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# See Nauvoo News

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## OCTOBER EVENTS

- Oct. 1, Scarecrow festival begins
- Oct. 8, *Hocus Pocus* showing at Grandpa John's theater, 2 p.m.
- Oct. 8, Spooktacular Soup Sampling, Grandpa John's Cafe, 3:30 p.m.
- Oct. 28, Oktoberfest, see p. 1
- Oct. 28-31, Halloween Hoopla, see p. 3
- Oct. 29, Bootiful Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk, see p. 1

*All things change  
when we do.*

## OCTOBER MEETINGS

- Oct. 3, Chamber Executive Board, noon, Zoom
- Oct. 10, Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Inn at Old Nauvoo
- Oct. 11, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Oct. 17, School Board, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 17, Library Board 7 p.m.
- Oct 19, NBA, 7 p.m. City Hall

## IT'S OCTOBER. AND, OCTOBER BELONGS TO NAUVOO!

Get ready! The month of October can't be mentioned without thinking of Nauvoo; therefore let it be known that Nauvoo declares ownership of the month that brings people from near and far to be a part of the festivities revolving around all things Halloween.



### Scarecrow Festival

The 6th Annual Scarecrow Festival, sponsored by the Nauvoo Betterment Association's (NBA), will kick off on Saturday, October 1. Creative "crows" will line Mulholland, ushering in the month's Halloween activities. (Scarecrows wishing to be judged had to be registered by September 28; however, "crows" will be popping up here and there along the street all month). A scary movie and a Spooktacular Soup Sampling will open the month of creative celebrations.

On Saturday, October 8, at 2:00 p.m., a free, library-sponsored seasonal movie for all ages, the original *Hocus Pocus*, will be shown at Nauvoo Theater in Grandpa John's. Following the hour-and-a-half movie, awards will be presented for the first, second, and third place winners of the scarecrow contest.

New this year, a Spooktacular Soup Sampling, will be held at Grandpa John's Café, where a variety of 12 different soups prepared by local "chefs," will be ready for tasting when the movie is over. Cost per person for sampling soups is \$5, which includes three tickets to vote for the People's Choice Award (All soups will be numbered. A separate voting area will be set up). (The word heard on the street is that extra tickets may be purchased for extra votes.) Halloween attire is encouraged for chefs, as is soup naming (ex. Goulash becomes "Ghoulash"), although neither a costume nor a soup title is required. Some of the soups that will be available: vegetable beef, chili, potato, spinach bisque, pumpkin, Thai, and champagne chowder. The People's Choice Award, a "golden" ladle, will be presented to for best soup will be at 6:45 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, and water will also be available for \$5 for those not into tasting the spooktacular samples. Get those taste buds ready!

### First Annual Oktoberfest

Adding to the month's festivities is Nauvoo's first annual Oktoberfest, sponsored by the Nauvoo Knights of Columbus Alleman Council 1853 and the Nauvoo Historical Society. The event will be held at the new Knights of Columbus Hall on Friday, October 28th from 6-9 p.m. with free admission and will feature food, music, and fun. The venue includes a talk "How to Make Your Own Home Brew" followed by the German Polka Band *Heidelberg* performing from 7-9 p.m. Admission is free. Brats, hot dogs, chips, pears, desserts, beer and soft drinks can be purchased at cost. Nobody can resist the music and humor of the Heidelberg band, so bring your whole family. Donations will be accepted and will go to funding next year's Oktoberfest, the Knights of Columbus and the Nauvoo Historical Society.

### Bootiful Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk

On Saturday, the 29th, Nauvoo will once again be aglow with 400+ hand carved pumpkins! The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a parade, followed by an evening of fortune tellers, face art, music, costumes, food vendors, kettle corn, candy and more! The Nauvoo Public Library will be presenting "Spooky Shorts", inside the Grandpa John's theater, short Halloween videos will be shown every half hour beginning at 6:30 p.m.

