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JANUARY EVENTS

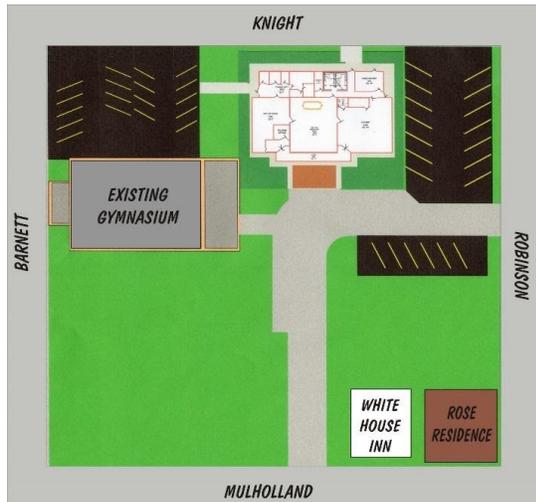
- Keokuk Bald Eagle Appreciation Days, Jan 16-17

Life is not "better times coming." Life is now.

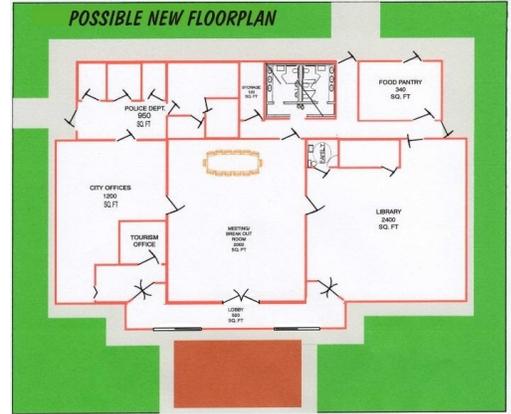
JANUARY MEETINGS

- Jan. 12, City Council, 7:30 p.m. Location TBD
- Please check with your organization for updates on meetings.

Revised Plans for the Nauvoo Community Center



Renderings of possible new location on current property, floorplan, and building design. (Plans are still in process of refinement. The pictures were included in aldermen's packets for December 8 City Council meeting.)



POSSIBLE BUILDING DESIGN IDEA



The City Council received a request from the Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee for a change in direction for the Nauvoo Community Center building project. The Committee reported that the COVID pandemic had hampered fundraising efforts and slowed down contributions. The Committee was notified of a \$617,000 library grant to be awarded to Nauvoo that expires June 30, 2021. This funding opportunity led to some revisions to the project. Mayor McCarty proposed three options from the Committee that included reducing the scope of the project by both size and building construction style, continuing with the original plan and ask for another year to work on fundraising, or discontinuing the project entirely.

The Mayor noted the Committee decided to look at the possibility of doing the project in phases after reviewing a lot of discussion and comments from the community. Therefore, the committee's recommended Phase I would include the following:

- Constructing a new building at 8,000 sq. ft. [which is] almost half of the original buildings design.
- Keeping the originally proposed spaces except for the events center
- Changing the construction style in height and materials to save on costs
- Demolishing the former school building except for the gymnasium so there will still be a large space for community use

Phase 2 would be funding to update the current gym, or to entertain a public/private partnership for the construction of a new facility.

Mayor McCarty added, that the \$617,000 library grant and the \$400,000+ cash on hand, and the additional pledges caused the committee to feel the goal could be reached by the June 2021 deadline, as specified in the library grant. As many of you know, this all started with the need for a new library. This approach can help us achieve that goal. We really don't want to miss out on this great opportunity. Committee member Larry Nicholl is continuing to apply for more grants along with a request for Brownfield Assistance on removal of the former school.

Mayor McCarty displayed drawings of Phase 1 and the City Council voted to accept Option 1. During comments, many aldermen expressed pleasure that the gymnasium would remain. One online viewer asked whether the old school building could be saved. Mayor McCarty said that the cost estimate to renovate the old building up to standards would be as much as or more than the cost of a new building.

