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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

EVENTS

- Nov 5 America 250 planning meeting
6 PM City Center
- Nov 7 Historical Society Dinner 6 PM
Hotel Nauvoo
- Nov 8 Appanoose Fall Dinner 4:30-7
- Nov 9 St Peter & Paul Turkey Dinner 11-1
- Nov 27-29 Festival of Trees
1710 Mulholland
- Dec 6 Kringlemarket
For more events and updated schedules
beautifulnavuoo.com
Also, visit the Beautiful Nauvoo Facebook page



NOV/DEC MEETINGS

- Nov 3 Hotel Motel Board
4 PM City Center
- Nov 10 Finance Meeting
4:30 PM City Center
- Nov 11 Nauvoo Park District 6 PM –Library
- Nov 12 City Council
7:30 PM City Center
- Nov 19 Betterment Meeting 7PM City Center
- Nov 20 Fire Protection Meeting 7 PM Fire Dept.
- Nov 17 School Board
7 PM N-C School
- Nov 20 Library Board
7 PM Public Library
- Dec 3 Hotel Motel Board
4 PM City Center

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

The Nauvoo City Council met on October 14 in the Council Chambers at the Nauvoo City Center. Mayor Jim Boyles called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with fifteen members of the public in attendance. The aldermen approved several community-oriented actions, including donating the old playground equipment from City Park to Saints Peter & Paul Elementary School, and donating \$200 to Warsaw High School Help-A-Thon. Volunteers from the school will do community service for the city. They also approved various building permits, primarily for private residences. Included among these were improvements to City Park and for the upcoming Bible Museum, which will be located on the site of the former Nauvoo Market Place.

Expansion and Regulations for City Growth

The council authorized the purchase of real estate from Nauvoo Real Estate, with the goal of expanding City Park. Additionally, they set a cap of 35 licenses for nightly rentals. The concern driving this regulation is that an overabundance of short-term rental properties could impede families’ ability to purchase homes. The City Attorney will draft an ordinance to formalize this cap.

Trick-or-Treat hours and Water Rate Changes

The council scheduled Beggars’ Night (trick-or-treating) for Thursday, October 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. In a move to adjust city services, rates for water and wastewater services were increased by 3%, beginning next year.

Tourism Report

Nauvoo Tourism Director Rebecca Williamson provided updates on ongoing tourism projects, including a new city brochure. Unlike the previous foldout map, the brochure will be a small booklet. She also announced that an intern from Western Illinois University is developing an outdoor tourism marketing plan for Nauvoo, as well as a strategy to promote the city as a wedding destination.

Police Department Update

Mayor Boyles shared the latest police report: In September the Nauvoo Police Department responded to or initiated 102 incidents. Of these, 43 were traffic stops, resulting in 16 citations. There was also one arrest related to an outstanding Hancock County warrant.

Meetings of the Nauvoo City Council are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Nauvoo City Center. They are open to the public and can also be viewed on the City of Nauvoo IL Facebook page.

Article by Alan Moberly

Due to the Veterans Day Holiday, the Nauvoo City Council will meet on Wednesday, November 12 at 7 PM in the City Center.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER



Thanksgiving in Nauvoo will be celebrated with a community dinner on Thanksgiving Day at 4:30 PM at the Old Nauvoo Inn. Guests may bring a side dish or dessert to share with others.

Questions, please contact Linda Chatwin at 801-690-0518.



**Appanoose Faith Church Fall Dinner, 4:30-7 p.m.
Saturday, November 8**

**Sts. Peter & Paul Dinner, 11 AM to 1 PM
Sunday, November 9**

**Festival of Trees (across from Casey's) All donations
go to St.Judes, Bright Angels, and Nauvoo Food
Pantry. Watch for more information.
November 27, 28, 29**



