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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- Sept. 2-4, Nauvoo Grape Festival
- Sept 3-4, Festival on Wheels Car Show
- Sept. 16, Community Center Sneak Preview, 4-6 p.m. See p. 1
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As bad as you want to address it, some things are better left unsaid. I'm learning.

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

- Sept. 5 , Chamber Executive Board, noon, Zoom
- Sept. 12, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Inn at Old Nauvoo
- Sept. 13, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Sept. 19, Fire District Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., Fire station
- Sept. 19, School Board , 7 p.m.
- Sept. 19, Library Board 7 p.m.
- Sept. 21, NBA, 7 p.m. City Hall

**Nauvoo Community Center Sneak Preview
September 16 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.**

The Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NC5) has met the challenge it was given by the City Council to raise funds, and now the Nauvoo Community Center should be completed by the end of October 2022 with move-in date still to be determined.

You might have already participated in supporting the project by buying a brick, participating in the many fundraisers, giving cash donation(s). Or, you have been meaning to but just haven't gotten around to it. Here's your chance to do so.

Instead of waiting for the ribbon cutting, the celebration of the official opening of the building, NC5 has arranged a "Sneak Preview" fundraising event on Friday, September 16, from 4-6 p.m. NC5 members will be giving guided tours of the building. They are planned for every hour on the half hour (a tour will begin as soon as a small group gathers, as well). Construction managers will be on site to answer questions, and sandwiches (hot dogs, pork loin, and pulled chicken sandwiches), chips and drinks will be available for a free-will donation (under tents in case of rain!)

While this might not be the "last" NC5 fundraiser, it is the one that will dictate the planning and the quality of what can be accomplished before the move-in date, which will probably be in November 2022. Enclosed is a "Wish List" of some of the items NC5 feels important to attaining this goal. Won't you help?

We hope to see you on the 16th when you can buy a brick, drop off a donation (Oscar, the Pig, will be in attendance sporting his QR code, as well), or just come and see what is going on. If not, we hope to hear from you, letting us know how you would like your donation to be used. Or, feel free to make a general donation to be used, as needed. Any leftover funds are intended to be used to upgrade both the inside and outside. Donations may be made at the Sneak Preview, online at nauvoocc.org, or at City Hall (checks made out to "NC5"). The NC5 committee appreciates everyone who has helped make this project a success.

Durell Nelson Memorial Garden

A flower garden area, dedicated to one of Nauvoo's beloved residents and strongest supporters, is going to be included in the landscaping plan at the site of the new Nauvoo Community Center. Many have expressed interest in honoring Durell in this manner—a living tribute to an exceptional member of our community. While the location, landscaper, landscaping design, and maintenance of the garden is still TBD, the NC5 committee and City will do their very best to the garden one that would make Durell proud.

If you would like to be a part of this tribute, please send your donation to Nauvoo City NC5, P.O. 85, Nauvoo, IL 62354 (make check to NC5 with "Durell's Garden" in the memo; for an online donation, go to nauvoocc.org. Please make sure to include your name as you would like for it to appear on the memorial's donor list. All donations will be applied to the memorial garden

NBA Scarecrow Alert!



Ah, yes, another reminder that October is not far off, and if you haven't yet begun to "think scarecrow," it's not too soon to do so. The plan is to have all the registration forms in by Wednesday, September 28. (You can pick up the entry form at City Hall or email Barb Schafer at Barb.Schafer@frontier.com.) "Crows" (and, no, entries do NOT have to be crows nor do they have to be traditional-looking scarecrows) need to be up for judging on October 1. They, and any other crows that happen to pop up along Mulholland during the month, will remain up the entire month—think of materials that will withstand wind, rain, and sun (hopefully, NO snow!). It's time to grease up that idea machine for some fun productivity. There's a scarecrow in there somewhere!

