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Diligence is the mother of good luck.
—Benjamin Franklin—

JUNE MEETINGS

- June 6, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Inn at Old Nauvoo
- June 7, Hotel/Motel Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- June 13, Park Board, 6 p.m.
- June 13, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- June 15, NFPD, Fire Department, 6:30 p.m.
- June 19, School Board, 6:30 p.m.
- June 19, Library Board, 7 p.m.
- June 20, Chamber Executive Board, 12:30 p.m.
- June 21, NBA, 7 p.m., City Hall

Ribbon Cutting Planned

A ribbon cutting ceremony has been planned by Nauvoo Pharmacy's new owners (as of September 2022) Lauren Carlisle and Mattie Haas. (Mattie is Tom and LuAnn's daughter-in-law.) The ribbon cutting will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 30, with a grand opening celebration to follow. The afternoon's festivities, from 1-4:00 p.m., will include a retirement open house reception at the Pharmacy for Tom and LuAnn Haas, former owners (1981-2022), Refreshments and specials: 10% off our Ortho Molecular Products and Pure Encapsulations supplement lines as well as 20% off all Mud Pie purchases will be offered throughout the day.



A lot has changed in the pharmacy business and at Nauvoo Pharmacy over the years. LuAnn can attest to that over her 41 years as pharmacist! The use of computers, prescription storage on internet., files and insurance information, filed electronically—all were learning curves to be mastered. Being in compliance with HIPPA privacy acct necessitated legal compliance. Immunization and medication planning packaging were added and collaborative practice agreements with local providers were improved. COVID-19 pandemic meant staying atop the constantly changing knowledge of the virus as well all figuring out ways to provide contactless services.

Lauren's and Mattie's ownership has new challenges to overcome. New services are already in place such as a Drug Take Back Kiosk, which safely collects unused, no longer used, or expired medications. They are working with wholesalers to mitigate medication shortages in order to avoid being without necessary medications for their clientele. Even the photo printing kiosk has been updated, allowing a Wi-Fi connection to mobile devices— rather than downloading to the kiosk, getting a print withing seconds! Retail selections have been expanded. New retail lines have been added including Duke Cannon, Mud Pie, and hand-poured candies from Repete Candle & Coffee Bar in Warsaw for the customer's shopping experience.

It's a Nauvoo Pharmacy happening. Be sure to honor the past and welcome the future. Nauvoo is lucky to have a pharmacy. And, it is especially fortunate in continuing a history of caring owner/pharmacists/friends to assist us personally with all our pharmaceutical needs. The community thanks you all for investing Nauvoo's future.



Historic Visitors Center

Terry Cano, from the LDS church's special projects department, presented information at the Council meeting about the proposed Historic Visitors Center and parking lot at May's City Council meeting. The interior would include a lobby, restrooms, gallery, exhibits, a film introducing visitors to Nauvoo, classrooms, activity rooms, and a basement. The building would be built into the hill with a basement and a low profile. Construction would take about two years, once approved. The building would be located on the west side of Wells Street, across from the brick house to the south of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. A 120-space parking area would be built across Young Street [at the former Cheese Factory location], as well as five handicapped parking slots at the proposed Visitors Center—all open open to the public, which would include the accommodation of Sts. Peter & Paul School and SPP Church's events. At April's City Council meeting, many of the aldermen stated their concerns that this new facility would increase traffic along Wells Street, in front of SPP, which is already congested during mass, and for special events like funerals and weddings. The City Planning Commission also had a concerns with the site plan, mainly that it would make Wells Street too crowded with vehicular traffic. Suggestions to avoid complications were discussed. The item was tabled. (From an Alan Moberly article)

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Nauvoo City Council Meeting May 9, 2023

A large in-person and virtual audience attended the meeting to hear comments and to speak to the agenda item related to location of proposed LDS Historic Visitors Center that was presented at the April City Council meeting and tabled. Its purpose would be to connect the Temple with the Historic Temple City Tour of the Outdoor Museum area. [Individuals below spoke to the question. Their remarks have been condensed.]