There are a few events happening a little earlier in the day. The pumpkin cannon has returned once again, and pumpkins will be shot about every 15 minutes, from 3-5 p.m. The Nauvoo Public Library will be hosting a book sale in the old grade school gym from 3-9 p.m. A bag of books will go for \$1, and there will be other items as marked.

Lots of volunteer help is always needed. Signups for volunteer work can be found on the Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk's Facebook page. Or contact Tacy (tacytrex@gmail.com) or Jessie (thetunafish07@gmail.com) to see how you can help with!



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## Nauvoo City Council September 13 , 2022

As Mayor Jason Skog was out of town, the Council appointed Alderman Tacy Anozie as Mayor Pro-Tem.

The City Council took the following actions:

- Approved the payment of \$350 for initial treatment, then \$55 to service the stations quarterly for pest control at the old school. (The place has a problem with mice, rats, and bats.)
- Approved the purchase of a new council table for the New Community Center, a solid oak horseshoe-shaped table in three sections for easy repositioning, The cost is \$13,500.
- Approved paying a stipend of \$15/month to reimburse a new City Water & Sewer Department employee for use of his personal cell phone for City business. Other employees already receive this stipend. The City will look into whether it would be cheaper to get City cellphones.
- Approved the purchase of microphones and a digital recorder to improve the reliability and quality of recording and transmitting City Council meetings. The cost is \$475.
- Approved allowing the owners of the house at 545 Hyde St to do room additions and house renewal, pending permit approval.
- Approved a request from the owners of the property at 2045 Knight St to install solar panels in their backyard, contingent on setbacks.
- Approved the temporary closure of some streets in the historic district from September 22-30. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be filming a movie there at that time.
- Approved contributing \$1,400 towards hiring Mike's Tree Service to clear out brush along the river walk on Water Street. This would provide an unobstructed view of the river for walkers, joggers, and cyclists. Also contributing \$1,400 each to this cleanup effort are the Joseph Smith Historic Site, Nauvoo Facility Management, and the Nauvoo Betterment Association.

Other:

The City Council also approved the temporary closure of Barnett and Page streets close to Mulholland for the upcoming Pumpkin Walk by , allowed a temporary liquor license to Knights of Columbus for the German Heritage Days celebration, and permitted the 4H to set up a haunted house at the old school.

Nauvoo Chief of Police Mike Boley submitted his resignation, which will be effective after September 24th, when he will take up duties as Hamilton'sr Chief of Police. Boley worked in the Nauvoo police department for 16 years and served as the chief for five years.

Alderman Larry Nicholl announced that he will resign his position as alderman after the October 11 meeting of the City Council. He and his wife Sharon will be serving an 18-month mission in Anaheim, California, for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints beginning on October 31. The Nicholls will work as family history specialists. They plan to return to Nauvoo following their missionary service.

Local Amateur Radio enthusiast Bruce Bromley requested permission to install an antenna tower atop the Woodruff Hotel. This would increase amateur radio transmissions out of Nauvoo and could be very useful in an emergency. He was asked to submit a drawing of the proposed antenna.

Resident Paul Brown praised city workers who came right away to fix a water problem

Submitted by Alan Moberly

## Alderman Called on Mission

Larry and Sharon Nicholl will be leaving Nauvoo on October 20 for an eighteen-month mission in Anaheim, California. Both Sharon and Larry are involved in many City organizations and committees. A new alderman will be appointed by Mayor Skog to replace Larry's Third Ward Aldermanic post. We wish the Nicholls well and wonder if it's possible that they will see Mickey and Minnie with Disneyland so close. It's a small world, after all!

## Nauvoo Fire Protection District (NFPD)

Chief Kendall Gallaher reported on the August 11, 2022, Department of Labor OSHA Inspection. Gallaher reported that the OSHA findings were minor issues, most of which have already been resolved. After the Trustees receive the letter, he will submit the remediation documentation to OSHA. He emphasized that OSHA issued no fines, just instructions on things to correct. The following have already been done; ground ladder inspections, hydro tests on cylinders, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) fit test for all personnel, SCBA flow test, and ladder truck inspection. New lighted exit signs are still to be installed. Everyone at NFPD must have a medical exam on file; arrangements have been made with Nauvoo Memorial Clinic to do these firefighter-specific medical exams for \$50 each, billed to NFPD. NFPD must OFFER (not required) Hepatitis B immunization to personnel. Nauvoo Memorial Clinic will do this for \$90 each and bill NFPD.