**NAUVOO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL DINNER**

November 7 at 6 PM - Hotel Nauvoo

**7 PM Presentation by Illinois State Historical
Society President**

**Reservations required
Call or text Rebecca Williamson 309-221-9803**

KRINGLEMART MARKET

December 6 10 AM to 5 PM

Knights of Columbus Hall

Enjoy Christmas in Nauvoo

Lunch, hot chocolate bar, shop with local vendors

See Santa! Hear Christmas stories read from our

librarian, Amber Bevier

Stuff the Squad Car 2 to 5 PM

Music by Nathan Gosnell at 2 PM

Sponsored by the Nauvoo Historical Society

NAUVOO GHOST CRAWL

NOVEMBER 14 & 15

DECEMBER 5 & 6

November 14 - Nauvoo Grand

December 5 - Inn At Old Nauvoo

Friday nights at various businesses in Nauvoo

HOSTED BY CAMBRE HOUSE

RSVP Text to 309.221.9803

Must be 16 or have prior approval

\$30/person each night or \$50 for both

BRIGHT ANGELS

The 18th annual Nauvoo Bright Angels program is accepting applications now until Nov. 7th for families in need with children ages 0 to 18 living in the Nauvoo-Colusa School District and/or attending Sts. Peter & Paul School. (Applications will be distributed at both schools and are also available at the library)

Angel Trees will be placed at the Nauvoo Public Library and the State Bank of Nauvoo by November 14. Donors may shop for the selected "angel" using the wish list provided on each angel tag. Total cost for each gift should be no more than \$25 - \$30.

Return the unwrapped gift along with the angel card to the Nauvoo Pharmacy by Monday, December 5.

Hotel Nauvoo: Last day for the season November 8

FESTIVAL OF TREES

November 27-29 1710 Mulholland St

Decorated trees, wreaths & holiday décor to be auctioned. Baked goods. Live music. Taking donations for Bright Angels and St Judes.

AMERICA  ILLINOIS

**Help plan the celebration of the signing of the
Declaration of Independence!**

Planning meeting at the City Center

November 5th at 6 PM.

Individuals, churches, schools, organizations are

invited to help put together a year-round

celebration of independence!

Organized by the Tourism Office.

Nauvoo Area Senior Citizens

Nauvoo Area Senior Citizens will not meet in November, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The December meeting will be a Christmas party held on Wednesday, December 10, at 11:00 AM. The Program Committee (Maxine Conn, Judi Davis, and Karen Ihrig), are welcoming new members, Nancy Clifton and Peggy Shurts. Please feel free to share suggestions with them for programs in the 2026.

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS

With the uncertainty in our world today, the Nauvoo Food Pantry can use your help. Monetary donations may be taken to the Nauvoo State Bank for deposit into the food pantry account. This allows the volunteer staff to purchase needed items. Want to shop? The local pantry is especially in need of paper towels, toilet paper, and Kleenex as we go into the cold and flu season. Hygiene products including disposable razors, dish soap and non perishable food items, such as tuna, cereal and Hamburger Helper are also needed. Items may be left at the pantry located on the west side of the City Center (across from the Post Office) on Mondays between 9 AM and 2:30 PM.



Pumpkin on the Loose

The giant pumpkin on the City Center lawn has made two October getaway attempts. Both times included tearing away from its moorings during high winds.

The first time it was captured intact in the neighbor's yard; the second time, it made it across Mulholland but met with a few obstacles that cause deflation. Perhaps the funniest part about the untethered pumpkin was its flight getting caught on the city's video camera, which also captured City Clerk Carol McGhghy in hot pursuit of the escapee.

Article by Karen Ihrig

Nauvoo City Park Upgrade



Construction on the Nauvoo City Park on Bluff and Knight is taking shape. Sidewalk forms are in place, as are the foundations for the bathroom, basketball/pickle ball court, and covered picnic area as well as new playground equipment which will be delivered in the spring. Some of the amenities-covered \$600,000 grant had to be refigured due to rising costs: a four-foot-high (rather than 8') fence will surround the court; there will be one (rather than two) picnic area. however, the overall concept was retained. Lavadiere Construction, Macomb, is the contractor.

Construction will be completed in the spring.

Article by Karen Ihrig

NBA SCARECROW FESTIVAL & SOUP TASTING WINNERS

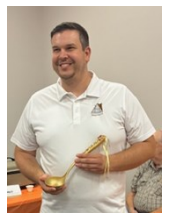


The theme for the 9th annual Nauvoo Betterment Association's Scarecrow Festival was "Legendary Folk/Superhero." The Best Theme" crow went to "Back the Blue" by Cindy Leon, while the "Most Creative" award was given to "Super Squirrel" by Ana LeVesque and Carol McGhghy.