- **Janet Hill** stated that the proposal had taken people by surprise and presented a petition with 117 signatures requesting that the City Council not approve the request for the “very sensitive and complicated” issue centered around concerns related to parking and traffic safety problems due to increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic. She added “tourists don’t follow traffic laws.”
- **Terry Cano**, LDS Church’s Special Projects Department presented a revised site plan which moved the parking area entrance town to Durphy Street, farther away from the Wells Street intersection, and offered that the Church would widen the west side of Wells Street to seven feet in order to allow parking on the east side (in front of SPP), which would allow two full lanes of traffic [no parking on west side of Wells]. He also proposed the City make a 4-way stop at Young and Wells. The revised plan included more handicapped parking spaces at the Visitors Center (7 in total) and 120 parking spaces across Young Street. He added that the Facilities Management (FM) would “work with bus companies to make sure they know Nauvoo traffic rules.”
- **Comments to Cano’s remarks:** A SPPS spokesperson had been told that a 4-way stop sign at Wells and Young it was not safe, (due to the west slope of Young Street). Cano indicated that Church engineers disagreed. Others asked him if Wells Street could either be widened by 16 feet or the proposed Center could be built further to the west or if Durphy could be extended [a newly graveled walkway has been added north of Temple City at this location] straight through the property to Highway 96 so motorists arriving from the south could get to the Center parking area without having to drive on Young Street at all. (This would cut right through the new Temple View exhibits.)
- **Paul McKoon** said that many SPP parishioners want/need to park nearer to SPP Church, rather than at parking facilities for the proposed Visitors’ Center would provide, suggesting that a less controversial site be used. He referenced lack of taxes being paid on LDS Church properties and that this proposed Center would put more stress on [City’s] infrastructure. (Jordan Bodily disputed this, stating that some of the property is being taxed, and that the LDS Church does not get income from non-taxed property.) Gabe Cuthbert of SPP Knights of Columbus said that traffic, tour buses, and kids are not a good combination.
- **Joe Wilkins**, a trustee at SPP, urged disapproval, echoing Janet’s remarks especially for school kids, suggesting widening Wells Street was the only good answer. **Trevor Knipe**, SPPS principal, voiced respect for the Church’s plan, but asked for collaboration and peaceful living in finding a solution. **Erin Cuthbert**, Operations Coordinator for both SPPS and SPP Church, was concerned for the safety and security of children. She added that increased Wells Street traffic could impede the arrival of emergency vehicles. She felt a four-way stop was needed for present traffic control. Increased foot and vehicular traffic near the children at the school would be a problem, and the proposed widening would not be sufficient.
- **John McCarty** stated that if the proposal fits the plans for Nauvoo [City’s/LDS Church’s?], feelings don’t matter. He noted that accessing the building [via streets], was the major problem. Cano responded that the Church would pay for widening the right-of-way on both sides of the street. A parking drive loop area and moving the building was suggested to accommodate concerns.. Cano stated that the Church thought that this was the best site.
- **Karen Ihrig** presented a copy of the [2018 Zoning] Map stating that “R” Permitted Uses in Nauvoo’s Zoning Code includes, among others, “Churches, chapels, temples, and similar places of worship. **John McCarty** responded that it wasn’t clear whether a Visitors Center is a place of worship.
- **Alderman Brenda Adkisson** motioned to tabled the agenda item

In further business the City Council approved:

- The purchase of a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) at the water plant at a cost of \$14,828 for two pumps, drives, control panels installed and training on them. One of the current pumps no longer functions; the other one is old. This purchase would give the city two new VFDs, one of which would be a backup.
- To spend \$500.00 to file a grant application for a new ready-to-go police vehicle: working with the Western Illinois Regional Council, for \$30,000, which would cover half of vehicle’s cost.
- To pay \$1,886.50 to the Fraternal Order of Police for dues, plus legal and criminal defense (insurance) for police officers.
- The prohibition of the public use or consumption of cannabis in the City of Nauvoo, as requested by the Chief of Police.

Chief Gallaher of NFPD reported that the District’s newest ambulance is now in-service and NFPD has responded to 182 emergency calls so far this year in comparison to a total of 184 calls during all of 2019. He also added that some of the NFPD staff were training doctors and other emergency responders with the goal of providing more specialized training in Nauvoo. A two-story training facility in Nauvoo is being planned.

After a recess, newly elected aldermen Brenda Adkisson and Scott Sumner were sworn in, and the meeting resumed. Mayor Nelson read a list of Standing Committees and Appointments for 2023-2024:

Streets, Sidewalks, Buildings and Grounds: Chairman Jim Boyles, Ron Grant, Tacy Nelson; **Water & Sewer:** Chairman Ron Grant, Scott Sumner, Jeff Christensen; **Finance & Personnel:** Chairman Jim Boyles, Jeff Christensen, Brenda Adkisson; **Public & Events Committee:** Chairman Ryan Dykstra, Kendall Gallaher, Tacy Nelson; **Economic Development:** Chairman Jeff Christensen, John McCarty, Chuck Gilbert, Jordan Squire, Wayne Jespersen, Janet Hill; **Hotel-Motel Board:** (Representing the City): Aldermen Jeff Christensen and Scott Sumner; (representing lodging): Amy Hill, Brian Christiansen; representing service: Kim Logan, Shanna Long, Brielle Hill; **Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA) co-chairman:** Carol McGhghy.