Chief Gallaher also reported that the Keokuk hospital was closing at the end of September. The closest hospital to Nauvoo will be Fort Madison, Iowa (13 miles). The next closest is Carthage (20 miles). When transporting patients to Fort Madison, the NFPD communicates with the bridge to hold the gates open until the ambulance can get through, when possible.

Submitted by Alan Moberly

## Illinois Key Dates for Voting in the November Election

- Last day to **register by mail**: Tuesday, Oct. 11, (postmarked)
- Last day to **register online**: Sunday, Oct. 23, by 11:59 p.m.
- Last day to **request vote-by-mail ballot**: Thursday, Nov. 3
- Last day to **hand-deliver vote-by-mail ballot**: Tues. , Nov. 8
- **Election Day**: Tuesday, Nov. 8, 6 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Questions?** Contact Holly Wilde-Tillman, Hancock County Clerk at 217-357-3911 or email her at [wilde-tillman@hancockcounty-il.gov](mailto:wilde-tillman@hancockcounty-il.gov).



## Big Jack

Those who wish to help support the Pumpkin Walk may put their donations into Big Jack, who will be placed at various business locations during the month. Big Jack is hungry, donations may be placed inside his mouth. Your support for Bootiful Nauvoo's Pumpkin Walk is greatly appreciated.

**3rd Annual Halloween Hoopla**

Hello house decorators!! It's time to start planning for our 3rd annual Halloween Hoopla House decorating contest! We will be mixing it up this year. Because some houses look better in the daytime and some look better at night, we are going to change our categories for the contest. Categories include Best Daytime Display, Best Nighttime Display, All Around Crowd Favorite, and Best Harvest Decorations for those who prefer not to do spooky.

The contest will run the whole weekend, 28th through the 31st. Votes will be counted on Halloween night so more people will have a chance to see all entries before voting. Ballots will be available at the Fudge Factory or online. Invite your friends!! Let's get this town lit up! E-mail Deckthetown@gmail.com by October 21st to get your name on the list.

**Nauvoo Community Center**

Last month, approximately 75 people came to take a "sneak peek" at what is going on inside the new Community Center, scheduled for completion at the end of November. Most were surprised at the layout and how large the inside spaces were. This month, windows will be installed; interior painting completed, the remaining siding added. Once the City levels the ground around the building, a perimeter sidewalk will be added, as specified in the original plans. The site plan is in progress and, once completed, the landscaping plan can be addressed—even though there will be no plantings done until next year.

In addition to seeing what was happening on the inside, many enjoyed eating delicious tenderloins and/or brats prepared by Vicki Slater and visiting with those gathered. The fundraiser brought in an additional \$1,270 to the Community Center fund.

**Nauvoo Notes Another Passing**



Mary E. (Baxter) Logan, 98, a well-loved and respected citizen and local historian, passed away on August 29. A lifelong resident of Nauvoo, Mary graduated from Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School, earned a BS in Ed. Degree from St. Teresa College in Winona, Minnesota, and went on to teach at Macomb High School and, later, at Nauvoo-Colusa High School, where she taught English and history-- eventually becoming the District's librarian. She retired in 1984, after thirty-one years. But she didn't stop her involvement in Nauvoo life.

Besides her church activities, Mary loved Nauvoo history and was involved in the Nauvoo Icarian Heritage Society (she had Icarian heritage); the Nauvoo Historical Society, serving as a step-on bus guide; and the Nauvoo Grape Festival, where she was chosen as one of its Grand Marshalls. She was a go-to person for finding out about all things regarding Nauvoo's past. Many benefitted from knowing her and her exuberance in relating her exceptional knowledge of Nauvoo through her shared stories and boundless scrapbooks and memorabilia. She remained a huge supporter for all things connected with Nauvoo throughout her life. She was one of a kind. If you never had a chance to meet her, you really missed knowing one of Nauvoo's treasures. She has gone on to be one of the pages in Nauvoo's history book.

