



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

JULY EVENTS

- Every Thursday 3 –6 Farmers Market Barnett & Knight St
- July 30th Seniors Luncheon 11:00 City Center
- June 26th 2:00 Nauvoo Library Abe the Eagle

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JULY/AUGUST MEETINGS

- July 8 City council 7:30 PM Nauvoo City Center
- July 16th Betterment Meeting, 7pm City Center
- July 17th Fire Protection Meeting 7p.m Fire Dept.
- July 21st School Board 7pm Nauvoo-Colusa School
- July 21st Library Board 7 PM Public Library
- Aug 6th Hotel Motel Board 4pm City Center
- Aug 11th, Finance Board 4:30pm, City Center
- Aug 12th, Nauvoo City Council 7:30pm City Center
- Aug 12th Nauvoo Park District 6pm

JUNE CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Twenty people watched a relatively long session of the Nauvoo City Council last Tuesday (June 10) at the Nauvoo City Center. Mayor Jim Boyles called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were only five aldermen present.

The City Council unanimously approved the following:

Pay \$552.50 for concrete for 1525 Mulholland Street. The labor to install the sidewalk cement will be funded privately.

Pay \$20,000 to hire Rethink for digital marketing of Nauvoo in the Chicago, St Louis, and Salt Lake City markets. These funds came from the city’s Hotel/Motel lodging tax revenues.

Allow the Nauvoo Betterment Association to install a dog waste container (complete with plastic bags and a disposal container). A local volunteer will empty the container.

Hire Erin Jespersen at \$1,000 per month as social media and website facilitator. These funds also came from the city’s Hotel/Motel lodging tax revenues.

Designate May 10 every year as “Bird City Day”.

After much discussion, the aldermen voted 3-2 to approve a variance request for the property at 370 N. Page Street. The owners requested that the line be moved toward the 350 House so that the garage and the 370 House are on the same property. Aldermen Bromley, McCarty, and Grant voted in favor; Aldermen Fields and Schafer opposed. Alderman Adkisson was absent.

During the month of May the Nauvoo Police Department handled a total of 107 incidents, including 45 traffic stops.

In response to a public complaint regarding U-turns on Mulholland Street, Mayor Boyles shared the following information: A U-turn must only be made when it is safe and does not interfere with other traffic; U-turns are prohibited on curves or near the crest of a hill where the driver cannot be seen from 500 feet in either direction. U-turns are also unlawful if signage prohibits them. Otherwise, they are legal.

Mayor Boyles presented a Resolution of Appreciation to former acting mayor and alderman Tacy Nelson for her dedication and service to the City.

Jordan Bodily, representing Facilities Management of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, updated the City Council on the progress of the Temple Visitor Center construction project. Young Street south of Wells Street is temporarily closed to tie in utilities. Bodily asked the City Council if they could close Wells Street in front of the Temple that evening to allow more people to enjoy the fireworks from Montrose, Iowa. FM and Westland Construction (the Temple Visitor Center contractor) will serve free hamburgers and hot dogs that night. Work on widening Wells Street between Knight and Young Streets is scheduled for July and August.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Taken from an article by Alan Moberly

NAUVOO TOURISM DIRECTOR REPORT

Nauvoo Tourism Director Rebecca Williamson announced that the Nauvoo/British Pageants will run every Tuesday through Saturday evening from July 8 through August 2. A special “Locals’ Night” is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23rd, where the best front-center seats will be reserved exclusively for Nauvoo residents to enjoy the performances together.

Efforts to raise funds for installing nine disc golf nets at Nauvoo State Park have been highly successful. Last Saturday, disc golf players contributed \$360 to participate in a disc golf tournament at Nauvoo State Park (see accompanying article). Additionally, each of the nine holes was sponsored by a local business, generating an extra \$900. Large donations from State Bank of Nauvoo, Hotel Nauvoo, and Lock 19 Restaurant brought the total raised to an impressive \$3,600.

The new disc golf course is expected to be set up next spring, pending approval of the hole locations by the State and the arrival of equipment. Once completed, Nauvoo can host tournaments that will attract disc golfers and fans alike, boosting local tourism by encouraging visitors to eat, shop, and stay overnight in town.

