and bird house kits to purchase and paint in the style of the historic houses will be available—all in honor of the birds and pollinators. This is a wonderful way to assist Mother Nature in keeping our planet healthy while enjoying their activity and beauty. The Wildlife Committee will exhibit five large pictorial panels that will eventually be affixed to the sewer plant's fencing along Nauvoo Riverwalk. These panels honor the eagle, red-eared slider and paint turtles, bullfrog, monarch butterfly, and blue heron. Take a selfie or a group picture in front of them in support of or as one of Nauvoo's "wildlife." Copies of the informative panels that line the Riverwalk also will be on display.

This will be the first of many "Natural Nauvoo" educational happenings. What a better way to honor the Earth and her creatures! Come and see what's going on. Your ideas and suggestions are welcomed.



Articles may be submitted at any time to
seenauvoonews@gmail.com
Deadline for the May issues is April 21

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.



Nauvo United Methodist Church
(This is the seventh and final article of Alan Moberly's history of the churches in Nauvo. It is excerpted due to space requirements.)

During the 1800s, a variety of groups settled in the area now known as Nauvo. Among them were the Latter-day Saints, the Icarians, German and Swiss settlers, and a Catholic order of Benedictine Sisters.

G. G. Worthington, a Methodist missionary, was sent to Nauvo to locate two Methodist families and other English-speaking Methodists. A Nauvo congregation, the German Methodist Episcopal Church, was organized in 1846. The English Methodist Episcopal Church was established in 1853.

Both churches were built by Michael Baumert, Sr., a stone mason. The German Methodist church was a stone structure located at Fulmer and Mulholland (used today as an overnight rental), and the English Methodist Church located at 16th and Ripley (where the present congregation worships). In 1904 the two churches merged, and English services were held in the German Methodist church. The Old Stone Church is the oldest church building still standing in Nauvo. It was built in 1863.

A ground-breaking ceremony was held August 14, 2005 for Friendship Hall, which allowed fund-raising efforts to be brought inside. (FYI: Their famous pork roasts are held the fourth Saturday in June.)

Today the congregation is currently led by Pastor Mary McQuilkin and meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Current membership is 40-50, with 20-30 attending on a typical Sunday.

Taken from an article by Alan Moberly

Kibbe Museum Opens for Season

Kibbe Hancock Heritage Museum in Carthage will open for the season on Saturday, April 1. The free museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12 to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. (closed on Mondays and major holidays). Special group/class tours can be arranged at other times.

The museum was created around the large natural history collection from Dr. Alice Kibbe, former biology professor of Carthage College. It has expanded to include home, farm, businesses, 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 is located at 306 Walnut Street in Carthage. For information, call 217-357-9552.



Nauvo Outdoor Warning Sirens

The City of Nauvo has Outdoor Warning Sirens strategically placed throughout the city. Generally, early warning sirens are intended to alert our citizens and visitors of impending severe weather.



However, early warning sirens may also be used to alert the public to a local emergency that could have significant impact on the community, such as a hazardous material incident.

The early warning sirens will be activated when one or more of the following occur:

- A Tornado Warning for the Nauvo area is announced by the National Weather Service.
- A funnel cloud or tornado is reported by a credible source within the City of Nauvo or Nauvo Fire Protection District.
- The National Weather Service Doppler Radar indicates tornado activity within the Nauvo Fire Protection District or City of Nauvo.
- There are credible reports from neighboring communities indicating a funnel cloud or tornado tracking toward the City of Nauvo or Nauvo Fire Protection District.

When the Outdoor Early Warning Sirens are activated, the sirens will produce a continuous, steady pitched tone for a period of 1 minute. The tone will repeat every 5 minutes until the threat is over. The Outdoor Warning Sirens are tested on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. throughout the year with a one minute steady pitched tone test.

Burning Yard Waste in City Limits

Just a few friendly reminders while burning yard waste:

- Burn only during the hours of 8 a.m.-8 p.m. (If you are within two blocks of the school, burning is not allowed during school hours.)
- Burn only dry landscape waste or cardboard.
- All burn piles must be continually monitored (water or fire extinguishing equip should be close by).
- Fire should be burning, not smoldering.
- Fire should not be smoldering after 8 p.m..

The Legacy Theater

The Legacy Theater, Carthage, has two events planned for April. On Saturday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. Bill Boronkay and Andy Beningo will present "Dry Bar Comedy." On Saturday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m. "Let's Get It On: Jackie's Boy Celebrating the Music of Marvin Gaye and Motown" will be featured. For further information call 217-357-9479 or go to www.thelegacytheater.com or info@thelegacytheater.com.

Life is 10% what you make it and 90% how you take it.

Reminder: Business licenses, dog tags and special vehicle permits will need renewed on May 1.