**Nauvoo Riverwalk**

Many make it a point to walk (themselves and/or their pets) or run along Nauvoo's Riverwalk and enjoy nature as well as read some of the information about the river, flora, and fauna on the signage. A "view" of the river has been compromised by overgrowth of vegetation. Well, that's a problem of the past.



The NBA, along with the City, and the management of Joseph Smith Properties,



and Nauvoo Facilities (formerly NRI) agreed to split the cost of clearing the area, as all have an interest in keeping their share of the ownership of the property looking good. (All, but NBA, mow their individual share of the area but none address the overgrowth along the shoreline.)

NBA sought bids. The chosen bid of was for \$5,600 the first year with maintenance costs being greatly reduced in succeeding years. It is with grateful appreciation that all three were willing to join the NBA in doing their part of \$1,400 each. Now, walkers can really enjoy the walk AND have a river view, to boot.



**Something's Always Happening on the River...**

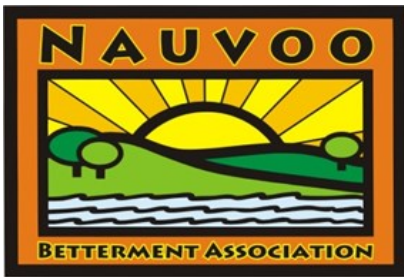


An Ingram Barge tow boat, The Richard Waugh, and fifteen barges, loaded with cement and headed for St. Paul, Minnesota, broke down just south of CGB (Consolidated Grain and Barge) at river mile 376.5. She was stuck in place for just over three days in mid-September until the Virginia Ingram came to her rescue. It was quite a sight watching the loaded tow being "slid" over to the new boat. In the picture, a third towboat can be seen meeting and passing the boats on its way down river with a load of coal. The disabled boat, minus her cargo, turned around, heading to St. Louis for repairs on her cooling system.

**Nauvoo Orchestra**

Exciting News! Mark your calendars, save the date! Saturday, December 10, at 7 p.m. is when the Nauvoo Orchestra and Choir will be performing their annual Christmas concert with selections from Handel's *Messiah* at the Legacy Theater in Carthage. There is no cost to attend this event, but free-will donations will be gratefully and gladly received at the theater before and after the performance.

Singers and musicians are still needed! If you would like to participate in Handel's *Messiah*, please contact Diane Garfield (Choir) dianegarfield5@gmail.com or Miki Jackson (Orchestra) miki.evan@gmail.com. Help is needed to keep this wonderful tradition alive.



Articles may be submitted at any time to  
[seenauvoonews@gmail.com](mailto:seenauvoonews@gmail.com)  
Deadline for the November issues is October 21

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## Back Story of Nauvoo's Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest is inspired by and dedicated to the numerous German immigrants who found their way to the United States, many of whom came to Nauvoo and added German heritage to Nauvoo after the departure of most French Icarians in 1856. In fact, Nauvoo was once one of the largest German-speaking settlements in Illinois. The German language was spoken in homes, churches, and business establishments. It was even taught in schools for approximately 50 years, until anti-German prejudices arose with the onset of World War I.

During the Germanic era, grape production and winemaking thrived in Nauvoo. In January 1866, Nauvoo had 250 vineyards and 23 stone-arched wine cellars. Most know the story of wine in Nauvoo; however, Germans are also known for making beer.

## Beer-Making in Nauvoo

The following information about early German beer-makers in Nauvoo, is excerpted from *Nauvoo—Gateway to the West*, by Ida Blum ©1974.

While beer was made privately by various makers, Schenk's Brewery was the most notable in Nauvoo's history. The brewery was originally located along the river, which often flooded and ruined the merchandise. The brewery eventually (1859) moved to the former location of Nauvoo Blue Cheese Factory, diagonally opposite from Villa Marie/Sts. Peter & Paul Church) and was built, in part, from temple stone rubble. The building was 100 feet long and 30 feet wide. The front was two stories; the back, four. A feed mill was built to the northwest and a kettle house adjoined the main building on the east. The grinding was done on the second floor. The fermenting tubs were in the cellar.

