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See Nauvoo News

NAUVOO BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION

EVENTS

- Oct 3 NBA 6PM Spooktacular Soup Sampling @ City Center
- Oct 24 Oktoberfest 5—9 PM @ KC Hall
- Oct 25 Pumpkin Walk—see article in this edition of SNN
- Oct 29 Seniors Luncheon 11:00 City Center
- Oct 30 –Trick/Treat

For more events and updated schedules beautifulnauvoo.com

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OCT/NOV MEETINGS

- Oct 1 Hotel Motel Board 4 PM City Center
- Oct 13 Finance Meeting 4:30 PM City Center
- Oct 14 Nauvoo Park District 6 PM
- Oct 14 City council 7:30 PM Nauvoo City Center
- Oct 14 Nauvoo Park District 6 PM
- Oct 15 Betterment Meeting, 7 PM City Center
- Oct 16 Fire Protection Meeting 7 PM Fire Dept.
- Oct 20 School Board 7 PM Nauvoo-Colusa School
- Oct 20 Library Board 7 PM Public Library
- Nov 5 Hotel Motel Board 4 PM City Center



4th ANNUAL SPOOKTACULAR SOUP SAMPLING

On Friday, October 3, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., the Nauvoo Betterment Association will sponsor the 4th Annual Spooktacular Soup Sampling at the City Center from 6 to 7:30 PM. For just \$10, attendees can enjoy unlimited samples from local chefs, featuring favorites such as Veggie Cream of Scream (Roasted Vegetable Soup), FrankenSoup (Lasagna soup), Wickedly Spooky Potato Brew (Potato soup), Monster's Broccoli Cheddar (Broccoli Cheese), Zombie Chicken and Wild Brains (Chicken and wild rice), Drag-onball Soup (Meatball and veggie soup), Witches Cauldron (Black bean sweet potato soup) and many others. Each ticket includes water, mints, and three voting tickets for the People's Choice Award. The mouth-watering event also features friendly competition among local chefs vying for the prestigious "Golden Ladle" award, with the winner announced at 7:45 p.m. Over a dozen homemade soups have already signed up to compete, promising a delicious evening for all.

Proceeds will be used to purchase replacements for the current worn banners on Mullholand.

And don't forget to stroll the streets to view the scarecrows that have come to town!

Winners of the Best Themed Crow and Most Creative Crow will be revealed at 7:15 at the City Center.

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. 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 the former elementary school will be from 5:30 to 9 PM for an admission of \$8 or fast pass for \$15. entry will be through the gym doors on the west side of school, across from the post office.



4TH ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

The Knights of Columbus Hall will host the 4th annual Oktoberfest on Friday, October 24 from 5 to 9 PM at 1275 Mulholland Street. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council #1853 and the Nauvoo Historical Society.

Admission is free with bratwurst, hot dogs, sauerkraut, chips, apple sauce, schnitzel, spaetzle, baked beans and dessert available for purchase, along with beverages of beer, soda and water.

The 2nd annual PlenAir artwork competition entries will be on display from 5—6 PM and the public will be able to vote for the People's Choice award.

The W.I.U. Jazz Band will entertain with traditional and non-traditional Oktoberfest music from 6 to 9 PM.

Proceeds and donations from the event will support next year's Oktoberfest celebrations, ensuring the tradition continues to thrive. Visitors are encouraged to join in the fun, with last year's event drawing around 300 attendees.

GHOST TOURS

The Cambre House is the place to be for popular paranormal tours. The two hour tour gives you an introduction to a paranormal investigation like you see on Ghost Hunters. This tour is often called Ghost Hunting 101. Types of paranormal activity will be covered including what you might experience at the farm, different types of equipment used to try and document paranormal activity and a history of the house including the activity experienced on the farm. The best ghost stories are often those you experience yourself. There is no guarantee that you will have a paranormal experience on your tour, but you will have a good time and might have an experience. Tours will run from 6 to 9 PM on October 4th, 31st and November 1st. Call or text Rebecca at 309-221-983 to book. Must be 16 or older.

Police Department Proud



Police Chief Ryan Dykstra presented officer Bryton Hopp an award for outstanding service at the September City Council meeting. Bryton was lauded as an indispensable, dedicated member of the department. Law enforcement runs in the Hopp family, as Bryton's brother Brodie, and father Tom are also police officers; his mother, Maria, is a County 911 dispatcher. The Hopp "police force" were present to support one of their and Nauvoo's finest. Congratu-

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Teamsters in Nauvoo

From the mid-1700s, the word "teamster" referred to a person who drove a team of draft animals for hauling loads. Then, in the latter 19th and early 20th Century, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union, was founded to protect these workers' rights. Today, the "teamsters" in Nauvoo are in charge of driving and caring for the 28 beautiful Percheron and Belgian horses that pull the wagons and carriages for tourists in the historic area on the flats.

