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OCTOBER EVENTS

- Oct 1-30– Scarecrow Festival
- Oct. 9– Nauvoo Orchestra's Family Fun Concert, LDS Church 7p.m.
- Oct. 22– Drive-by Halloween Hoopla, see article p1
- Oct. 23– Pumpkin Walk see article p.1
- Oct. 30– Beggars Night in Nauvoo

Scarecrow Festival 2021

As you drive through the Nauvoo Business District in October, you'll realize autumn is here and the Scarecrow Festival is back in town. Sponsored by the Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA), a group dedicated to promoting and encouraging improvements to the quality of life in Nauvoo, the Festival consists of creative homemade scarecrows dotting Mulholland Street's sidewalks and green spaces. The event has grown over the years with last year boasting 50+ individual scarecrows. The month-long event leads up to the Boo-ti-ful Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk (October 23rd). The Festival will kick-off with the Scarecrow Stroll on Saturday, October 2. Judges will award prizes to the "Best 'Crows in Show" at 2:00 p.m. on the lawn of the historic Hotel Nauvoo. The 1st place winner will receive \$40, 2nd place (\$30) and 3rd place (\$20).

Want to participate? Your scarecrow can be made of any material you desire and can be as simple or elaborate as you want. The only limit is your own imagination. Registration will be required no later than October 1 to be included in the judging (or, any time after that if not interested in possible prize money).

In addition to the scarecrows, the popular Minions and Gru, among other favorites, will be back this year as well as the new 12-foot-tall Festival logo's scarecrow, Edger Allan Crow! The scarecrows will stay up through October 31.



Bootiful Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk



Saturday the 23rd Nauvoo will once again be aglow with 400+ hand carved pumpkins! The evening will begin at 6p.m. with a parade, followed by an evening of fortune tellers, face painting, music, costumes, food vendors, popcorn, candy and more! If you'd like to help gut/carve pumpkins, contact Tacy (tacytrex@gmail.com) or look for information on Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk's Facebook page.

The Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk Committee is excited to announce the drive-by Halloween Hoopla, introduced in 2020, will now be an annual part of the Pumpkin Walk! Friday the 22nd prepare to drive around and vote on your favorite decorated houses. Cash prizes for the winners! If you'd like to decorate and have your house on the map to be judged, contact Jamie Steen (steenjamie@gmail.com) or Randy Soland (randallsoland@yahoo.com) by Oct 15th. Any entries after Oct 15th will not be on the map or be eligible for a prize. A virtual escape room will also be set up on Mulholland street that evening. Follow Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk on Facebook for further details.

The Beginning of It All

Forty-eight years ago at Hooper Elementary School in Ogden, Utah, Durrell Nelson and his sister Kathleen began carving and decorating pumpkins to the delight of all the kindergarten students. Carving a few dozen pumpkins in the first year (1972), jumping to 113 pumpkins in 1974, and 213 in 1975, Durrell couldn't contain his love affair with the orange waxy gourd, so he introduced the idea in Nauvoo in 1985 at his home and by 1995 it was a hit! Now, all these years later, the Pumpkin Walk lives! Approximately 400+ pumpkins will be on display this year. Thanks, Durrell, for "carving" out a new niche for all of us and those who visit Nauvoo for this special event to enjoy.



OCTOBER MEETINGS

- Oct. 11, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Location TBD
- Oct. 12, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Oct 21, NBA, City Hall 7p.m.
- Oct 18 School Board , 7 p.m.
- Oct 18 Library Board 7 p.m.
- Oct 25, Chamber Executive Board, noon, City Hall
- Please check with your organization for updates on meetings.

Nauvoo City Council September 14, 2021

The Nauvoo City Council meeting was broadcast on the City's Facebook page, using (for the first time) new equipment purchased for just such a live video broadcast. (Previous broadcasts were done using the personal laptop of a City employee.)

The City Council also unanimously approved the following:

- Paying up to \$1,620 for membership fee to the Hancock County Economic Development Committee. (This is paid every year.)
- Paying \$130 dues to the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police for Chief Mike Boley.
- Paying \$500 as a donation to the Hancock County Sheriff's Reserves for those providing security for the recent Nauvoo Grape Festival.
- A lease agreement with Motley Fitness Center for continued use of space at the old school building. (Motley, as do other tenants, pays a pro-rated share of utilities costs, plus a maintenance fee.) Major repairs are the responsibility of the City.
- Authorizing the mayor to execute all documents relating to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) application and to authorize all other actions required to obtain federal assistance.
- To hire LaBonte's Lawn Care, a Carthage business, to take over mowing on City properties.