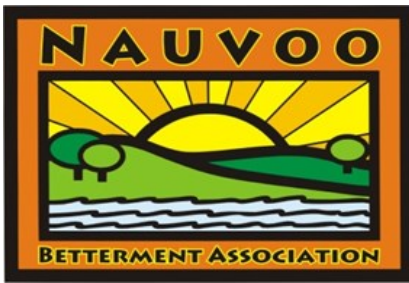


On October 20 it was announced that through Facebook voting the "People's Choice" award went to Johnny Appleseed created by Kay Boddeker for Plate Lawn Care. Winners each received a \$30 monetary prize.

Guests at the 4th annual Spooktacular Soup Tasting on October 3 enjoyed a sample of each of the fourteen "soup" chefs creations at the yearly NBA-sponsored event to kick off Nauvoo's "ownership" of October events: Scarecrow, Oktoberfest, and Pumpkin Walk. All sorts of delicious entries were provided by area residents: Carol Brown, Jennifer Gardner, Kimberly Grant, Janet Hill, Karen Ihrig, Ana Levesque, Christoph Lichtner, Rachel Moon, Brian Riggs, Peggy Shurts, Rita Souther, Barb Schafer, Kathy Schoeni, Amelia Williamson and Jeffrey Zhou. (Approximately 65 young and old enjoyed trying the variety of soups. Christoph Lichtner (pictured) walked away with the golden ladle prize for the best soup in the house for a third year in a row.



The Nauvoo Betterment Association welcomes anyone wanting to be join our group. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday each month (except December) at 7 PM in the City Center.



Articles may be submitted at any time to
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Deadline for the December issue is November 20, 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 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.

Wells Widened

One of the agreements connected with building the Temple Visitors Center on Wells was to widen Wells Street to accommodate the additional traffic to be expected with the opening of the new Center and to facilitate parking and for Catholic church services and other events. The project has enhanced the area and is a welcomed addition.



Volunteers Appreciated

Hats off to Calvin Bollin who, over the years, has taken it upon himself—at no pay—to regularly mow the area around the City sign on Hwy. 96 at the south entrance to town. It certainly helps set the tone when taking the curve into our fair city. Kathy Schoeni is another who has taken it upon herself to repaint the yellow lines on the steps to the City Center. Everyone who navigates them is appreciative. While Calvin nor Kathy live in Nauvoo, they gladly share their abilities and help make Nauvoo a more attractive and safer place to be. Thank you. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Article by Karen Ihrig

NAUVOO OCTOBERFEST

Nauvoo's Oktoberfest celebration last Friday night transformed the Knights of Columbus Hall into a lively hub of community spirit and festivity. The event drew families and friends from around the area, creating an atmosphere filled with laughter and fun. Attendees enjoyed an evening rich in music and, of course, delicious food in celebration of Nauvoo's German heritage.

"Thanks to all who contributed to a fun and tasty night," said organizer Randy Soland, expressing gratitude to the volunteers and local businesses that supported the event. "It's heartwarming to see our community come together to celebrate and create lasting memories."

Article by Alan Moberly

MUSIC IN THE RHEINBERGER

For one of the few times in perhaps decades, music was heard in the parlor of the historic Rheinberger House in Nauvoo State Park, as a quartet from the Nauvoo Orchestra performed a concert on October 17. The evening also included Dr. Carol Conrad playing the 150-year-old Square Grand Piano with a Rosewood Cover, manufactured by Bauer and Co. of New York, circa 1875. This old piano was found in the Heber C. Kimball home, and Dr. Kimball donated it to the Nauvoo Historical Society. The piano seemed to come alive with joy that someone was playing it, bringing forth delightful classical music from its old wood, metal, and ivory soul. Dr. Conrad played Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata," some ragtime tunes that might have been played on the piano long ago, and other pieces.

Article by Alan Moberly

NAUVOO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NEWS

The Nauvoo Fire Protection District (NFPD) Board of Trustees convened for its regular monthly meeting at the Nauvoo Fire Station on Thursday, October 17.

NFPD Fire Chief Gallaher provided an update on the district's activities, As of October 17, the NFPD has responded to 308 calls this year—approximately one call per day. There were about 400 calls in 2024.

Gallaher reported that the NFPD received a grant from Compeer Financial, which provided \$4,000 for rescue struts used to stabilize upside-down or sideways cars and prevent them from tipping over during rescues of trapped occupants. The district expects to receive the stabilizer in a few weeks.

Article by Alan Moberly