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# See Nauvoo News

NAUVOO BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION

## 85th Annual Nauvoo Grape Festival



The 85th annual Nauvoo Grape Festival is the areas long-running festival. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to visit Nauvoo September 1st-3rd. The weekend will be packed with activities including competitive events, parades, entertainment and more. The weekend also features the Festival on Wheels Car Show, one of the region's largest open air car show.

Friday evening features various food vendors, a carnival and live entertainment. Kick off your Saturday morning with a pancake breakfast hosted by Nauvoo Troop and the Pack 56 boy scouts or a 5-K run/walk, various activities throughout the day include mud volleyball, craft show, flea market, and historical tours. Then, head uptown for the Pet Parade. Saturday evening enjoy more food, fun and live entertainment in the State Park. If you can't make it to the pancake breakfast Saturday, you're in luck, the Saint's Peter and Paul school will be hosting the pancake breakfast Sunday. Registration begins for the 46th annual Festival on Wheels Car show. Lots of food, entertainment and fun can be found around the State Park throughout the day. You won't want to miss the feature parade Sunday, it starts uptown and ends at the State Park. Finish your evening with a stroll through the car show, music, carnival and delicious food!

For more information about this event and a detailed schedule visit [nauvoograpefestival.com](http://nauvoograpefestival.com).

### The Element of Surprise

What an eventful time we have had these last few weeks. Naturally it all happens right in the middle of the busiest time of the year for our little town. The Derecho left everyone exhausted, stressed, cautious and on high alert. Nothing like being out of electricity for days on end to put nerves on edge. Clean-up was tedious, exhausting, and intense. But we all got through it. Then after a few days to catch our breath, some of us had to deal with a water main break. I am sure that many people in the city (visitors and residents alike) saw the guys working frantically to keep the situation as contained as they possibly could.

Our water main break came from an unusually high volume of water pressure suddenly pushed into the system at one time, which caused a hole to blow through the pipe. In such a situation the damaged piece of pipe needs to be removed and a new section replaced. To do this, sometimes, the guys need to temporarily shut off sections of water that flow through that area of pipe. But before we even get to that step they have to get the backhoe and dig in the approximate area of the break then they have to physically get into the hole and finish digging through mud and clay manually so they don't damage anything more than it is. All this being done while pumping out as much water as possible. By no means does it get all the water out before they get into that hole. Needless to say this all takes time and the last thing we want to do at this time of year is turn the water off unless we have exhausted all other efforts.

Because in this instance, they had to shut the water off to make the repair, the EPA requires a BOIL ORDER as a PRECAUTIONARY measure. After our samples were driven directly to the testing laboratory in Peoria, Illinois and all appropriate tests were run, our samples came back CLEAN. This means that at no time did any contamination get into the waterlines. Due to the timing of the break being so close to the derecho, City Hall was able to provide residents that came by with bottles of water. Thank you's go out to the Hancock County Sheriff's Office and Pepsi for providing cases of water, during the derecho and subsequent clean up, that were needed even more during the break.

While there is no perfect way to alert several hundred people and numerous visitors, the most efficient ways were chosen. Hancock County Health was notified, a post was made on Facebook, and the news media outlets were notified. Thankfully it was short lived.

### Not Your Granny's Bloomers

What in CARNATION is going on??? Have you seen the beautiful plants and flowers along Mulholland? BeLEAF me when I say it isn't easy to keep flowers healthy and happy in this weather!! So I want to take a minute to thank those store owners who ROSE to the occasion and put some gorgeous plants out in front of their businesses. Sometimes it's the small seeds that can grow into beautiful smiles.



### AUGUST EVENTS

- Aug 12, Free Movie, See art. P3
- Sept. 1st-3rd Grape Festival

**“All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.”**

WALT DISNEY

### AUGUST MEETINGS

- Aug 1, Chamber of Commerce, noon, Nauvoo Inn.
- Aug. 5, Hotel/ Motel Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- Aug. 8, Park Board, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 8, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Aug. 15, Chamber of Commerce Board, noon, zoom
- Aug. 16, NBA, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Aug. 17, NFPD, Fire Department, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 21, School Board, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 21, Library Board, 7 p.m.