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City Council Meeting December 8, 2020

The Council addressed the following items:

Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign: (See page 1 for details on discussion.)

COVID Assistance to Businesses:

Just over \$1,000,000 in federal funds are available for the West Central Illinois area to assist local governments in reimbursing businesses hurt by COVID. The City must have funding in place to pay the businesses, then request reimbursement from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO). Local CURE funds may be used if "TRUE" can be answered for all of the below:

- The expense is connected to the COVID-19 emergency.
- The expense is "necessary."
- The expense is not filling a short fall in government revenues.
- The expense is not funded through another budget line item, allotment, or allocation, as of March 27, 2020.
- The expense is not being reimbursed through a different emergency response program.
- The expense wouldn't exist without COVID-19 OR would be for a "substantially different" purpose.

McCarty emphasized the need to contact businesses in town to see what they have received and need with regards to COVID, then get in touch with DCEO. The Mayor said that more clarification is needed.

In other business:

- The City Council also "pecked" at the issue of whether or not to allow residents to raise chickens for home production of eggs within the City limits. Alderman Jason Skog presented rules which incorporated previous concerns with the original proposal from Wayne Jespersen several months ago. Various aldermen offered a few minor suggestions for improvement and clarification. Alderman Skog will edit the proposal and bring the finished proposal before the Council next month. A copy of the proposed rules will be posted on the City of Nauvoo, IL Facebook page.
- Mediacom will do major changes to billing beginning December 22nd, which will increase rates.
- A Joint Review Board for the TIF District will be held on December 15th to prepare the annual report.
- The City Council voted to continue the City employees' current retirement program for another year.
- Alderman Larry Nicholl reported on his meeting with representatives from Fort Madison, Keokuk, and Montrose about creating a Lake Cooper group, which will address the area's offerings. The Kingsley Inn (Fort Madison) has put up webcams focusing on train traffic, which drawing "train-buff" visitors. Keokuk plans to install a camera at the locks for people to watch barge traffic. Correspondent's Note: I googled "Fort Madison webcams" and found them myself. Take a look!

-Taken from Alan Moberly's City Council Minutes

Political Office

All politics is local. Local politics takes care of the business of our towns, townships, and counties. And is the most responsive for of government to the average citizen. Being apart of lover governments is a wonderful learning opportunity that is open to all who are willing to share their time and talent.

There are three ways to get on the ballot for Aprils ballot for, which is mainly for municipalities and special districts: school, township, referenda etc. One is to be elected at partisan (Democrat/Republican) caucuses (held the first Monday of every December). The following citizens were elected by their caucuses held on December 7. Democratic Caucus: Mayor: No one; City Clerk: Carol McGhghy; 1st Ward Alderman: Ron Motley; 2nd and 3rd Ward Aldermen: No one. Republican Caucus: Mayor: Jason Skogg; City Clerk: No one; 1st Ward Alderman: Jeff Christiansen; 2nd Ward Alderman: Tacy Anozie; 3rd Ward Alderman: Jim Boyles.

If a person seeking office does not wish to caucus, he/she may run as an Independent by following specific rules for getting on the ballot. See Nauvoo City Clerk or Hancock County Clerk for details.

Nauvoo Fire Protection District

The Nauvoo Fire Protection District held a Trustee Meeting on Tuesday, December 15 to consider an ordinance levying taxes for "the tax year 2020 collectable in 2021." The Trustees approved the sum of \$273,489 to be raised from taxes on all properties subject to taxation within the Fire District for the year 2020. This is an increase of \$11,642 over the previous year (less than 0.5%).

A breakdown of this sum is as follows: General fund (\$127,279) (down \$1,385.00 from previous year); Insurance and Liability Protection Fund (\$40,000); Social Security/Medicare Taxes (\$10,000); Audit Fund (\$1,000) for annual audit; Ambulance Fund (\$83,568) (up \$13,024 from previous year).