According to teamster Elders Schaefer and Ward, teamsters were needed in Nauvoo in the early 1990s, when horse-drawn vehicles were re-introduced to the historic area. Presently (as of September 19), there are 20 teamsters in Nauvoo to work the 14 teams of horses. A veterinarian is also on site. Most of these missionaries are assigned to Nauvoo for 18 months. They hail from Utah and Idaho, and most of them have had considerable experience handling all the needs of the horses. This includes holding the reins and guiding 4,000 lbs. of horse flesh at the other end! Those chosen for the mission need experience handling and driving horses, the stamina to heft the harness, dexterity in getting on and off the wagons, and the finesse in haltering pastured animals that need to be caught and tethered. As with most animal-human relationships, the teamsters have their favorite horses, and the horses have their favorite—and not-so-favorite teamsters. (Their favorites are soft-spoken and confident.)

Many visitors ask if the horses are the Clydesdales of Budweiser fame. They are not, partly because of their price which could be as much as \$50,000 a team, due to their notoriety and that they require more upkeep: especially the feathery fetlocks on their ankles, which require additional grooming. The trained-to-pull Belgians and Percherons, the same size as Clydesdales, are often purchased from the Amish of Kalona, Iowa. Amish horses' tails are easily identified because of their docked tails to avoid their getting caught in the farm machinery. Teams run from \$16,000 to \$20,000.

Besides grazing, the horses eat corn, oats, barley (aka "COB" or "granola") along with dried molasses. Their working stint in Nauvoo is between age four to twelve years of age—or eight years. Then, they are sold. Teamsters often bid on these "retired" horses, occasionally taking them home with them at the end of their mission.

Want a wagon ride? Two locations are available for the free rides (no tickets needed): Visitors Center and near the Cultural Hall. Expect to spend half-an-hour on the delightful tours, which leave regularly every half hour until 2:30. Each tour is narrated by the wife of one of the teamsters—for safety reasons, there are always two on each ride. (A fun note: The horses wear "bun bags," which catch any droppings. These are dumped, as needed, at the end of each tour in a cleverly disguised waste area.)

USS LSG Ship Passes Nauvoo

The USS LST#325, (Landing Ship Tank, or “Large Slow Target”) slid past Nauvoo on September 9 on her annual September cruise. (The ship is usually docked in Evansville, Indiana, where she serves as a museum throughout the year). The LST#325 is the only operational LST in WWII configuration afloat in U.S. waters. She enabled large scale landings of troops and equipment on hostile shores-- Utah Beach in Normandy, for one --and influenced the development of subsequent amphibious landing ships.



Nauvoo Area Senior Citizens

The October luncheon for all area senior citizens (50 and older!) takes place on Wednesday, October 29, 11:00 in the Nauvoo City Center Community Room. Join the group for a fall gathering of Nauvoo area seniors—all for a free-will offering. Come and bring a friend!

Steve Dealy, manager of Christian Visitors Center (previous located next door to Nauvoo Pharmacy) will explain his vision for the new Bible Museum, which will open in 2026 at the former Nauvoo Marketplace.

The Cricket “Thermometer”

Count the number of cricket chirps for 15 seconds, add 40. The answer is the temperature. It works! It should be noted that it takes more energy to chirp when it’s colder; i.e., the chirps are fewer. When the temperature is hotter—90+ degrees, the chirping is faster. Mother Nature is not an analog nor digital “invention,” but She knows what She’s doing!

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

The Nauvoo City Council met last Tuesday evening (August 12) in the Council Chambers at the Nauvoo City Center.

Mayor Jim Boyles called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Fifteen people were in the audience. Five of the six aldermen were present.

The Council unanimously approved the following actions:

Purchase of a radio that will be able to communicate with other first-responder agencies for \$10,700. Of this amount, \$7,700 will come from the City, with the remaining \$3,000 from an Illinois Farm Bureau Rural Development grant.

Hiring a backup person to work in the City office if both of the City employees who work there are absent.

Building permits for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to make structural upgrades and restorations to the historic Nauvoo House (890 Main Street) and Brigham & Mary Ann Young Home (610 Kimball Street).

To ask the City Attorney about the next steps regarding a house at 185 N Warsaw Street. The house caught fire a few years ago and remains vacant without a roof.

Rebecca Williamson, the City Tourism Director, reported that the Nauvoo/British Pageants, which ran from July 9th through August 2nd, were very well attended, bringing many visitors to Mulholland Street businesses. She is updating the City brochure to include new businesses and events. She further stated that enough funds have been raised to install the first nine holes of a disc golf course at Nauvoo State Park. She hopes that installation will begin this fall. Watch pages for updates.

Mayor Boyles read from the Nauvoo Police Report. During July, the Nauvoo Police Department handled a total of 159 incidents, including 64 traffic stops. These included violations such as driving under the influence of drugs and driving an uninsured motor vehicle.