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July City Council  
July 11, 2023

The Nauvo Fire Protection District Board of Trustees  
July 20, 2023

The aldermen approved the following:

- Funds for police training (per diem and lodging)
- Sale of ammo to the Hamilton Police Department
- The purchase and installation of four-way stop signs and school zone signs at the intersection of Wells and Young Streets. (NOTE: This was the “first reading”. Second and third readings are required before this ordinance can become law.)

Acting Mayor Tacy Nelson publicly thanked the following entities for their assistance to Nauvo to assist in cleanup efforts from the June 29 derecho:

- City of Hamilton
- City of Canton
- City of Warsaw
- City of Quincy
- Fulton County
- Hancock County Highway Department
- Caseys (donating pizzas)
- Dianne Adkisson
- Dan Gallaher, City ESDA Director
- Nauvo City Workers
- Nauvo Fire Protection District
- Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network

Nelson announced that the City will pick up storm debris left on the curb until July 31st. Things put at the curb must be cut into 8-foot segments or less. Persons able to haul their own debris to the burn pit down at the old boat dock are welcome to do so.

-Taken from an article by Alan Moberly

**Fire & Police Responses**

Fire Chief, Kendall Gallaher, reported 42 emergency calls in June:

- 36 for EMS (ambulance)
- 5 fire calls
- 1 weather related call (the derecho)

Police Chief, Ryan Dykstra, reported 97 calls in June:

- 31 Traffic Violations
- 4 City Ordinance Violations

The main topic of discussion was the FY23-24 budget (June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024). A public meeting on the budget will be held at the fire station on Thursday, August 24 at 6:30pm.

There has been an increase in brush fires within the district both before and after the storm. Sometimes people burn their storm debris and the flames get out of control.

Chief Gallaher also spoke about NFPD efforts to improve their ISO score. He is optimistic that their ISO score will improve because of the many new initiatives that NFPD has implemented since their last inspection. Some of those initiatives include enforcing an updated fire code and sprinkler ordinances.

*An organization called ISO (Insurance Services Office) creates ratings for fire departments and their surrounding communities. These ratings calculate how well-equipped fire departments are to put out fires in that community. ISO provides this score, often called the "ISO fire score," to homeowners insurance companies. Insurers then use it to help set homeowners insurance rates. The better equipped your fire department is to put out a fire, the less likely your house is to burn down. That makes your home less risky, and therefore less expensive, to insure.*

*An ISO fire rating, also referred to as a fire score is a score from one to 10 that indicates how well-protected your community is by the fire department. In the ISO rating scale, a lower number is better: one is the best possible rating, while a 10 means the fire department did not meet ISO's minimum requirements.*

*According to ISO's Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS), four main criteria comprise a fire rating score:*

- 50% comes from the quality of your local fire department, including staffing levels, training and proximity of the firehouse.
- 40% comes from availability of water supply, including the prevalence of fire hydrants and how much water is available to put out fires.
- 10% comes from the quality of the area's emergency communications systems (911).

*(source—Mark Fitzpatrick, June 8, 2021, Value Penguin website, <https://www.valuepenguin.com/iso-fire-rating-home-insurance>*

-Taken from an article by Alan Moberly

**Dog Days of Summer**

Summer brings many opportunities for us to spend time outside with our four-legged best friends. For a full list of Ordinances regarding dogs please go to [www.beautifulnauvo.com](http://www.beautifulnauvo.com) and under the City header, choose City Codes

**8-2-3: DOGS AT LARGE:**

A. Any dog running at large, at any time, within the limits of the city, and not bearing a tag or other identifying device, is hereby declared a nuisance, and shall be impounded by a representative authorized by the city council to so act at the Hancock County pound in Carthage, Hancock County, Illinois; and, as such dog running at large shall be within the jurisdiction of said county pound in Carthage and shall be disposed of accordingly.