From an article by Alan Moberly

FYI: An informational meeting re: the purpose of the Historic Visitors Center was held on Wednesday, May 31, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall

Nauvoo Community Survey

In 2006, the City conducted a Nauvoo Community Survey as part of a Comprehensive Planning Process. The information requested in 2006 is still relevant, but the data collected needs to be updated. Each Nauvoo resident is requested to help. Go to <https://rb.gy/h4a8p> to complete the survey. Please answer all the questions. Your responses will be automatically uploaded. A few paper copies will also be available at City Hall. The surveys are totally anonymous. Please return all paper surveys to City Hall by Friday, June 30th. Thank you for your help.

Submitted by Economic Development Committee

Bus Busters!



Last month Police Chief Ryan Dykstra awarded Nauvoo employees Ana LaVesque and Barry Cuthbert with Nauvoo Police Department's medal of appreciation for "Bus Busting". Barry, Water Superintendent, had ample opportunities to notice bus drivers who ignored the traffic signs for buses. Barry decided to do something about it. He copied the name and number of the bus and gave it to Ana, City Treasurer, who would contact the bus company and notify them of the bus's disregard for the rules. Word travels fast. Chief Dykstra was most appreciative of their help in keeping the buses on the proper path. Good Job. Thank you.

Chamber of Commerce Welcomes New Residents

Fourteen Nauvoo businesses displayed their wares and services at the KC Hall on May 11th. Among new residents were newly arrived historic sites and temple missionaries at the. The goal was acquaint the newcomers with what Nauvoo area merchants had to offer. About 80 people attended the event. The Chamber encouraged invitees to visit the Beautiful Nauvoo Facebook page and the website BeautifulNauvoo.com for a listing of businesses and events happening in Nauvoo.

Summer Reading at the Library!

It's that time of year again! Join Nauvoo Public Library throughout both June and July for its annual summer reading program! Children 4-17 years old can participate in events, take home crafts, and read for prizes. Due to a new law passed in Illinois, all children 17 and under are now eligible for a FREE library card, regardless of address, so make sure to stop in anytime to get them signed up!

June Summer Reading Events:

- **June 8:** 2:00 p.m. at City Park (next to City Hall): Tree-themed children's crafts
- **June 22:** 2:00 p.m. at City Park (next to City Hall): Bee-themed children's crafts
- **June 24:** 2:00 p.m. at Grandpa John's Theatre: Free showing of *Lightyear* (PG)
- **Story Time:** Every Wednesday at City Hall from 10:00-10:30 a.m.
- **Every week in June and July:** Make-and-Take crafts at the library.
- **Every day at the library:** Prize store is open! Turn in pages read for fun prizes.
- **Rubber Ducky Club:** For children 3 and under, complete activity sheets every month for rubber duckies!

Need a Lyft?

Need a ride? Nauvoo has a Lyft driver! Wayne Jespersen, Nauvoo, recognized the need for alternative transportation, checked out the possibilities, and began working for Lyft in March. The cost to be taken from Nauvoo to the Burlington airport would be ca. \$42; the Amtrak station in Fort Madison, ca. \$16. (To go and pick someone up from either place would be higher because of "deadheading." This is a wonderful opportunity for those with limited transportation. Download the App to find local drivers.

Another Way to Get Around Nauvoo

Nauvoo Adventure Rentals reopened in May and is focusing on golf cart rentals as an alternate way to tour Nauvoo. Seven four-seaters and one six-seater are available for a fun way for family and friends to enjoy the day in a more relaxed mode of transportation. The carts are located at the Inn at Old Nauvoo. Sounds like fun. Try it. You'll like it!

Victorian Picnic

Ah, it's time for a bit of merrymaking and nostalgia on the Cambre House Lawn. Join revelers for a Victorian picnic lunch, lawn games, and dancing on Saturday, June 3 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cambre House on the outskirts of Nauvoo. Cost is \$20 per person. For more information go to HistoricalMerriments.com.



City Wide Garage Sales

This year the City wide garage sales will be June 9 and 10. Maps will be available at City Hall and Caseys.

Fairy Garden Contest Results

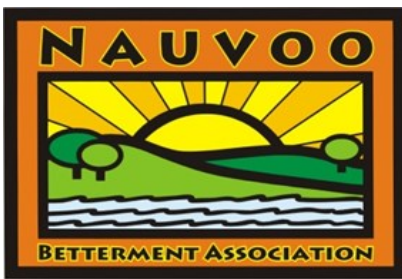


"If you want to see cool things happen in your small town, you have to do cool things"; and we had a "cool" fairy garden contest on May 19. Twenty creative, artisans with 'young souls' joined the fun and entered the contest. The results were delightful! From state-of-the-art 3D laser creations to drift wood extravaganzas, and everything in between were on display for all to enjoy. The three winners were: Fairy House (Emma Bodily), Fairy Garden (Sidney Pitt), Fairy Jars (Aliza Zundel). A special thank you to the Nauvoo Library staff for helping with the Fairy Jars and Flat Fairies. Also a big THANK YOU to all who participated, and helped to make this a "cool" event in our "cool" town.

