



NAUVOO BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION

**See Nauvoov News Will Continue Its Monthly Editions!**



The Nauvoov Betterment Association (NBA) is pleased to report that June was NOT the final issue of See Nauvoov News. After a six months' search for a successor(s) to the "retiring" staff of See Nauvoov News, a volunteer emerged to step into the position.

The July 2023 newsletter will be in the capable hands of Ana LeVesque. Many know, or at least recognize Ana, as she is Nauvoov's City Treasurer. Ana is the daughter of Ray and Doris Herbert and has lived in Nauvoov since 1983. Ana was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, went to high school in Michigan, returned to Nauvoov and went to Robert Morris College where she got her degree in business and jobs that allowed her to use her business skills: Fort Madison Bank and Trust for one year, then Dodd Printing's service manager (10 years). She and her mom spent ten years owning and operating Inner Peace Massage Therapy Clinic in Hamilton. In 2011, she hung up the business world, went home, and raised her children: Alicia and Joshua, who also are recognizable to most of Nauvoov residents. Alicia is Assistant Librarian in Nauvoov, and Joshua is a bookkeeper at State Bank of Nauvoov. Ana's husband, Don, works for REM Iowa in Keokuk, Iowa. Don is the Program Supervisor for a home of individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Ana will not go it alone in her new venture. Already Jessie Rubio, who has formatted the newsletter for years, has volunteered to continue at that position. NBA members Barb Schafer, Carol McGhghy, and Karen Ihrig will help, as will Park District member Jamie Steen, among others. And, of course, all of the newsletter's sponsors and readers will help through their continued support. All moneys go toward the good work being done by NBA. We are happy to have you at the helm, Ana. Here's to smooth sailing!

**Got news, events or articles?**

Send us something!

Our e-mail can be found on the back!

**JULY EVENTS**

- Nauvoov Pageant— July 11– August 5
- July 29, Free Movie, See Library Article

Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much -Helen Keller-

**We Were Off to See The Wizard**



For those of you in and around town on Thursday, June 29, 2023, I don't think you will soon be forgetting the sounds and sights of that day. At approximately 10:35am on Thursday, Nauvoov experienced a Derecho. A "derecho" is described as "an intense, long-lasting windstorm that can generate hurricane-level wind speeds." That is EXACTLY what we had.

For those of you living here, it was like being put on a spin cycle, finding out everything was still damp, so you put the spin-cycle up higher and hit the start button again! For those of you NOT in town. . . pretend you have a blind fold on and then get stuck in a SALAD SPINNER!! Remember that scene out of the Wizard of Oz where the witch is riding her bicycle in the tornado??? Yep, it's accurate.

The worst of the deluge was slowing by 11:00am and we could actually see the Police truck that is parked right behind City Hall. Carol and I took a couple seconds to check on our families that were in range and then we looked at each other and said WHAT JUST HAPPENED. Throughout the day we would experience relief every time we answered our cell phones to a familiar voice and knew someone else was safe. That was the beginning of "no phones, no lights, no motor cars, not a single luxury."

After sustaining straight-line winds, that included some as strong as 100 mph, Hancock County was left with 36% of Ameren electric customers without power. The first email I received from Ameren Illinois was at 11:07am Thursday informing me that my power was off -that was the first of many texts and emails.

Many neighborhoods in town were in motion almost before you could blink. Neighbors checking on neighbors and getting geared up for some long days of hard work. I am ever grateful that we, as a City, have so many resources available in an emergency. From the City Guys out there immediately getting roads open to the Fire Rescue crews making sure they could still respond to emergencies that can arise during chaos. This little town didn't break under pressure, we managed to say #WeAreNauvoov and got moving.

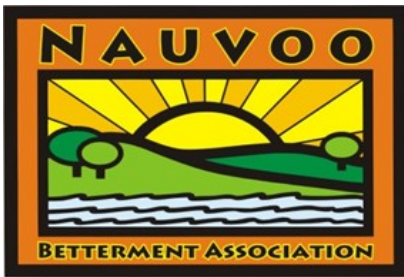
Fast forward, 4 days, many cold showers, grilled meals, and flashlight batteries later, and here we are. Most if not all of the town is back online as I type this. Many of us have experienced amazing acts of selflessness and moments of great emotions. As we recover and regroup let's not forget how good it feels to HAVE a neighbor that cares and how good it feels to BE a neighbor that cares.