B. Any dog running at large, at any time, within the limits of the city, bearing a tag issued by the city clerk, is hereby declared a nuisance and shall be restrained and impounded by a representative authorized by the city council to so act. The city shall give notice to the registered owner or keeper that said dog has been impounded by a representative authorized by the council to so act, and after said dog's impoundment at the county pound in Carthage, Hancock County, Illinois, for a period of time to be determined by the county, said dog shall be within the jurisdiction of said Hancock County pound and disposed of accordingly.

C. It shall be unlawful to permit any dog to be on any public street, sidewalk, alley or other public place unless such dog has a collar firmly attached around his neck with a license tag for the current year attached to such collar, as well as a leash attached to said collar of sufficient size and strength to control and maintain said dog while on the public street, sidewalk, alley or other public place. (Ord. 1997-3, 10-14-1997)

**8-2-7: SOLID WASTE REMOVAL:**

Any person who shall walk a dog on public or private property shall provide for the proper disposal of the solid waste deposited by the dog by means of immediate removal of the waste into a container device which is capable of receiving and containing waste material therein. (Ord. 1997-3, 10-14-1997)



**Movie Showing at Grandpa John’s!**

Join the library on Saturday, August 12 at 2:00 p.m. at Grandpa John’s Theatre for a FREE showing of *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (PG) . Free popcorn and soda will be provided as well. Donations to the library to support ongoing programs are welcomed.

**Riverbend Flute Festival**

The annual Riverbend Flute Festival is Saturday, August 26, from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Southeastern Community College in West Burlington.

New this year we are inviting saxophone players to join us, making this the first year of the Riverbend Flute & Saxophone Festival! Registration is still only \$25.00 and includes: breakfast, lunch, all workshops, performing in the flute & saxophone choirs, a faculty recital, swag bags, and more! Pre-registered participants will also receive a T-Shirt and can compete in the competition concert for trophies and other prizes. (Pre-Registration Deadline is Friday August 11 at 11:59 p.m. You can still register up to the day of the festival, but will not receive a T-shirt and cannot compete.)

On Friday August 26 at 7:00 p.m. at The Capitol Theater in Burlington Our featured guest artist flute and saxophone ensemble, Tower Duo, will be performing their show "Music in Motion", a multimedia experience with electronic sounds, video, graphic scores, and live improvisation. Admission is FREE and open to the public.

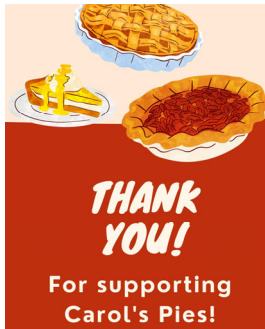
For registration forms or questions contact at [karensandersflutist@gmail.com](mailto:karensandersflutist@gmail.com), or message the Riverbend Flute Festival Facebook page for the latest updates! Thank you so much for your support and I hope to see you at Riverbend Flute & Saxophone Festival!!

**Blood Mobile**

Thank you to those who donated at our Blood Drive, July, 13th. We collected 16 units. Our next drive will be Thursday, September, 7, 2023, 3-6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Nauvoo. Impact Life collections stay in this area! If you are interested in donating you can contact us via email: [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org) or to schedule a time please contact: Vickie Marshall 309-337-1461.



**Sweet Endings**



Some of you may already know, but Carol has retired her rolling pin and we no longer have “Carol’s Pies.” We would like to thank each and every one of you who have bought her delicious pies over the years! And a HUGE thank you to Carol Zumdomme for her hard work of making pies since 1993!! Not only is she just our pie maker, but she also wears very many hats here at the winery (and the barrel) working along side us with our day to day tasks and long term goals! Also a big thank you to all of her helpers that came along the way.

