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See Nauvoo News

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AUGUST EVENTS

- August 15, Nauvoo Colusa-School begins
- August 17, SPSS School begins
- August 19, Van Gough Painting Class, See article p3
- Save the date! Grape Festival September 2-4. See article p 4

Four things that are important: kindness, honesty, hard work, being curiosity in the world around you.

AUGUST MEETINGS

- Aug 1, Chamber Executive Board, noon, Zoom (no meeting in July)
- Aug 8, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, (no meeting in July)
- Aug 9, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Aug 15, Fire District Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., Fire station
- Aug 15, School Board, 7 p.m.
- Aug 15, Library Board 7 p.m.
- Aug 17, NBA, 7 p.m. City Hall

Sneak Preview and Fundraiser for Nauvoo Community Center Planned for September

Everyone is watching the construction progress of the Nauvoo Community Center. Lately, however, from the outside, not much has changed due to delay in the shipment of the windows. Once they are in place, the siding (already painted offsite), rock facing, and trim will be installed. Meanwhile, the wiring has been run, internet service needs have been met, and preparation for drywalling is being made. Now everyone is curious about how the inside is going to look, and the Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NC5) have made plans for a public “sneak preview” and fundraising open house.

Mark your calendar for Friday, September 16, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. As attendees gather, they will be grouped into small-group tours led by NC5 members, who will do a walk-through with them, explain layouts, and answer questions. A floor plan of the library and a site plan for the outside of the building will be available for a better understanding how the finished spaces, inside and out, will look. (As of now, completion date is slated for the end of October with move-in date still TBD.)

For the past three years NC5 has been fundraising for the construction. With the help of many, both local and away, that financial goal was met without using any city monies. Anyone who has ever participated in a construction project knows that needs grow and costs escalate rather quickly. FFE (fixtures, furniture, and equipment) were items not included in the construction price. (FYI: Part of the Library Grant, or \$90,000, was designated to go toward library FFE only.) Therefore, NC5 agreed that any money raised up-and-above cost of construction would be applied toward the FFE in the building’s interior and exterior spaces.

In order to help defray some of these expenses, the Committee created a list of these additional costs for those who would like to underwrite (sponsor) one, or more FFE items: stove, microwave, sink, drop boxes, shelving, cabinets, trees, plantings, etc. Lists with costs will be available at the sneak preview for those who are interested in underwriting/sponsoring one or more of these. NC5 mascot Oscar, the Pig, (complete with a QR code on his belly) and forms to purchase a commemorative brick or paver will also be available that afternoon.

Note: Schickedanz Construction has indicated that people are entering the building during working hours without prior invitation from their staff. For both safety and insurance reasons, no one—including City workers, NC5 members, etc.—is to be in the building without permission. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.



The Game’s the Thing!

This year the Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA) made good on their promise to put more fun opportunities for tourists uptown. Last month’s See Nauvoo News highlighted a piano that had been painted and placed in front of Grandpa John’s. (It’s been rumored that a scarecrow diva just might be seen draped across the top of the piano....). In July, Four in a Row, a game similar to Tic Tac Toe, appeared on the site of *The Way We Were* Walking Tour. (Pictured is the gloating sister who had just beaten her brother.) A Corn Hole game (bean bag toss) is now located in the area between Annie’s Custard and Eborn Books. Coming soon is a giant chess set, location still to be determined. “Check” it out, “mate”!

NBA Proposed Projects

Other than the aforementioned games, an NBA committee is also working on interactive things related to nature. NBA member Jordan Bodily, Nauvoo Facilities Management (FM, formerly NRI) director added to the possibility when he mentioned that FM had already identified 4,000+ trees in the Historical District. Methods of identifying them, as well as other interesting species outside the Historic District, is being taken on by committee members Annette McLane, Rita Souther, and Karen Ihrig. (If you know of an especially interesting arboreal specimen in your neighborhood, let one of the committee members know.) This nature project will coincide with Nauvoo Riverwalk, whose signage merely highlights the more obvious birds and aquatic types. The Riverwalk hopes to include additional pictures and information of area flora and fauna. People who come to Nauvoo will be able to enjoy learning about more than the history of the area. NBA would like to provide the opportunity to do so. It is hoped that the tree ID will be the start of more moments to explore and learn what nature has to offer right here in Nauvoo.