**JUNE MEETINGS**

- July 5, Hotel/Motel Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- July 11, Park Board, 6 p.m.
- July 11, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- July 17, School Board , 6:30 p.m.
- July 17, Library Board, 7 p.m.
- July 19, NBA, 7 p.m., City Hall
- July 20, NFPD , Fire Department, 6:30 p.m.

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**June City Council  
June 13, 2023**

**The City Council acted on:**

- Unanimously disapproving the location of the site plan for the proposed Historic Visitors Center and parking lot as submitted by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints [See April and May editions of the newsletter for additional information.] The Planning Commission indicated the proposal was not adequate [not all of the required documentation was included] nor accurate [zoning] as submitted. In addition, several were present to speak against the location of the building. A new proposal would have to be resubmitted to the Planning Commission.
- Directing the City Attorney to draft an amendment to City Ordinances to allow the installation of four-way stop signs at the intersection of Wells and Young Streets, the posting of four "School Zone" signs, and the enforcement of them.

**Other:**

- Gene Shurts expressed his concern about the speeding on Parley Street and the need for more speed limit signs at that location. He also suggested looking into a room divider for the new Community Center meeting room.
- Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NC5) member John McCarty, reported that the one [and only] bid for parking and landscaping for the Community Center came in at least 40% above anticipated. NC5 will scale down the proposal and resubmit. [The building cannot open until all ADA requirements are met: sidewalks, parking, etc.] Once these are in place, and the building is open, the other landscaping issues will be met.

-Taken from an article by Alan Moberly

**The Nauvoo Fire Protection District Board of Trustees  
June 15, 2023**

**The Trustees unanimously approved the following expenses:**

- Up to \$30,000 for an expansion project on the district's current firefighter training facility. Fire Chief Kendall Gallaher informed the board that some of the ground preparation work will be a donated service provided by a local organization. The goal is to have the project completed by August 9.
- Up to \$3,000 to purchase firefighter PPE for a new member of the department
- Up to \$3,000 for the purchase of a brush guard for the front of the new ambulance

**Chief Gallaher reported:**

- an increase in fires throughout the region recently. The weather has been dry and windy, and more people are out later in the evenings.
- He also reported that he has received complaints from concerned citizens regarding nightly rentals in Nauvoo that may be exceeding their occupancy limits, which could be a fire hazard. He will be talking to the owners/operators to ensure they are complying with state and local fire codes.

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**Free Library Card For Minors:** Due to a new law passed by the State of Illinois, every non-resident (defined by library law as anyone living outside of Nauvoo city limits) minor 17-years old and under may receive a free library card. If you are living in an area that previously disqualified your minor child for a free library card, that child is now eligible. Stop by the library anytime to get your child signed up for a free library card, and they may begin checking out materials, ordering materials in from around the state, accessing free e-books and audiobooks, and more! We have already had a massive response, and we are so happy to see so many more kids receiving access to books!

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**Free Movie Showing:** Join the Nauvoo Public Library on Saturday, July 29th, at 2:00 p.m. at Grandpa John's Theater for a FREE showing of Disney's *Strange World* (PG). Free popcorn and soda provided as well!

**The Nauvoo Public Library circulation numbers for May:**

- Circulation - 931
- Digital Circulation:
  - Overdrive/Libby: 59
  - Axis 360: 124
- Books borrowed from other libraries (transit to) – 151
- Books borrowed from our library (transit from) – 110
- Reciprocal borrows – 6
- Visitors to the library – 632 (24/day avg.)
- In person story time : Adults (13), Children (43)
  - Submitted by Amber Bevier (Head Librarian)

**Fire & Police Responses**

The NFPD responded to 47 emergency calls in May:

- 27 EMS related incidents
- 3 motor vehicle collision incidents
- 11 fire related incidents

The NPD handled/initiated 102 incidents in May:

- 34 were traffic related
- 1 arrest made on a call for service

*This edition was limited due to the storm. The See Nauvoo News will resume its normal production in August.*