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EVENTS

- Oct 1—31 10th Annual Scarecrow Festival on Mulholland
- Oct 10 Spooktacular Soup Sampling 6 to 7:30 PM City Center
- Oct 23 Octoberfest 5 to 9 PM KC Hall
- Oct 24 Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk 12 PM to 9 PM

For more events and updated schedules see beautifulnauvoo.com

SCARECROWS, SOUPS, MUSIC, GERMAN FOOD AND LOTS OF PUMPKINS! OH MY! NAUVOO IN OCTOBER

Scarecrow Festival returns to Mulholland Street

Starting October 1, Mulholland Street transforms into a vibrant display of creativity as dozens of homemade scarecrows line both sides of the street from the bank to the City Center, as well as Baxter's Winery.

The theme for the 10th Annual Scarecrow Festival is "Celebrating America's 250th," inviting residents and artists to craft their own scarecrows for a chance to win awards and showcase their artistry.

Visitors can stroll along Mulholland Street throughout October to admire the scarecrow displays. The "People's Choice" award can be voted on through the Scarecrow Festival Facebook page beginning October 1 through 25. The winners of the "Best Theme Crow" and the "Most Creative Use of Materials" crows will be revealed at the Spooktacular Soup Sampling at 7:15 PM.

On Saturday, October 10, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., the City Center will host the popular 5th Annual Spooktacular Soup Sampling. For just \$12, attendees can enjoy unlimited samples from local chefs. Each ticket includes unlimited soup, homemade sourdough bread and pretzels, water, mints, and three voting tickets to cast for your favorite.

The event also features friendly competition among local chefs competing for the prestigious "Golden Ladle" award, with the winner announced at 7:45 p.m. This promises to be a delicious evening for all.

All proceeds from these tasteful festivities benefit the Nauvoo Betterment Association's ongoing efforts to enhance the town's inviting atmosphere. This year, funds will be put towards the cost of a digital sign at the City Center.

OCTOBER MEETINGS

- Oct 1 Economic Development 4:00 PM City Center
- Oct 12 Hotel Motel Board 4:00 PM City Center
- Oct 12 Finance Meeting 4:30 PM City Center
- Oct 13 City Council 7:30 PM City Center
- Oct 19 School Board 7PM N-C School
- Oct 19 Library Board 6 PM Library
- Oct 21 Betterment Association 7 PM City Center
- Oct 27 Fire Protection District 7PM Fire Dept



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Area Senior Citizens
Assistant States Attorney Mariah Wallace will present a program that will include estate planning, a topic that many seniors have questions about. Come, learn, laugh, and enjoy a good lunch for a free-will offering on Wednesday, October 8, 11:00, at the Nauvoo City Center

Attention Pumpkin Carvers!!
Volunteers are needed to help carve the many pumpkins
Thursday and Friday, October 22 & 23 8AM to 8 PM (no need to sign up)



BOOTIFUL NAUVOO

A long-standing favorite tradition is in the plans for Saturday, October 25. Mulholland Street will come alive with over 400 carved pumpkins thanks to the efforts and talents of hundreds of the town's citizens.

Included will be the popular Spooky Trail Parade at 5PM and Pumpkin Launcher from 3-4 PM with viewing across from the temple grounds and shots fired every 10 minutes. There will be children's games on the east side of City Hall. In addition, the Warsaw High School Jazz band will perform at 6:15 until 7:15 and throughout the evening will be food and craft vendors, fortune tellers.

A Haunted House in former elementary school will be from 5:30 to 9 PM. Ticket price is general \$8 and fast pass \$15. Entry will be through the gym doors on the west side of school, across from the post office.

Watch Facebook for updates and/or changes to the schedule



SAVE THE DATE

The classic comic operetta *The Pirates of Penzance* is coming to Nauvoo this November, bringing Gilbert and Sullivan's timeless humor and lively music to the local stage. Directed by Lynne Maxfield and presented by the Nauvoo Arts Council, the production promises to be an enjoyable evening.

EXPLORE THE HAUNTED HISTORY OF CAMBRE HOUSE

Spooky season has arrived, and ghost tours are returning to the historic Cambre House. Guests will hear stories from the property's past, learn about the people who once called the area home, and explore reports of unexplained activity inside this beautifully preserved Nauvoo landmark.

See Cambrehouse.com for more information

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Twelve people attended the Nauvoo City Council’s September meeting. It seems that more and more homes are turning to solar to supply their energy needs. The council unanimously approved solar panels at five residences. The Council unanimously approved that persons or organizations wanting to film in Nauvoo need to go through a mayor-appointed official (the Tourism Director). This only applies to filming on Public Property, excluding churches’ property and Nauvoo State Park. The City Council approved a request by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to raise the height of the signs in front of the historic buildings from four feet to seven feet, so that they will be easier to see. The size of the house numbers will be increased to four inches. The City Council set the authorized time for “Beggars Night” (trick-or-treating) to Friday, October 30, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The aldermen also approved a request by the Project Pals 4H Club to set up a Haunted House fundraiser at the old grade school The Haunted House will be in operation from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24th, during the Pumpkin Walk. The City will get \$100 of the ticket sales, with 10% going to the Pumpkin Walk.