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Nauvoo City Council July 12, 2022

The City Council voted to do the following:

- Write a letter of endorsement to the Illinois Department of Transportation for a crosswalk at Bluff and Mulholland Street (between the State Bank of Nauvoo and Zion's Mercantile store).
- Establish an ordinance to appropriate for and to levy a separate tax for the City's employer contributions to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). The City will be required to make monthly contributions to IMRF in order to fund benefits for participants. This sets up a separate fund for the IMRF, but will not raise taxes this year.
- Adopt new rules for public participation at open meetings. These rules include reducing time for each speaker from five to two minutes, expecting proper decorum from speakers, and the ability to rule violators to be "out of order", and even removed, if necessary.

Other:

Be aware of scams! Police Chief Mike Boley alerted the public of scams that attempt to trick people out of their money. An elderly gentleman was at Casey's attempting to purchase hundreds of dollars' worth of Apple gift cards, believing doing so would pay to get a virus removed from his computer. Chief Boley tried to get him to stop, but the fellow was adamant. Boley finally was able to go with the gentleman to his car and call the person who had been calling him. Once Chief Boley got on the phone, the scammer hung up.

Another related incident occurred when a citizen came to the office in a panic, saying their computer had been taken over. A scammer gave her instructions to wire money from her bank, along with instructions as to what to say and what NOT to say to the bank employee. The victim was adamant that this was legitimate. Chief Boley got her to let him talk to the scammer, who soon hung up. Another Nauvoo resident purchased something online and was making monthly payments to someone in Nebraska but never did receive the product. Boley advised that when making an online purchase, to use either PayPal or a credit card that provides fraud protection.

The Council then went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Buses Abound in Nauvoo This Year

Scheduled tour buses in Nauvoo as of April this year were/are as follows: May (15), June (116), July (115), August (22), September (14), and October (7). Well the sheer number of tourists and busses can sometimes seem overwhelming to our town of 950, we are happy to have them.

Libraries

According to July 24, CBS's *Sunday Morning* show, libraries are "no longer warehouses of books but, rather, trusted institutions that provide a social safety net similar to "going to your grandmother's house." Libraries are non-judgmental places, accepting all who walk through their doors looking for information, a quiet place, or an opportunity to learn new things. These are equal-opportunity necessities that are the backbone of our country. The librarians are, by nature, nurturers of learning and are willing to provide a helping hand to those who wish to use their skills. The library is reinventing itself all over the world. It is timely that Nauvoo is part of the library evolution. It's not only going to be bigger-- 2400 sq. ft. rather than its original 640 sq. ft.-- but it's going to be even better! The countdown has started.... Stay tuned.



Busy Makin' It Happen in Nauvoo

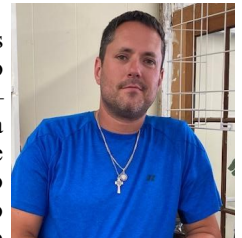
Erin and Steve Jespersen have lived in Nauvoo for four years and have made it their business to make businesses happen. An earlier article referenced their Cruz Nauvoo bicycle rental, located in front of Nauvoo Market Place. Presently they have 24 (26" bikes), 2 (24"); 1 (16") and have recently added a six-seated golf cart. Even Al Carraway, the "Tattooed Mormon" (pictured) enjoyed her ride! The vehicles can be rented hourly, daily, or weekly. Call or text 217-219-3024 or go to cruznavoo.com for more information.

Toothsome Food Truck

An additional Jespersen business is in the making. Toothsome Food Truck is coming to Nauvoo and will be in operation year-long (except for maybe January and February!) The 7' x 7' x 18' red truck has been ordered and the waiting game is being played for its delivery. Erin and Steve plan to offer "smash burgers," which are buttery and crispy; gourmet, handcut fries—some with specialty toppings; and homemade churros (a cinnamon-donut delight). For the health food eaters, fruit and veggie smoothies and falafel (hummus and tahini) will be available. They hope to open in one of the several available Mulholland locations available to them—hopefully in time for Pumpkin Walk. Toothsome means "temptingly tasty." Is your mouth watering yet?

Uber, Anyone?

Believe it or not, Nauvoo now has Uber service! Steve Jespersen, Nauvoo entrepreneur, is now a certified Uber driver—the ONLY one in Nauvoo. If you would like a ride, call 217-219-3024, which happens to be the same number for his Cruz Nauvoo business. If he is available to whisk you off to your destination, he will activate the Uber App so you can place a typical Uber request. Now, how neat is that!