NAUVOO COMMUNITY BAND

The Nauvoo Community Band opened its summer season at the Sunset by the Mississippi Outdoor Stage at Partridge and Hubbard Streets in Nauvoo. About 50 people braved the very hot temperatures to enjoy the music and sat in the shaded portion of the seating area. Led by band conductor Cody Collins, the 28 musicians, with assistance from the Nauvoo Performing Missionaries of the Nauvoo Brass Band, performed seven pieces.



The 28 members of the Nauvoo Community Band range in age from 15 to 65, but most appear to be high school age. Collins himself is the band teacher at Warsaw High School, whose bands have won many awards. Collins graduated from Quincy University in 2023. He replaced retiring former band director Alan Knauss.

Organized in 2004, the Nauvoo Community Band is a volunteer organization of local musicians who enjoy performing fine band music together during the summer. The Band has two more performances this summer. On July 3, they will perform in front of the Temple before the Nauvoo/Montrose fireworks display. They will also perform on July 19 at a location yet to be determined.

Dadant & Sons



Attendees at June's Area Seniors' luncheon learned about the bees (no birds) from Charles Dadant, a 19 year old seventh generation Dadant. He also clarified the connection between the Dadants and the Nauvoo Baxters of Baxter's Winery. (The daughter of Charles Dadant, founder of Dadant & Sons, married an Icarian named Baxter. (The Icarians were a communal society who lived in Nauvoo after the Mormons left Nauvoo.)

Charles Dadant, like the Icarians, came from France. His intention was to make wine; however, he was unhappy with the grapes grown in the area and decided to pursue beekeeping, a childhood interest. He selected Italian bees, known for their honey-making qualities, and started Dadant & Sons in 1863. The company flourished and is still going strong 162 years later. Along with the company's corporate office in Hamilton, there are ten branches located throughout the United States. During the summer's peak months, Dadant's employs ca. 40. They also publish the *American Bee Journal*. After covering the history, Charles launched into the wonderful world of bees, enthraling the audience with his knowledge of the honeybee, adroitly fielding questions and commenting on personal-experience remarks from the audience—and, there were many! Some interesting bee facts follow.

The Honeybee: The honeybee colony consists of the workers (females), and drones (males), and a queen (egg layer). Workers gather all the nectar and pollen, feed young larvae, warm and protect eggs, larvae and pupae, supply water, secrete beeswax, build comb, among others. Alas, the drones have no real purpose in the colony except to mate. As fate would have it, they're expendable and are often driven from the colony in winter to die of the cold and starvation.

The queen: There is only one queen to a hive. She begins live as an ordinary female worker larvae, is large, and while still in the cell is fed royal jelly and is groomed to lay eggs—thousands a day! She will live about six years, and when her days of egg production diminishes, another egg will be groomed to take her place. Should a new queen be needed-- when a hive is divided, for example—an additional queen may be purchased for about \$40 and delivered to your door via the mail

Dibs and dabs about honeybees: Bees do a "dance" to describe to others where to find a new field of clover (they waggle their bottoms in certain patterns, an apiary "Siri," of sorts.) Beekeepers "smoke" the bees when they want the bees to become lethargic, causing them to have no interest in stinging. At one time it was thought that pesticide drift caused by farmers spraying nearby fields caused large bee kill offs; however, mites, beetles, moths and other insect-carrying diseases are known to be the cause. The summer honey "flow" is from June through August. During that time, workers travel about 55,000 to gather enough nectar to produce one pound of honey. An entire colony will produce up to 200 pounds of honey annually! Many people with arthritis purposely get stung by honeybees to reduce pain; some people contend that eating honey from local bees lessen certain food allergies. Honey has quite a shelf life. Honey found in Egyptian tombs is still edible. (Would that make it a "honey mummy"?)

The Bodilys to Leave Nauvoo

Jordan and Becca Bodily and family will be leaving Nauvoo this July. Jordan, has accepted a new position with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a Regional Facilities Manager for historic sites in the Rocky Mountain Region: Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota. Philip Fasteson will fill in as the Interim FM until someone is hired permanently. The family will be relocating to the Denver area as soon as living accommodations become available. Jordan has been involved with his FM job and various committees within the Nauvoo community. He and his family will be missed. All in Nauvoo wish them well.