Notice from the Hancock County Clerk: If you currently are a registered voter, you can be put on a permanent Vote by Mail list. You should have received a letter in August explaining this. If not, contact Holly Wilde-Tillman, Hancock County Clerk at 217-357-3911 or email her at wilde-tillman@hancockcounty-il.gov

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**Nauvoo City Council
August 9, 2022**

The Council voted unanimously to:

- Approve payment of \$118.08 to Jeff Christensen for parts for repair of doors at old school.
- Approve disbursement of \$44,508.59 to fund the City’s contribution for this year to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). This money and amounts will come from the following sources:
 - Library Levy - \$3,222.36
 - City’s portion from the Police Dept (funded by the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund) - \$8,505.53
 - City Water & Sewer Fund - \$19,945.62
 - City General Fund - \$12,835.08

- Approved the sale of excess city property: 1986 Case Backhoe, 1995 F150 Pickup Truck, 2006 F250 Super Duty Truck. These items will be advertised for potential buyers to submit bids.

Other:

- Mayor Skog announced that the Community Center will host an “Open House Sneak Preview” [fundraiser] on Friday, September 16 from 4-6 p.m. There is no cost to attend, but donations will be accepted. Funds for furniture and amenities—other than those for the library, which is covered by the library portion of the grant, will be needed. These will be paid for by the city and include the driveway as well as site-specific needs. He thanked the people of Nauvoo for another successful tourist season and reminded all that the Scarecrow Festival, Oktoberfest and Pumpkin Walk are coming soon.
- Longtime resident Bonnie Trapp gave early Christmas presents to the aldermen and mayor and read a letter remembering the recent passing of Durell Nelson and Larry Hopp. She also added the following advice: *Be careful of the words you say, Keep them soft & sweet!, You never know from day to day, Which ones you’ll have to eat!!*

Submitted by Alan Moberly

Toothsome Food Truck Idea Expands



The August issue of See Nauvoo News announced that Erin and Steve Jespersen were awaiting the arrival of their big, red food truck “truck” (somewhat of a misnomer, as it has no wheels!). It finally arrived will be stationed permanently at its present location the west end of the former Mini Mart. The Jespersens are expanding their horizons by partnering with Jenny Nilson, new owner of the former Mini Mart. Their plan is to get the Toothsome Foods truck up and running and put the profits toward refurbishing adjoining building into a restaurant, will house Toothsome Food, and the truck will become an ancillary kitchen. Sounds like a wonderful plan!

Nauvoo Orchestra

We would love to get everyone that has a bit of musical talent active in our Nauvoo’s Community Orchestra. If you haven’t played in years but you know you’ve still got it, please come join us! Rehearsals for our fall concert begins September 1 and are held Thursday nights at 7 p.m. If you want to join the orchestra or have any questions please text Miki Jackson (801-830-9118).

**Durell Noland Nelson
October 23, 1950 - July 27, 2022**



Durell’s recent passing has left a hole in the hearts of our community. He was influential in so many areas of church and civic life leaving Ogden, Utah, for Nauvoo In 1977, when he was asked to help design the Women’s Monument Garden adjoining the Visitors Center.

Durell eventually became the horticulturist for Nauvoo Restoration Incorporated (NRI) where he worked until retiring in 2015. In 1980, he brought his bride Kathy Anne Randle to Nauvoo where they eventually would raise their four children; Katy, Nathan, Tacy and Jessie.

It was a joy to hear Durell’s daughters as they took turns paying tribute to their father at his funeral service. They memorialized his life with many stories that brought more laughter than tears from those assembled. Durell, while a man of many hobbies, could always be found reading or baking. (Collecting cookie cutters was a passion and hunting for one of Snoopy on the great pumpkin led to many hours of hunting until Jessie found one at a yard sale.) He freely shared his thoughts and opinions about all manner of things, often accompanied by his sly grin and acerbic wit.



Second only to his love of church was his love for his community. Durell served with many civic organizations including the Library Board, Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA), the Food Pantry, and the Chamber of Commerce. One of his most recognizable contributions to Nauvoo is the Annual Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk, which he introduced to Nauvoo in 1972. It has since become an “institution.”