NFPD Board of Trustees Meeting

The Nauvoo Fire Protection District (NFPD) Board of Trustees' July meeting involved adopting a tentative, published budget. A public hearing is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 26 at the fire station. In other business the Trustees took the following actions: Approved spending \$4,506 for a 3-year maintenance contract for a CPR machine and paying \$7,443 to Floorcrafters of Fort Madison, Iowa, for new tile and carpeting at the fire station. A budget category was created for towards future ambulance replacement; \$25,000 was set aside toward this goal.

Chief Kendall Gallaher reported that in 2022 the NFPD had answered 180 calls as of June 30. In June there were 24 EMS (ambulance) runs and 6 fire runs. Gallaher also reported on repairing the air conditioner in the ambulance as well as applying for grants for new boots for the firefighters (\$4,000) and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for the firefighters.

Submitted by Alan Moberly



Van Gogh Painting Class

On August 19 5 p.m. or 20 at 1 p.m. at the Cambre House outside of Nauvoo Rebecca Williamson 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. Open to all skill levels. We provide paints, brushes, and canvas. Each class lasts 3 hours. Bring a snack or drink if you would like. \$25 per person. Pre-registration is a must because of limited class size. Call or text 309-221-9803 to reserve your spot!

6th Annual Scarecrow Festival

Every October for the past five years, Nauvoo's Mulholland Street has been graced by scarecrows during the Nauvoo Betterment Association's sponsored 6th annual Scarecrow Festival October 1 thru Oct 31.

This is the time to show off your creativity or to make a simple "crow" to join the crowd. Years past have seen our community join in the fun of making and admiring these new "residents." Edgar Alan Crow, the largest entry last year, will once again be hanging out near the Nauvoo Market, along with the popular Minions and Gru.

Businesses, groups, schools and families are encouraged to participate by entering a scarecrow in the competition. Prizes will be given for the Best Crow in Show (\$40), 2nd place (\$30) and 3rd place (\$20).

New this year during the Scarecrow Stroll on October 8, will be a Spooktacular Soup Sampling event which will give our soup chefs a chance to earn the title of "Spooktacular Soup Chef." More details will be following in the September *See Nauvoo News* and on Facebook.

Bluff Woods "Block" Party

Since Bluff Woods subdivision was created in the 70's, over 70 homes have been built in the area, which means many new neighbors. Saturday, September 17 will be your chance to meet your neighbors, share your stories and enjoy a potluck meal together.

The party will be held at noon in the main shelter house of the Nauvoo State Park. Please bring a covered dish to share. Residents will be receiving a personal invitation sometime in August, but now is the time to save the date on your calendar.

An "Old" New Face at Nauvoo-Colusa

Tacy Anozie recently accepted the position of secretary at Nauvoo-Colusa. She replaces Betsy Martens, who will be the bookkeeper at the school. Tacy is not new to the school. She not only went to school there but also worked as paraprofessional and substitute teacher from 2010 to 2012. She is looking forward to "going back to school" and learning a new role.

Bagpipers Unite!

The Way We Were Walking Tour is one of the locations along Mulholland that the Nauvoo Pageant Bagpipe Band gather during Pageant month. Around noon they assemble and entertain both those who follow them down Mulholland, by the casual passersby who were attracted by the magical sound of the pipes, or those who already had gathered on the benches at the Walking Tour site. This year, nine of the band's sixteen members were pipers. The sight of their varied and colorful kilts added to the spectacle. The band is a summer tradition that marks the arrival of the pageant and mid-summer in Nauvoo.

A Daguerreotype of Joseph Smith

On the left is a painting of Joseph Smith, Jr. from September 1842 by artist David Rogers, copyrighted by Community of Christ Church. On the right, a photo of a daguerreotype of Joseph Smith, Jr., possibly from May or early June of 1844.



Smith family members and historians have long believed that a daguerreotype, or photograph, of Joseph Smith, Jr., was made before his June 27, 1844, assassination. That daguerreotype has now been found. Learn more in Ron Romig and Lach Mackay's *Hidden Things Shall Come to Light: The Visual Image of Joseph Smith Jr. in the JWH Journal Spring/Summer 2022* issue available at www.jwha.info. Smith/Larsen daguerreotype of Joseph Smith © 2022 Dan Larsen, used by permission.