Good bye
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Good luck

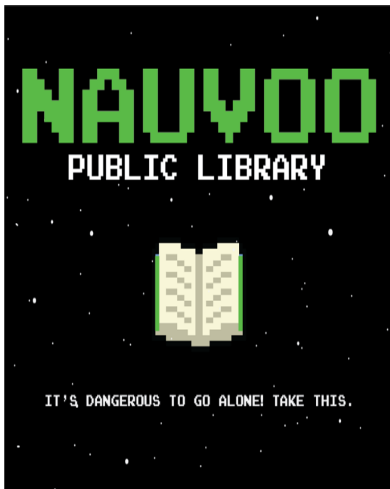


Nauvoo Area Seniors

WHEN: Wednesday, July 30, 2025
TIME: 11:00am
WHERE: Nauvoo City Center—Community Room

The Program will feature Kirk Brandenburger from the Keokuk Convention and Tourism Bureau. He will present “Fiddling and Dam Facts—or, “The Dam “.

Reminder! Nauvoo Public Library Fundraiser T-Shirts!



There’s still time! Keeping with this years Summer Reading theme **LEVEL-UP** we are taking orders for t-shirts with the design saying “*It’s dangerous to go alone! Take This.*” Available in children’s, adult, and larger sizes! New designs every year! All proceeds go to fund new and ongoing programming. Limited time pre-order over June and July! Ask a librarian for more details!

DOG WASTE STATION PURCHASED



Just in time for summer strolls with your pup, the Nauvoo Betterment Association has purchased a dog waste station, complete with waste bags and a container. Thanks to the City crew, it has been installed at the end of Young Street in the grassy area near the binoculars. A special thanks to Clyde Holverson for volunteering to dispose of the waste.

Reminder—Fort Madison Bridge Closures

The bridge will be closed from July 7 through August 22 and from Monday, Sept 15 thru Nov 7. It will be open from Aug 22 - Sept14, which will allow traffic to flow between Iowa and Illinois for Grape Festival and Rodeo.

To help ensure everyone’s safety, the Nauvoo Police Department increases traffic patrols during this time, especially in residential neighborhoods and the business district where stop signs and speed limits are frequently overlooked. Please take a moment to be mindful of posted traffic laws, observe stop signs, and watch your speed and cell phone usage while driving. We’d much rather wave hello than pull you over.
 Stay safe and enjoy your summer in Nauvoo!



At a recent City Council meeting it was approved that the City purchase TextMyGov to keep residents aware of important updates, such as water line breakage, road closures, etc. through cutting-edge texting solutions that enable efficient, convenient and personalized between the City and our citizens.



BRIGHT ANGELS BACKPACK PROGRAM

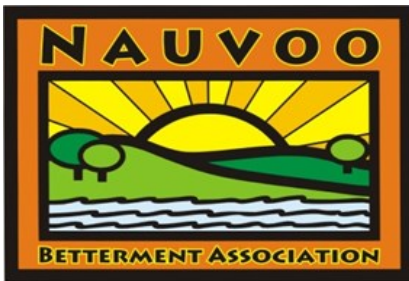
It seems that summer has just begun, but it’s time to start thinking about preparing for back-to-school needs. For over 10 years, the Bright Angels have furnished supplies for children in grades PreK through eighth grade. This year it has been determined that 25 students will need assistance. The backpacks will be purchased by the Bright Angels group and the public is encouraged to choose a “Backpack” tag from the school buses that have been placed at the Nauvoo Public Library and the State Bank of Nauvoo. Each tag will indicate the needs of a student in his or her grade.
 Supplies for each pack, along with the tag, should be returned to the Nauvoo Pharmacy by August 1, with the filled backpacks given to students prior to the beginning of school.
 If you prefer, you may make a monetary donation to “Nauvoo Bright Angels” at the State Bank of Nauvoo. Thank you for ensuring a child is prepared for a successful school year.



General Supplies 2025-26 school year

These are requested general supplies for the students for the upcoming school year. Please drop off any of these items to the Nauvoo Pharmacy.