Chief Ryan Dykstra reported that the Nauvoo Police Department responded to 65 incidents in August. Of these, 30 involved traffic stops. Officers issued 18 citations, arrests, or documented city enforcement violations. In addition, officers made one arrest for DUI involving drugs or possession of adult-use cannabis in a vehicle, and one arrest for driving with a suspended license.

Article by Alan Moberly

A MESSAGE FROM HOLLY WILDE-TILLMAN, HANCOCK CO. COUNTY CLERK

Hancock County Clerk and Recorder Holly A. Wilde-Tillman is reminding voters who received a Permanent Vote by Mail application that they need to return the completed form to the Hancock County Election Department.

Voters who received an application have the option to:

- Sign up for Permanent Vote by Mail and receive ballots automatically for eligible elections;
- Opt out of Permanent Vote by Mail; or
- Request a Vote by Mail ballot for the Nov. 3 General Election only.

Voters are encouraged to return their completed applications as soon as possible. The first day ballots may be mailed for the Nov. 3 General Election is Sept. 24. Having applications returned promptly will allow the Election Department to process requests and begin mailing ballots as soon as they are available, helping voters avoid unnecessary delays and allowing adequate time to receive, complete and return their ballot.

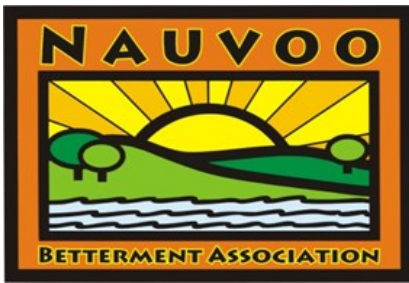
Representative John Lewis once said:

“The vote is precious. It is the most powerful non-violent tool we have in a democratic society, and we must use it.



The Nauvoo Tourism Office has been busy promoting our fall events, local businesses, and attractions. Last week, we celebrated the spirit of kindness through our 9 to 5 butterfly project, inspired by Dolly Parton’s message of kindness and giving back. Butterflies were shared throughout the community to encourage random acts of kindness, while donations of \$9.25 were collected to support literacy through the Nauvoo Public Library.

We are also continuing development of the See Nauvoo app, which will give residents and visitors interactive ways to explore local history, museums, businesses, outdoor spaces, and hidden gems through themed passports. Work is also moving forward on the city’s disc golf course, with concrete tee pads scheduled to be poured on October 7. Once the course is completed, plans include a grand-opening ribbon cutting and a disc golf clinic where beginners can learn how to play. The date for these activities will be announced once it has been determined.



Articles may be submitted at any time to
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Deadline for the November issue is October 22, 2026

See Nauvoo News may be picked up at the following locations for a suggested donation of twenty-five cents: City Hall, Fudge Factory, 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.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Nauvoo Fire Protection District (NFPD) Board of Trustees convened for its regular monthly meeting at the Nauvoo Fire Station on Tuesday, September 22.

NFPD Fire Chief Gallaher provided an update on the district's activities, noting that the district responded to a total of 38 calls in August. Among these calls were 35 related to ambulance services, one to a traffic accident, and two related to fire services. Three calls were out of the NFPD district.

Fire Prevention Week will be October 4-10. NFPD will be emphasizing fire prevention by conducting fire drills and inspections at local schools.

NFPD will be participating in the My LocalSafety (MYLS) app. MYLS is a customizable app for fire, EMS, police, emergency management, and others to connect with their communities and improve the delivery of emergency services. It allows for secure sharing of information about your family and home to enhance emergency responses. Once the NFPD is on board with this app, residents can download the app from the app store. MYLS is not a replacement for 9-1-1.

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

Excerpts of an Article by Alan Moberly



In fall 2026, the Midwest will glow with the season's signature colors as maples turn crimson and orange, birches and aspens brighten to gold, and oaks deepen to russet and bronze. Across forests, parks, and country roads, this vivid palette will create a striking backdrop for scenic drives, hikes, and crisp afternoons outdoors.

Was the gas pump invented in Nauvoo?

Well... maybe part of it was.

In 1915, long before today's digital gas pumps, Nauvoo inventor John "Repp" Repplinger was tinkering in his garage on Mulholland Street. Repp came to Nauvoo from Germany as a child and had only a third-grade education, but that certainly didn't stop him from inventing. He created everything from farm machinery and a mechanical post-hole digger to a self-propelled tractor and portable saw. Then he turned his attention to something every growing automobile town needed—a better way to sell gasoline. Repp developed what local history remembers as Nauvoo's first visible gasoline filling station**. His pump featured a five-gallon glass container at the top. Gasoline was pumped into the glass cylinder where the customer could actually see the amount of fuel they were purchasing before it flowed into their automobile.

And then the story gets interesting. According to local accounts, one day a stranger stopped at Repp's garage and began carefully sketching his gasoline pump and its glass container.

The man left—and eventually secured a patent for the idea himself. Repp hadn't patented it.

In fact, Repp rarely bothered patenting any of his inventions. Fame and fortune apparently weren't what motivated him. He simply loved experimenting, solving problems, building machines, and showing his latest creations to his Nauvoo neighbors.

So was the visible gasoline pump invented in Nauvoo? The patent may have belonged to someone else, but Nauvoo's local history has long remembered a very different story—one involving a curious inventor, a garage on Mulholland Street, and a five-gallon glass jug.

Just another reminder that you never know what might have been invented right here in beautiful, historic Nauvoo.

Article from the Nauvoo Historical Society