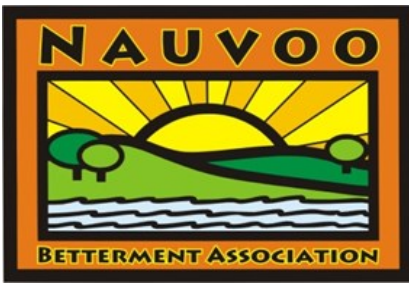
Officer Bryton Hopp was honored by Nauvoo Police Chief Ryan Dykstra for his dedication and sacrifices in serving the community. Chief Dykstra highlighted Officer Hopp’s numerous accomplishments, including his role as a “fashion designer” (both officers were dressed smartly in their new gray dress uniforms), efforts to ensure safety during the Pageant season and Grape Festival, and his role as a Taser instructor. The chief praised Hopp’s professionalism, noting his consistent preparedness, ownership of his responsibilities, and commitment to expanding his knowledge of community policing and law enforcement.

The City Council also approved the signing of bid documents to proceed with spending the \$70,000 received from the State as its share of revenues generated from the Illinois Motor Fuels Tax to improve City streets.

Nauvoo Park District President Mark Anderson reported that the District is pursuing an Open Space Land Acquisition & Development grant. One project under consideration is a splash park.

The meeting adjourned for a special session at 8:18 p.m.

Article by Alan Moberly

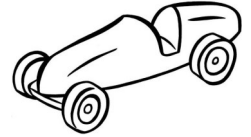


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Deadline for the November issue is October 20, 2025

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PINEWOOD DERBY FUN

Everyone is invited to Pinewood Derby Night—a fun-filled evening of speed, friendly competition, and community bonding on Friday, October 10th from 6 to 8 PM at 380 N Durphy Street. Whether attendees are kids, teens, or adults, they're encouraged to come and relive the excitement of these classic Cub Scout races. Participants can dust off their old pinewood derby cars or craft new ones, with the goal of enjoying the thrill of victory or sharing a few laughs over the "agony of defeat."

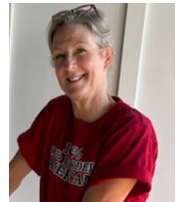


This event is a great opportunity for the community to come together for an enjoyable night of racing, camaraderie, and good times. Refreshments will be provided, so guests only need to bring their enthusiasm and a spirit of fun. It promises to be a memorable evening—perfect for making new friends and creating lasting memories. Everyone in town is encouraged to join in the excitement!

Watch for It!



Laurie Berlin purchased the building at 1365 Mulholland (two buildings east of the Red Front) and is gradually transforming it into a new shopping experience in the Nauvoo's Business District. "Berlin's HomeDecor (one word) Consignment Boutique, aka "Berlin's," will feature upscale home goods that have will be restyled and imagined and placed into artful groupings. These "vignettes" will comprise small furniture pieces (lamps, chairs, tables, etc.) and decorative items (pillows, blankets, vintage, and hand-crafted items, etc.) that have been repurposed to catch the imagination of those who love new décor ideas for the living room, kitchen, and bath.



Twenty years ago Laurie left Ogden, Utah, for Keokuk where she bought and refurbished a Victorian home. A stay-at-home mom for her five children (four girls; one boy), she also found time to sit in periodically at a B&B on Grand Avenue. Then, with the children grown and a divorce behind her, she was free to make some choices for her future. Three years ago, the Barrett's, owners of the Nauvoo Grand, asked to be the innkeeper for their B&B across from Baxter's Winery.

With a knack for refurbishing buildings, a flair for design and decorating, and a love of people, Laurie thought about putting her skills to work in a business of her own. And, voila! "Berlin's" was born. She has spent a large part of the summer giving a lift to the building's façade and ground floor's spaces. (Use of the upstairs' space is still to be determined.)

Laurie is always on the lookout for interesting items that are clean and in good condition that she thinks would work for recycling and selling the boutique. Items may either be consigned at a 60-40 split (customer gets 60%) or, an item could be purchased outright if she decides to work on the piece to bring it up to snuff. Interested? Laurie can be reached at either 801.499.6636 or berlinshomedecorboutique@gmail.com. Texted or emailed pictures of the items would be helpful—or bring the item by. Laurie plans to have a soft opening/open house early in October. (Berlin's will be closed mid-November to early April. A grand opening is planned for early April.) New shopping opportunities are always welcomed. Nauvoo and its visitors look forward to shopping at Berlin's.

Article by Karen Ihrig

GROW NAUVOO

The Grow Nauvoo Mapping Group met recently to review their accomplishments and on-going projects:

Beautification & Infrastructure: Mulholland cleanup, Apr/Oct flowers on Mulholland, Pedestrian safety (in progress), fiber internet, helped advertise and support the Historical Society plant swap in May, car charging station investigation.

Parks and Recreation: Hosted an annual community picnic, helped with fundraiser for frisbee golf course, support the Park District with splash pad construction, Tree City designation
Tree City USA designation

Business Development: New business guidebook and business mentoring, "Made in Nauvoo" branding, business hiring surveys, and business training classes

Retail and Dining: Historic photos for businesses, First Fridays, support new farmer's market, painting some business windows, increased support of Grape Festival, Quilt Show

Housing: IHDA housing survey (in progress), aid city to identify and address nuisance properties