Fire Chief Kendall Gallaher announced the following: Effective January 1, 2021, Firefighters pay will be \$18 per call. (Currently the pay is \$15 per call.) Ambulance workers on call will also be paid \$18 an hour. Other EMTs get \$18 per call. Both of these up from \$15. Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) are eligible to be the first to receive COVID-19 vaccinations. Firefighters who are not EMTs will be in the next grouping. The Nauvoo Fire Protection District has applied for \$9,300 from the Local CURE Program (Coronavirus Relief for Local Governments) for COVID related purchases.

Chief Gallaher also stated that the odds were "fairly good" that the District would receive a grant of \$26,000 for new gear for firefighters. According to OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) regulations, firefighter gear must be replaced before 10 years has passed from the manufacture date. The new uniforms will be black, with fluorescent lime-green stripes.

-Taken from an article By Alan Moberly

The truth is incontrovertible; malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is. Winston Churchill



- The Nauvoo Food Pantry thanks the community for the many kindnesses that have been extended to our patrons. From monetary donations to food items, face masks etc.. We have been able to supply the needs of the public. Our patrons have been so appreciative and a smile says it all.
- Thank you to those who, after reading last month’s article about the loss of newsletter revenue due to lock downs, took it upon themselves to give a monetary gift to Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA) to show their appreciation for the newsletter. While the newsletter is not in dire straits, It was a lovely gesture.

Nauvoo Clinic

Because of COVID-19, social distancing, and concerns regarding the scarcity of usual health services, many are limiting or avoiding clinic/hospital visits—even when needed. However, the Nauvoo Clinic wants to assure the public that it is open and available to fulfill the community’s health needs. Due to circumstances, however, here have been some changes in the clinic’s scheduling.

The clinic’s receptionist will be available during its regular hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday for making appointments (217-453-6802). However, throughout January, should you need to see Tony for an in-person visit, you will need to schedule an appointment for a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. (Tony will be assisting with COVID-19 testing at Memorial Hospital on Mondays and Fridays until February.) Also, when calling the clinic, make sure to listen carefully to the message’s instructions and updates should the receptionist be unavailable to take your call.) Please note that no blood draws nor blood pressure checks can be done on Mondays or Fridays during January or, as usual, when Tony is not in the office. The clinic will resume regularly scheduled hours in February.

COVID-19 Vaccines

According to a December 23 article in the *H.C. Journal-Pilot*, only the top 50 counties (Illinois has 102) with the highest mortality rate received a shipment of the vaccine. Hancock County is not one of these. The H.C. Health Department will provide vaccination information to the public when it becomes available. It will follow the Illinois Department of Public Health guidance on distribution. Learn more at <http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine-faq>.

Glaciers

We are living in an ice age. The fact that the world was once iced over wasn’t known until the 19th century. It also was surprising that glaciers flow, the mass of ice moving like a river. When a climber falls into a crevasse, a deep fracture in the ice, the frozen corpse will flow through the glacier and be ejected from its foot several decades later—one of the earliest clues that glaciers weren’t simply solid blocks of ice. Global warming and glacial melting is creating new problems for pathologists because there is potential to expose viruses trapped in the ice—some that haven’t been in circulation for more than 10,000 years! On a more curious note the Swiss have begun covering glacial ice with white fleece blankets, insulating it and deflecting heat from the sun. The fleece is estimated to slow the melting of the Rhone Glacier by up to 70 percent. Now about freezing those snowballs....