True to commemorating his love of community, his family designated memorials to go to the Nauvoo Community Center Campaign Fund. This was a magnanimous gesture—another example of his never-ending desire to work toward community betterment. We all thank him for that. He will be terribly missed.

Rainscaping Workshop Series

Are you interested in rainscaping and using native plants in your home landscape? This will be a great opportunity to learn more! A demonstration garden will also be planted this fall in Nauvoo next to the restored Prairie Grass plot at the corner of Hotchkiss St and Hyde St.. Classes are September 12,14,19,21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and are held at 130 Young St., Building A, in Nauvoo. Classes are free and open to the public. Resister online at go.illinois.edu/RainGarden. For more information contact the Hancock County Extension at 217-357-2150.

New Fun Activity on Mulholland



In case you hadn’t noticed, the giant chess set has arrived! It is one of the many games NBA has purchased or has had made that are making their appearance in Nauvoo for young and old to enjoy. Two outdoor tables imprinted with a “board” for either checkers or chess will be arriving this month. Grab a partner, check out those instructions, and get ready for a fun time!

Library Book and Miscellaneous Sale!

Join us on Saturday, September 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the old school gym for a library book and miscellaneous sale! Books, office supplies, decorations, an electric typewriter, and many more miscellaneous items will be for sale! Books will be sold at \$1 a bag and other items will be priced individually.

Cannon Ball, a Pirate Soiree

Join us at the Warsaw Brewery on September 24th for a "swashbuckling time." For more information visit HistoricalMerriments.com

Knights of Columbus Tenderloin Lunch

If you want to take a lunch break from the Grape Festival, the Nauvoo Knights of Columbus Alleman Council #1853 will be serving pork tenderloins for \$6 each on Saturday and Sunday (September 3 & 4 from 11-3 at their new KC Hall at 1275 Mulholland Street. Proceeds will go towards the remodeling project at their new hall at that location. Donations for the new hall are also appreciated.

Octoberfest – Save the Date!

On Friday, October 28, Nauvoo will host its first annual Oktoberfest, sponsored by the Nauvoo Knights of Columbus and the Nauvoo Historical Society. Events will take place at the new Knights of Columbus Hall (formerly Kraus Furniture Store) and will include a performance by The Heidelberg German Polka Band (7-9 p.m.) Admission is free. Bratwurst, sauerkraut, hotdogs, and chips will be sold. Watch for more information in the October newsletter and on Facebook.

Bootiful Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk Save the Date!

Planning has officially started for Nauvoo's annual pumpkin walk! Chairmen Jessie Nelson and Tacy Anozie, and committee are excited to keep the tradition their father started going. The annual event will be held on Saturday, October 29.

Food vendors, entertainment, and volunteers are always needed, if you are interested in helping in any way please contact Jessie Nelson (thetunafish07@gmail.com, 217-242-2236). Updates will be posted on our Facebook page *Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk*.

Hancock County Retired Teachers

Hancock County Retired Teachers will meet Monday, September 12 at Rudy's Restaurant, 512 Main Street, Augusta at 11:30 a.m.

Mike Sallee will help us understand how to take care of the birds in our yards. His presentation, Backyard Birds, will include a slideshow with examples of various birds and feeders, and how to identify birds and their favorite feed.

Please text or call (217-430-6487) your reservation to Ruth Gayton by Thursday, September 8. The cost will be \$10 and includes the buffet, dessert, and beverage. If you are a member, consider inviting someone who would be interested in our group, including spouses. If you need a ride to this meeting, don't hesitate to let me know, and I will find someone close to you who will be attending.

August Report of Nauvoo Fire Protection District

The tentative budget for June 2022-May 2023 was reviewed, and the date for a public hearing was set for Friday, August 26, 6:00 p.m.

The following was reported and/or approved: Waylon Kraft was approved on a probationary status as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). The new floor and carpet will be laid on September 12. To save costs, the NFPD will remove the old tiles and carpet. Authorization of up to \$1,500 was given to purchase a new refrigerator to replace present malfunctioning one. An ambulance will be on standby at the Labor Day Weekend Grape Stomp and Car Show.