Other:

- There will be no chickens in Nauvoo. With Mayor Jason Skog casting the tie-breaking vote, the Nauvoo City Council rejected an ordinance that would authorize the raising of chickens within the Nauvoo City Limits. Aldermen Anozie, Christensen and Nicholl voted in favor. Aldermen Adkisson, Boyles, and Grant voted nay.
- Mayor Skog announced that Nauvoo Historic Residences has been selected to receive a 2021 Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award for Restoration. An awards ceremony will be held on Friday, October 22, at Davis Theater in Chicago.
- Nauvoo resident Randy Soland shared his ideas for three annual events that could be held in Nauvoo. Soland offered the following suggestions:

- **Christmas Market** aka Kringle Market will celebrate Nauvoo's German heritage, featuring local vendors and photos with Santa. This would be December 10 and 11, 2021 if enough vendors are interested and, hopefully, every year thereafter.
 - **French Heritage Day** would be on July 2, 2022, celebrating Nauvoo's French heritage. It would have an Icarian theme and a bicycle race (to connect with the Tour de France).
 - **Oktoberfest** would occur on October 21, 2022, featuring a German Polka band and a cabaret troupe
- Soland offered to "foot the bill" for first year of these events. He says he has a committee already in place to make it happen.

-Submitted by Alan Moberly

Horror Movie Film Festival

Join us at a real haunted house, The Cambre House, for the 1st Annual Haunted Horror Film & Paranormal Investigation Festival, located in the picturesque town of Nauvoo, IL October 8th, 9th, and 10th.

What do you get when you combine a horror film festival and paranormal investigators? The Haunted Horror Film & Paranormal Investigation Festival.

By day, it's a horror film festival complete with horror movie screenings, horror filmmaker Q & A panels and discussion. By night, it's a real live paranormal investigation for festival goers and a Livestream on our YouTube Channel.

Tickets Are Available Now:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/somethingsomethingentertainment/563474>

Nauvoo Fire Protection District

The Nauvoo Fire Protection District (NFPD) Trustees met and approved the budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2021- May 31, 2022.

The NFPD has three separate funds (budget): General Corporate (firefighting: \$286,265.05), Emergency Medical Services (ambulance: \$348,427.04), and Insurance (premiums: \$52,000).

In 2020 the NFPD responded to 250 calls for emergency medical services. As of August 30 the total is 234. Previous years averaged about 180 calls. According to Chief Kendall Gallaher, the reasons for the increased calls are COVID and times when the neighboring Lomax Ambulance was unavailable.

Nauvoo firefighters and EMTs are compensated \$18 per response call [per person]. Most of them have other jobs while giving their time to protect the lives and property of others. All but four members of the Nauvoo Fire Department are cross trained as licensed EMS providers in Illinois.

From an article by Alan Moberly

Nauvoo Historical Society News

The Weld House Museum offers new displays of old treasures. The Icarian items that had been on loan to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC, have returned home to the Weld House Museum's Icarian Room.

Also beginning this month is a temporary display of some of the photographs, books, maps, and articles about steamboats, tugboats, and life on the Mississippi from the collection of Dean Gabbert, donated by the Gabbert family.

The Weld House now has a small printer/copier that can be used by visitors or researchers to photocopy something from the books, newspapers, or vertical files. The Weld House is usually open on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons from 1-4 p.m., or by appointment until October 15.

Flu Vaccinations Now Available at Nauvoo Pharmacy!



As we continue to deal with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is more important than ever to stay current with vaccinations and other routine health care needs. By getting a flu shot this fall, individuals and families can protect themselves against seasonal flu and help safeguard the overall health of the community.

- **When should I get it?** It's best to wait until

October for maximum coverage through the flu season. It is also important to make sure you have the vaccine at least 2 weeks before the flu starts circulating. (Peak flu activity is December through March.)

- **What if I just got my COVID vaccine?** No concern there! You can still safely receive your influenza vaccine.
- **Do I need an appointment?** Appointments are encouraged and appreciated, but they are not required. We will take walk-ins as time allows. To make an appointment, please call 217-453- 2717, or stop in to see us. We're open Monday-Friday 8am-5:30pm, and Saturdays 8am-Noon.