The following websites have more specific information on the topic:

- <https://www.sltrib.com/religion/2022/07/21/long-last-photo-mormon-founder/>
 - <https://religionnews.com/2022/07/21/mormon-founder-joseph-smiths-photo-discovered-by-descendant-after-nearly-180-years/>
- Information contributed by Christin Mackay

Reunion of Joseph Smith Family

On August 4-7, the Joseph Smith Historical Center will host a reunion of the direct descendants of Joseph Smith, Sr., Hyrum, and Lucy Mack Smith. The first reunion was held in 1972. Approximately 200 direct descendants are expected. While the event is not open to the public, Nauvoo is pleased to welcome all who come to the place that is such an historical significance to all of them.

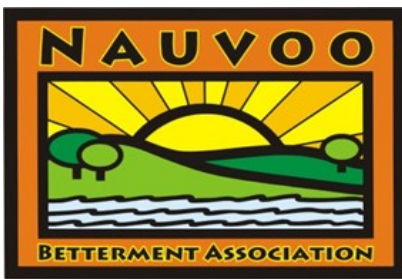
And, speaking of Joseph Smith.... It's back! Nauvoo and its visitors are happily enjoying the return of the Red Brick Store's Joseph Smith Root Beer. YUM!

Service of Remembrance

A Service of Remembrance was held on June 27, at the Joseph Smith Historic Site in Nauvoo in honor of Latter-day Saint founder Joseph Smith, Jr. (1805-1844) and his brother Hyrum Smith (1801-1844), who were murdered at the jail in Carthage on June 27, 1844, 178 years earlier. It was held at the Smith Family Cemetery, where Joseph, Hyrum, and Emma Smith are buried. Members of both Community of Christ and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints came together to remember these historical figures whom they look to as founders of their faith communities.

From an article by Alan Moberly





Articles may be submitted at any time to
seenauvoonews@gmail.com
 Deadline for the September issues is August 26

See Nauvoo News may be picked up at the following locations for a suggested donation of twenty-five cents: City Hall, Fudge Factory, Nauvoo Market Place, Nauvoo Pharmacy, State Bank of Nauvoo, and The Red Front. The newsletter may also be found online at Beautiful Nauvoo's Facebook Page and at 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.

BE AWARE: Area schools begin classes mid-August and school buses will be back on the highways and byways.



As the Worm Turns

A worm, an invasive species from Asia and new to the Midwest, might be seen jumping—yes, jumping—around. The worm is being researched, as it eats the nutrients out of the garden.

Something Fishy's Going On

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has rebranded (renamed) the Asian carp in order for more people to see it as more appetizing. It's new name? "Kopi." "I'll have an order of Kopi and two sides."

"Mississippi" Etymology

The state and river of Mississippi are both named from the two Chippewa Indian words "Mici-Zibi" and their meaning together is "Great River."

Wind Turbine Blades

A recent NPR program noted that wind turbine blades last about 20 years. Just what does one do with those huge blades? Eolia's Environmental Services in Eolia, Missouri, is recycling them. The blades, made of fiberglass, resin, and wood, are cut into sections before being transported, then shredded by machines that grind them up into a sawdust consistency (70% is silica; 30% goes to fire coal plants.) Hundreds of blades are recycled every month. More recycling centers will be needed in the future. Interesting.

Spelling Rules Are Weird

I before E: Except when your foreign neighbor Keith receives eight counterfeit beige sleighs from feisty caffeinated weightlifters. Weird.



WWW.NAUVOOGRAPEFESTIVAL.COM

The Nauvoo Grape Festival is an annual celebration, held the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day Weekend in the Nauvoo State Park and surrounding areas of Nauvoo. This long-running festival is packed with activities including competitive events, parades, entertainment and more! The weekend also features the Festival on Wheels Car Show, one of the region's largest open air car show. Information specific to this event may be found on the nauvoograpefestival.com website, while information specific to Nauvoo, including overnight accommodations may be found at www.beautifulnauvoo.com. Come enjoy this fun-filled weekend with the citizens of Nauvoo and the surrounding areas!

Grape Stomp

Grab your running (or walking) shoes; it's time for the 38th annual Nauvoo Grape Stomp 5K race! The Grape Stomp will begin Saturday, September 3, at 8:00 a.m., with registration beginning at 7:00 a.m. in the Nauvoo State Park. For more information about registering see nauvoograpefestival.com or email Margaret Schneider at grapestomp@live.com

Feature Parade

HELP! We need volunteers! The feature parade committee is looking for volun headed by Dominique Prete, can be reached by email at niqued77@gmail.com

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