Chief Kendall Gallaher reported on a surprise inspection by the Department of Labor OSHA on August 11. Items needing attention included ground ladders needing to be inspected annually, all firefighters must receive a medical evaluation, illumination of exit signs. No fines were imposed. Corrections or implementation must be done within a 45-day period.

Chief Gallaher also reported that he had issued a permit to install a sprinkler system at the new Community Center building. In other business, the following grants will be applied for: Illinois Fire Marshal Office for new SCBAs (\$26,000 max award); Compeer Financial for new boots or helmets. (\$4,000 max award); Illinois Fire Marshal Office for a 0% 10-year loan for a new ambulance (ones currently in use currently in use were built in 1998 and 2001). Assistance from donors and other possible funding sources are also possible. Ambulance calls continue to increase, and demands on both ambulances in use at the same time is up as well.

From an article by Alan Moberly

Nauvoo State Park

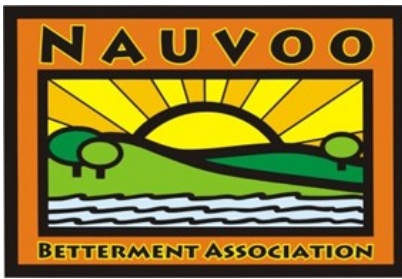
Many in Nauvoo have enjoyed the Nauvoo State Park. Many of its 148 acres hug the south edge of Nauvoo along Illinois Route 96. Lovely views of the river encourage picnicking at the shelter house; children enjoy playing on the equipment; everyone likes hiking its trails. and those who chose overnighting, love the campsites that are well-tenanted—especially during the summer and fall seasons.

Nauvoo State Park is part of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Western Illinois Complex, which comprises five counties: Adams, Brown, Hancock, Pike, and Schuyler and 12, 869 acres. Included in the acreage are state parks: Nauvoo, Siloam Springs (Adams and Brown Counties) and Weinberg-King (Schuyler) and 20 satellites, which could be nature preserves, fish and wildlife and hunting areas.

Site staff takes care of all maintenance, including the Rheinberger House, which is park owned but run by the Nauvoo Historical Society. The on-site staff are available Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 3:30 p.m. from November to March. However, during the busy season from April through October, the site is staffed 7 days per week.

Reservations for the 30 Class A, electric camping sites and reserving the shelter house (\$50 for the whole day), can be made at camp.exploremoreil.com. Reservations must be made at least three days in advance of arrival, after that, sites are available on a first come -first serve basis. Non-electrical campsites are only available on a first come -first serve basis (no reservations necessary). An activity permit is required for groups of 20 people or more. Discover more about all Illinois State Parks at dnr.illinois.gov. All state parks in Illinois operate under Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR).





Articles may be submitted at any time to
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Deadline for the October issues is September 23

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.

84th Annual Nauvoo Grape Festival Happenings

Friday, September 2

- 1-4 p.m.: Nauvoo Historical Society Rheinberger Museum offers tours of the arched wine cellar and samples of grapes from Illinois's oldest vineyard. Original and reprints of former Grape Festival Programs will be available.
- 5 p.m. to 12:00 Midnight: Food vendors offer a variety of choices for food!
- 6-9 p.m.: Midway opens - Joe's Old Fashioned Fun ARM BAND NIGHT - \$25.00
- 6 p.m. - Entertainment Tent Opens @ 6:00 p.m. - Must be 21 or older to enter - No Cover Charge Friday 9/2/2022
- 8:30- 11:30 p.m.- Entertainment Tent will host Live Music by Jared Harness & Nathan Gosnell Unplugged in Nauvoo