Submitted by Camille Anderson

Sheriff Race

Nauvoo's Chief of Police for the past four years, Mike Boley, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Hancock County Sheriff's race in November 2022. Boley has served in a variety of law enforcement positions for the past 18 years.

Storage Facility in Nauvoo Expands



P & C Storage, owned by Paul and Carol Brown since 1993 has expanded. The Browns started with one building in 1993 with a total of 16 units; 13 years later an additional 3 more buildings were added, now totaling of 52 units. In March, the Browns, seeing the need, added ten more units by refurbishing the former Lindsey Refrigeration Building on Knight Street. The building was sectioned off to make 9 inside units plus a garage space and carport suitable for a camper or boat. Who can't use more storage space! If that sounds like you, call Carol at h. 217.453.6646 or c. 217.219.3653 for more information.

Nauvoo-Colusa

As of September 16, four Illinois public school districts and nine private school districts remain under Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) sanctions because of non-compliance regarding the face mask mandate issued by Governor Pritzker for students and teachers of both public and private schools in Illinois. The four districts (counties) are Beecher CUSD 20 (Effingham); Cowden-Herrick CUSD 3A, (Shelby); Hutsonville CUSD 1, (Crawford); and Nauvoo-Colusa CUSD 325, (Hancock). The districts are given 60 days from notification to comply. (Nauvoo-Colusa has until October 31.) Various ISBE sanctions will go into effect if the decisions by the districts are not reversed by that time. Illinois has 859 school districts with 45% being elementary districts; 45%, unit districts (both elementary and high school); and the remainder, high school districts.

-from ABCNewsChannel20.com Sept. 26, 2021

(Note: On August 4, Governor Pritzker announced that all students in Illinois would be required to wear masks in the classroom to slow the spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant. On August 16, the Nauvoo-Colusa School District voted to not comply with that mandate and has been placed under probation for non-compliance. The action comes amid a growing debate over mask mandates as states and school districts grapple with a COVID-19 surge and the spread of the highly contagious delta variant. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics have recommended that students and school staff wear masks, regardless of vaccination status.)

Italics, above, from an article by Alan Moberly

Preservation Award

Landmarks Illinois announced that the "temple district" project at Nauvoo Historic Sites in Nauvoo was one of two of this year's winners of the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Awards, which will be presented in Chicago on October 22. (The other restoration recipient was Union Station in Chicago.) The award is based on the architects, historians, and construction teams working on the project. Nauvoo's project focuses on the people who lived in Nauvoo between 1839 and 1846 through exhibits, a walking tour, and presents the central role the original temple played in Nauvoo society in the 1840s. Nauvoo is proud of the honor the award represents.

Live Streaming Brings Opportunity

Are you aware that you can live stream the train and swing bridge activity in Ft. Madison? (<https://youtu.be/-iqX8uiqz5A>). Mississippi River and Lock and Dam 19's activities are also available (<https://youtu.be/Ct4bW6z5zM>) as is The Nauvoo Temple (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLhft7bEtEA>). Technology is really amazing these days!

The "Thermometer" Continues to Rise



Even though fall is in the air, the "thermometer" for the new Community Center is in the "hot" category as contributions continue to come in. It's harvest time. One of the ways area farmers can contribute is by sharing a portion of this year's bountiful harvest. Two signs are reminders when pulling in or exiting CGB. Your help is just one way to make our area grow in the right direction.



Nauvoo Orchestra

Coming up on Saturday, October 9, is the Nauvoo Community Orchestra's fall "Family Fun" concert at 7:00 p.m. in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints church building. We Guest artists: JoAnn Gallaher and James Salusbury join us for this concert. Come and enjoy a delightful evening of music that the whole family will enjoy. There is no cost to attend this event, but freewill donations will gladly be accepted at the Nauvoo State Bank or given to orchestra leadership. Generous community donations are what keep the orchestra alive and well. For more information or questions, contact Laurie Peterson at nauvooorchestra@me.com or call 217-219-0699.