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| Large box of tissues | Solid deodorant to keep in locker | Clorox Anywhere spray |
| Card stock-white | Card stock-colored | Sticky notes |
| Tennis balls | Foam or coated paper plates (art) | Baby fresh wipes (thick ones) |
| Solid air freshener | Clorox Anywhere spray | 6” paper plates |
| Dixie cups – 5 oz | Plastic spoons | Q-tips (art) |
| | Ziploc bags – quart and gallon (regular or zipper top) | |



Articles may be submitted at any time to
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Deadline for the August issue is July 30th, 2025

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.



Nauvoo Fire Protection District Meeting

The Nauvoo Fire Protection District (NFPD) Board of Trustees convened for its regular monthly meeting at the Nauvoo Fire Station on Thursday, June 19.

The NFPD Trustees voted to reappoint Elgin L. Berry, Daniel W. Gallaher and Bill Shanks as Trustees, and Kendall Gallaher as Fire Chief.

NFPD Fire Chief Gallaher provided an update on the district's activities, noting that the district responded to a total of 31 calls in May. Among these calls, 24 were related to ambulance services, one involved traffic accidents, and six were fire-related.

An anonymous entity donated a used John Deere Gator, which will be used to access rough terrain where the larger fire trucks cannot reach.

It was noted former NFPD Fire Chief Dennis Klesener passed away on May 30.

The scales purchased earlier to weigh patients in the ambulance are now installed.

The NFPD Board of Trustees' meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Nauvoo Fire Station. These meetings are open to the public.

NAUVOO PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Our City's librarians have been busy planning the following fun and informative summer activities.

July 8 @ 11:30 AM – Hancock County Clinic Mobile Unit parked in the City Center parking lot all afternoon. Get a tour from health professionals and enjoy a healthy snack!

July 9 @ 2PM – Internet safety with Officer Jason from IL State Police. Talking about internet safety that all parents and kids should know. In City Center community room.

July 12 @ 2PM – NASA in Nauvoo – Lifespan of a Star – Library activity room

July 16 @ 2 PM – Adult & children presentation; "Walk with You: The Story of Dred Scott & the Blow Family of Virginia" in the City Center Community Room. Listen to a very special, and often humorous presentation on an all-true, historic story that connects Abraham Lincoln, Nauvoo & Dred Scott.

July 22 @2PM – Mad Science of St Louis: Up, Up, and Away!" Join us in the community room of City Center for an exciting demonstration about the science of air! See some MAD science, witness the power of air, and ride a hoverboard after!

DISC GOLF COURSE COMING TO NAUVOO!



Nine disc golf enthusiasts assembled at Nauvoo State Park to help raise funds for the installation of a new disc golf course in the area. The event attracted participants from Quincy, LaHarpe, Fort Madison, and Keokuk, Iowa. It was sponsored by the Nauvoo Tourism Office

Disc golf is a sport where players throw flying discs into elevated baskets, similar to traditional golf but using discs instead of balls and clubs. The objective is to complete each hole in as few throws as possible. The sport originated in the 1960s and has grown rapidly; according to Wikipedia, there are now over 7,000 disc golf courses across the United States. Locally, courses are available in Carthage, Hamilton, Dallas City, Keokuk, and Fort Madison, Iowa.

Organizer John Shaw of Fort Madison, Iowa, partnered with Chi Easton of the Lake Cooper Loop team—an organization dedicated to promoting tourism in the Fort Madison, Montrose, Keokuk, Hamilton, Nauvoo, and Niota areas and Nauvoo Tourism Director Rebecca Williamson. Together, they envisioned building a disc golf course in Nauvoo State Park to provide a family-friendly outdoor activity for residents, campers, and visitors alike.

"This project would bring a fun, outdoor activity to Nauvoo," Shaw explained. "It could also enable the town to host sanctioned Professional Disc Golf Association tournaments, which would attract visitors and boost lodging, dining, shopping, and other local businesses."

Despite warm weather and a strong south wind affecting turnout, nine participants played the course, divided into two groups. Each golfer threw a disc toward a basket mounted on a metal pole a few hundred feet away, aiming to complete the hole in as few throws as possible. Three throws are considered "par." After nine holes, the leading score was 29. A volunteer-provided lunch was served after the first nine holes, with a voluntary donation.

For those unable to attend but wishing to support the project, donations are welcomed. More information can be obtained by contacting John Shaw at 319-470-6948.