Saturday, September 3

- 7-10:30 a.m.: Pancake Breakfast at the Shelter House, Nauvoo State Park sponsored by the Nauvoo Troop and Pack 56 Boy Scouts. Donations are welcome!
- 7 a.m.: Registration for the Grape Stomp 5-K run/walk begins. Register online!!
- 7:30 a.m.: Registration for Co-Ed Mud Volleyball begins. Get your forms here!
- 8 a.m.: Co-Ed Mud Volleyball play begins; Grape Stomp 5-K run/walk begins.
- 9 a.m.: Arts & Craft Show and Flea Market opens. Standing Bear Council will have a 28-foot tipi displayed. Members will be available to educate visitors about housing and various artifacts.
- 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.: Wagon Rides thru Historic Nauvoo. Starting at corner of Parley and Durphy Street.
- Noon- 4 p.m.: Entertainment Tent Opens. Must be 21 or older. Can beer available for \$2.00
- 1-4 p.m.: Nauvoo Historical Society Rheinberger Museum offers tours of the arched wine cellar and samples of grapes from Illinois's oldest vineyard.
- 1-4 p.m.: Nauvoo Historical Society Weld House Museum (1380 Mulholland) open for free tours. Original and reprints of former Grape Festival programs will be available.
- 1 p.m.: Midway opens with Old Joe's Old Fashioned Fun and Food Vendors.
- 2 p.m.: Pet Parade starting at Uncle John's Station, corner of Robinson & Hwy 96 through the Uptown Nauvoo Business district, ending at the Nauvoo City Park. Theme is "Favorite American Hero" Pet Parade King - Asher Radel, son of Joe & Chelsea Rue Radel ~ Pet Parade Queen - Allison Seigworth, daughter of Jason & Mary Ann Seigworth
- 5:30-8 p.m.: 45th Annual Festival on Wheels Nighttime Car Display at Outlaw Tee's, 85 N. Iowa Street, Nauvoo, IL.
- 6-9 p.m.: Midway opens - Joe's Old Fashioned Fun Arm Band Night \$25.00
- 6 p.m.: Entertainment Tent starts \$5.00 cover charge/Must be 21 or older to enter
- 8:30-11:30 p.m.: Entertainment Tent hosts live music by Joe Stamm Band. \$5.00 cover charge/Must be 21 or older to enter.

Sunday, September 4

- 7- 10:30 a.m.: Pancake Breakfast at the Shelter House, Nauvoo State Park sponsored by Saints Peter & Paul School. Donations are welcome!
- 8 a.m.: Registration for the 45th Annual Festival on Wheels Custom Car Show.
- 9 a.m.: Arts & Craft Show and Flea Market opens. Standing Bear Council will have a 28 foot tipi displayed. Members will be available to educate visitors about housing and various artifacts.
- 11 a.m.: 45th Annual Festival on Wheels custom show opens - over 500 entries & one of the largest open car shows in the tri-state area!
- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: FREE Shuttle bus service will run from the Festival Grounds to area businesses.
- 1 p.m.: Entertainment Tent opens. Must be 21 or older - Can beer available for \$2.00
- 1-4 p.m.: Entertainment tent will host Live Music by Two Fifths.
- Noon to 5 p.m. :Nauvoo Historical Society Rheinberger Museum offers tours of the arched wine cellar and samples of grapes from Illinois' oldest vineyard.
- 1-4 p.m.: Nauvoo Historical Society Weld House Museum (1380 Mulholland) open for free tours. Original and reprints of former Grape Festival programs will be available for purchase.
- 1 p.m.: Midway opens - Joe's Old Fashioned Fun & Food Vendors
- 2 p.m.: Nauvoo Grape Festival Feature Parade begins at the Fire Station & ends on Parley Street in the Nauvoo State Park. 2022 Grand Marshall -Feature Parade Grand Marshals are Dan and Vicki Gallaher.
- 3 p.m.: Custom Automotive Art Auction - car show grounds
- 4 p.m.: 45th Annual Festival on Wheels Car Show Awards.
- 6-9 p.m.: Midway open - Joe's Old Fashioned Fun Arm Band Night - \$25.00
- 6 p.m.: Entertainment Tent Starts - \$5.00 cover charge/Must be 21 or older to enter.
- 8:30-11:30 p.m.: Entertainment Tent will host Live Music by Brushville.



Further information can be found at www.nauvoograpefestival.com.