Save the date and mark your calendar for Saturday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. The Nauvoo Orchestra and Choir are will be performing their annual Christmas concert with selections from the inspiring "Messiah" at The Legacy Theater in Carthage. There is no cost to attend this event, but freewill donations will gladly be accepted at the theater before and after the performance. **SINGERS WANTED!** **If you love to sing and would like to participate in the Choir for this "Messiah" event, please contact Sharon Nicholl at 217-453-6648 or email her at sharon.nauvoo@gmail.com

Tourism Office News

The Nauvoo Tourism Office is pleased to have a new router that provides more extensive Wi-Fi access to the "Welcome to Nauvoo" network for both citizens and tourists. The Office also welcomes several new volunteers: Brian/Karen Anderson, Tom/Kimberli Grant, Sidney Pitt, and Jennifer Smith who will assist Nauvoo's many visitors. Ten busloads are coming to Nauvoo this month! Thank you volunteers!

Contact Sharon Nicholl, 217.453.6648, if you can help. Get a list of upcoming events at www.beautifulnauvoo.com or stop at the Tourism Office.

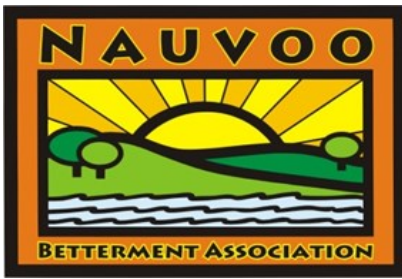


5th Annual Help-a-Thon

Warsaw High School's 5th annual "Help-a Thon" is coming up on Thursday, October 21, 2021. Volunteer or service project ideas are needed by community members. These could include but are not limited to:

- Yard clean-up for elderly: raking leaves, painting, picking up sticks, etc.
- Roadside or street clean-up around Warsaw and Nauvoo areas
- Projects need to be able to be completed within a 2 - 2 ½ hour time frame.

**Contact Warsaw High School ASAP at 217-256-4281 to make requests and/or suggest ideas about potential service projects.



Articles may be submitted at any time to
seenauvoonews@gmail.com
 Deadline for the November issues is October 23

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Nauvoo Still Has Business Opportunities on Mulholland

The real estate business has been brisk in Nauvoo. Besides houses and land being purchased, commercial buildings are looking more attractive to buyers, and former businesses are reopening with new owners. Pictured are four buildings - all on corners - in the Commercial District that have possibilities and are looking for new owners. Maybe that person is you!



The former real estate office, Mulholland & Barnett



The former Sinclair Station, Mulholland & Barnett



The former Cornerstone of Zion, Mulholland & Robinson



The former Mill and Bakery, Robinson & Mulholland

Old School Gymnasium, Barnett between Mulholland and Knight



Thirteen people attended a meeting called by Alderman Larry Nicholl on September 16 at the old school gymnasium.

The 7,700 sq. ft. gymnasium, the most recent of the two additions (1960) to the original school (1923), has a chance to be in the running grants for recent community buildings from state and federal governments. Some of the matches are 100 %; others, matching. The purpose of the meeting was to elicit ideas for the former gym's use. Nicholl mentioned that the gym structure is sound and could be retrofitted to better serve the community's needs. (At one time, the former school was going to be demolished and replaced with a new community center. Prohibitive costs of removal scrapped that idea, and the old buildings will remain. The Nauvoo Community Center will be built south of the former school.)

Suggestions and questions ranged from HVAC needs - with the possibility of opting for solar that could be extended to heating and cooling the nearby Community Center to the possibility of creating a second floor in part of the space. Additional comments included providing proper acoustics for events requiring sound control, consideration of convention and entertainment possibilities that would benefit from a pull-down stage or raised platform, sport and fitness (basketball/volleyball and yoga/dance/walking) needs, to the inclusion of garage door(s) for opening facility to outside for expanded capacity, weather permitting. Making the outside of the gym more attractive was also encouraged. Nauvoo is in the process of expanding its Wi-Fi offerings, which is also a boon to present and/or future community infrastructure.

As of the meeting date, there was no committee established to pursue the grants, due end of January. If you have suggestion(s), please email larrynicholl@gmail.com.

Everything You Need to Know About Catfish

Most domestic catfish are raised in Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana. The blue catfish largest in North America. It can weigh up to 150 pounds and live up to 20 years. Catfish, with its low-calorie count and omega 3 and 6 fatty acids is good for you. The heaviest catfish ever caught was in Thailand, weighing in at 646 pounds and was 8.9 feet long. (Not a "fish" story, either!) Long "barbels" (feelers near the mouth of the fish) resemble whiskers, giving the fish its name. And, the supply probably is insured as a catfish can lay up to 4,000 eggs a year, depending on body weight. Wow!