Taken from *Discover Magazine*, December 2020

Don’t Let Someone “Get Your Goat”

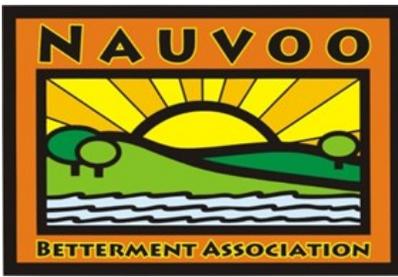
If you don’t have a goat, you just might want to get one—or two (if allowed by city ordinance!). According to an article from *The Wall Street Journal*, December 2020, “goatscaping” has grown popular in recent years as an environmentally friendly way to clear overgrown lots. COVID-19 has boosted the demand, as goats can be on the job during lockdowns. New York has rented goats to substitute for volunteers who usually kept parks free of weeds—and, watching the goats “work” offers instant entertainment for children

In these times of more ecoconsciousness, goatscaping has become a business. Renting five goats could cost around \$500 for a week (herders provide fencing and water buckets, if needed). It’s like a “four-legged weedwhacker.” Some drawbacks to rushing into the business include the fact that goats can clear a 6-foot fence from a stop, they don’t want to work solo, they sometimes eat garden vegetation, and sometimes need night supervision. On the plus side, they leave no cut grass behind, don’t complain or ask for time off or raises. They just get hauled in via trailer, scan the grounds, then set to work. They literally eat down to the dirt and have been known to form a fire barrier around a neighborhood. One company in California has around 9,000 goats and sheep, recently sending 1,200 goats to clear weeds from a levee along the Sacramento River so engineers could more easily spot any holes. It is assumed that they leave the area’s soil a little more fertile than it was before they arrived, as well—you get the picture!



New Year’s Resolutions

- Build Kindness. Be a good listener. Find out what people can give—not just what they need. Help each other. Let it become a practice. Build trust. Look people in the eye. Connect. Be in the moment. Change from its stand- alone spot.
- Support and invest in your community.
- Be more environmentally conscious: use fewer plastic bottles (replace with cans, when possible), buy a refillable water bottle, use paper bags, try using wool dryer balls instead of softener in your dryer, avoid using aerosol spray when possible, recycle as much as you can and avoid packaged single-use products.
- Love one another.
- Be good to yourself.



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Words from Trademarks

No doubt readers thought of other examples of trademarked products that turned out becoming the name of the thing itself. Along those mentioned in last month's article were Kleenex, Binkie, Scotch tape, Frisbee, Xerox, Thermos. Other names are Band-aid, Coke, Maidrite, Rolaid, Velcro, popsicle,



jet escalator bubble wrap, dumpster, yo-yo, ski, Google, cellophane, Chapstick, aspirin, fiberglass. They were ALL capitalized when the product was created; however, when they became a common household name, the capital letter was dropped--the ones still capitalized above are still hanging on to their capitals!



And, believe it or not, "dry ice" is one of these trademarked words that is now a common term. (Dry ice is solid carbon dioxide.) What a marking tool! Of Course.

Whoever thought....

...that dry ice would be in demand. Because of the low temperatures needed to store and transmit the COVID-19 vaccines, dry ice, or CO₂, is a prized commodity. The temperature of dry ice is around minus 78 degrees Celsius. Three Missouri dry ice plants are participating in the campaign. UPS has increased production at its own facilities to 1,200 pounds an hour. Dry ice, used in frozen-food shipments and fog machines, is made from carbon dioxide, a byproduct of industrial processes like ethanol and fertilizer production. Last spring, because of stay-at-home orders, many American stopped driving, slashing demand for ethanol. However, with the dry ice demand, ethanol production as recovered due to the need for meeting the demand for dry ice.

-Taken from *The Wall Street Journal*, December 4, 2020

BEGIN AND END

Each phrase below is a clue for an answer that begins and ends with the same letter.

1. A continent at the south pole _____
2. Payment to stockholders _____
3. A word used by magicians _____
4. Physical exertion done for fitness _____
5. One television show in a series _____
6. One who reviews and gives judgements _____
7. A brief advertisement _____
8. A place for performers _____
9. An amount over and above what is needed _____
10. A great work of art or literature _____
11. A ray of moonlight _____
12. An edible seed of a bean plant _____
13. Accepting of others _____
14. Handwriting skill _____
15. Blue-green _____
16. An official list of names _____
17. One thousand years _____