Fairy Wing Photo Op



There are some new wings in town. One size fits all, and they make a delightful photo op for both young and old. They are found in a secret garden between the Weld House and the Nauvoo Health & Chiropractic building. A big thank you to Boyd Wolz for the beautiful wings and to John McCarty for the signage. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with our community.



**The staff appreciates the many years of support.
Stay tuned for the future of See Nauvoo News.**

Natural Nauvoo

Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA) recently installed its first series of wildlife posters along Nauvoo Riverwalk for all to enjoy. Carol McGhghy, chairman of the Natural Nauvoo Wildlife Committee, chose five representatives of the animal kingdom for the display. It is hoped to encourage awareness and further interest in the natural environment. (Interestingly, there is an inhabited eagle nest not far from the eagle poster. How neat is that!)

The Riverwalk starts at Water Street and Hwy. 96 and goes to Parley Street where there is an observation platform. Signage along the path provides information on various aspects of Natural Nauvoo, including the Mississippi River's Pool 19. Benches along the way give an opportunity to rest. Fairy house/hotels nestled in crevices of trees along the walkway bring a smile to young and old.

Wildlife is one of the five committees working on "Natural Nauvoo" topics. Others include plants, birds, trees, and the river. A committee is also working on nature trails that will identify the flora and fauna in the Nauvoo State Park as well as in the Nauvoo Flats State Wildlife Area, part of which can be seen south of Nauvoo where the river is silting in and altering the ecology of the region. Lots to see. Lots to learn.



Memorial Day Picnic in the Park

The tenth Nauvoo Betterment Association-sponsored event in City Park featured opening remarks by Nauvoo's Acting Mayor Tacy Nelson, performances by the Nauvoo Brass Band and Nauvoo Performing Missionaries, flag ceremony by Scout Troup 56, and traditional picnic fare. Karen Ihrig presented short program on NBA's latest project, "Natural Nauvoo." It included a few "Did you know..." questions about local flora and fauna: Nauvoo and the area around it is the only habitat of the Eurasian Tree Sparrow in the United States. There is a cypress tree, replete with "knees" on Parley Street near Baxter's Winery. Nineteen species of oak trees line the south side of the west end of Young Street. Painted turtles are Illinois's state reptile. The large, white flowers in the Mississippi River are not "water lilies" but rather "American lotus." Karen also outlined NBA plans to map out trails with notations relating to the natural surroundings, and closed with a request for generous donations to the NBA. It worked! Free-will offerings totaled \$1,567.

From an article by Alan Moberly

See Nauvoo News' Future TBD

See Nauvoo News, Nauvoo's monthly newsletter has sponsored by Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA) for the past 11 years. It has been an entirely a volunteer venture. Initially the idea was to fill the void left by the closing of Nauvoo's newspaper. It was hoped that individuals and various organizations would contribute need-to-know news online which would be formatted, printed for distribution to local businesses for purchase (donation), and made available on Beautiful Nauvoo's website. Eventually, most of the newsletter was written in-house or excerpted from articles written for the Journal Pilot by Alan Moberly. It worked well. Events and meeting dates, times, and places worked to keep everyone aware of what was happening in and around Nauvoo.

Support was easy to find. The following businesses have sponsored the newsletter continuously over eleven years' worth of editions: Baxter's Vineyards, The Fudge Factory, Hotel Nauvoo, Nauvoo Pharmacy, Outlaw Tees, State Bank of Nauvoo, and Winning Looks. Others have added their support as occasional openings arose: Art Needlework Shop, KL Real Estate, Martin's Accounting, Marting Insurance, Neff's Old House Bookstore, Nauvoo Property Services and Vacation Home Rentals, Ramsey Financial Services, Red Front, Shear Design, Therapeutic Massage, and Three Keys. Your combined support is sincerely appreciated. Readers have dutifully dropped their quarters—and more—into the money slot. It added up. NBA was able to do a lot for Nauvoo with all funds collected.

Those who have made it all work through volunteering their time and talents at different times over the years are as follows: (in alphabetical order): Chuck Gilbert, Karen Ihrig, Kim Logan, Alan Moberly, Rosemary Palmer, Jessie Rubio, Peggy Shurts, and Linda Sinele. Kudos to all!

Over the past six months NBA has sought a replacement(s) for present staff members who are "retiring" as of this issue. One person has expressed interest but would need some compensation before taking on the responsibility. NBA is not in a position to do so as it is a committee appointed by the City—a service group, of sorts. It is not financially supported by the City. Project money comes from fundraising, collaboration with the City on certain projects, and donations. In June, NBA will approach the City Council's Finance Committee to see if there is possibility of a salaried position, of sorts. NBA thanks them for keeping Nauvoo informed of need-to-know news and hope the tradition will continue.