The brewery had two rock-walled, arched cellars, 19 by 90 feet, one being below the other. The upper one had two parts; the lower cellar, three. (These cellars, once filled with aging beer, were later used for curing Nauvoo Blue Cheese.)

The Schenks manufactured their own malt. They had their own kiln, and after the malt was ground and soaked in a vat, it was heated. When dry it would run through a horse-power mill. Children going home from school stopped at the door and were treated to large cakes of delicious sugar malt in the shape of bricks.

Yeast, barley, malt, hops and water were the necessary ingredients for making the malt liquor. The huge bales of hops were shipped in for this specific purpose. The mixture was placed in a 12 ft. diameter container called a "mash tub," which was stirred constantly.

Metal floaters four feet across, filled by ice, were placed in the vats so the mixture cooled quickly, then it was placed in the cellar to age. Beer in casks was allowed six weeks to a year to ripen. The finished draft beer was put into kegs holding one, three, eight or sixteen gallons each. The steamed beer was bottled, and the Schenks delivered it daily in "pony" kegs for miles around. They had the reputation of making the purest beer in the state at that time and received the Blue Ribbon at the St Louis Exposition in 1904. Prohibition put the wine and beer cellars out of business, and some of the cellars were repurposed.

Excerpted from article by Alan Moberly

## Legacy Theater

You might want to plan ahead for this activity. There will be a musical tribute to the songs of Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, and Waylon Jennings on Saturday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m. Do you have your tickets for the Legacy Theater's November show yet? Better hurry!

## Sometimes It's Difficult to Know the Difference...

It has been said that all documentaries aren't "news" but rather "propaganda," because they usually give only one side on a particular issue. The dictionary definition clarifies "propaganda" as an organized program of publicity, with information selected to promote only one view on a particular issue. Advertising and disinformation are would fall into this group.

"News," however, comes from multiple sources that deliver the information and describe events impartially, rather than debate them. "News" is not trying to influence outcomes but intended to describe events and uncover facts, without taking a side. Not an easy feat, but possible and necessary, leaving the audience to make up their own minds.

## Even Towboats Are Becoming Eco-conscious

American Commercial Barge Line, based in Jeffersonville, Indiana, recently announced plans to operate the first methanol-fueled towboat, which is set to come online in late 2023. The Hydrogen One will convert methanol to hydrogen to charge fuel cells, with a switch gear driving the vessel's thrusters. "The maritime industry already represents the most fuel-efficient and environmentally responsible mode of transportation when compared to road and rail and relative to the volume of cargo moved." "...methanol is already available or able to be sourced by fuel suppliers. The end result will be clean energy that will produce no emissions or particulate matter, with little noise or vibrations."

Excerpted from *The Waterways Journal*, September 19, 2022

## Water, Water Everywhere?

Besides the Mississippi's being a famous river, a shipping highway, a recreational opportunity, and just plain lovely to look at, it seems an afterthought that Nauvoo citizens also depend on it for drinking water.. Other places on earth aren't quite as lucky. Because of drought worldwide, an acute problem exists. China's Yangtze is more than 50 percent below the average of the last five years and is almost dried up in some places, halting barge traffic and threatening hydropower generation. Europe's Rhine River has dried up in spots, causing similar disruptions. Spain's Valdecanas Reservoir dropped to 28 percent of capacity; Italy's Po River was 7-percent below average and drying up, as are many Swiss rivers. Here in the States, the Colorado River system is down from 40 percent last year, sparking talk, once again, of diverting Mississippi River water out West. The Midwest is more fortunate compared with most navigable river systems with the Mississippi, Illinois, and Ohio river stages being normal. The Missouri River is down, but not that badly off, despite the western drought. Another thing to be thankful for.

Excerpted from *The Waterways Journal*, August 29, 2022