BUT don’t worry just yet, she is still here making her mouth watering SWEET BREADS and is hard at work with our “Nauvoo Nibbles”

-Taken from Baxter’s Vineyards & Winery Facebook page

**7th Annual Scarecrow Festival**



Plans are underway for the 7th annual Scarecrow Festival to be held during the month of October. This year the Nauvoo Betterment Association is focusing on Natural Nauvoo and so we are including a new scarecrow category “Natural Nauvoo” which will highlight all things natural in our area. Judges will determine the winners of Best Crow in Show and Best Natural Nauvoo Crow. In addition a “People’s Choice” will be given based on voting on the Scarecrow Festival Facebook page with photos added as scarecrows are placed on Mulholland.

Registration forms are available at Nauvoo City Hall, library and Nauvoo Market and due by noon, October 6 to be eligible for judging. Winners will be announced on October 7 at the 2nd annual Spooktacular Soup Sampling on October 8. For questions, please call Carol McGhghy 217-617-5182 or Barb Schafer 319-470-0495.

**“Enchilaaaaaadas, we got, we got. . .”**

What a scene stepping into the Knights of Columbus hall Saturday morning, June 19th. There were tons of volunteers on hand to make this Fireworks Fundraiser a BOOMING success. When you walked in, Gary Schoeni and Janet Hill had a sheet full of orders they were matching to customers. John McCarty was in the kitchen heading up a grand assembly line of volunteers putting together fresh enchiladas by the bags full!!! Janet Hill was directing young missionary volunteers as they delivered the finished product to a steady stream of hungry supporters. This Fireworks Fundraiser definitely SPARKED the community involvement!!

**French Heritage Days**

For the 2nd year in a row, the Nauvoo Historical Society held its “French Heritage Days Festival”. The Nauvoo Icarian French Heritage Days Festival was organized by the Nauvoo Historical Society and sponsored by the following businesses:

- Nauvoo Health and Chiropractic
- Nauvoo Grand Bed and Breakfast
- Baxter’s Winery and Vineyards

Total attendance for the three-day event was 151.

Randall Soland, founder of the festival and board member of the Nauvoo Historical Society said, “Although our attendance has been small for the first two years, (100 in 2022, 151 in 2023), we will continue the festival and work on increasing our crowd numbers. Several events from the first two years will continue and new events will be added next year. If any of the general public have ideas on what they would like to see us do in 2024, please tell any Nauvoo Historical Society Board member. Be sure to attend our farm-to-table dinner next year. You will not be disappointed, and if you DO miss it—“*Que tu es sot!*”

-Taken from an article by Alan Moberly

**Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk 2023**



Attention all ghouls and goblins, witches and wizards! Mark your calendars for this years Pumpkin Walk, Saturday Oct 28, 2023. As always, volunteers are always needed and short in supply, message the *Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk* Facebook page or email Jessie at [jessiean89@gmail.com](mailto:jessiean89@gmail.com).



## Articles may be submitted at any time to seenauvoonews@gmail.com Deadline for the September Issues is August 25

See Nauvo News may be picked up at the following locations for a suggested donation of twenty-five cents: City Hall, Fudge Factory, Nauvo Market Place, Nauvo Pharmacy, State Bank of Nauvo, and The Red Front. The newsletter may also be found online at Beautiful Nauvo's Facebook Page and at [www.beautifulnauvo.com](http://www.beautifulnauvo.com). **Note:** The See Nauvo News staff reserves the right to condense event information, referring readers to reference sites for specific event details.

### Horsing Around in Nauvo



Everyone is aware of the horse-drawn wagons that carry visitors through the Historic District on the flats. One can't miss the clop clop, mane tossing, and occasional snorts of the majestic animals that pull them. According to Elders Julander and Mower, two of the "teamsters" (old

word for those who drove the wagons and guarded the freight), there are twenty-six draft horses (thirteen teams).

The teams are made up of either Belgians or Percherons, most of which are already partially trained when they purchased at four or five years old from the Amish horse sales near Kalona, Iowa. (There are no Clydesdales, aka "Budweiser" horses, which are showier with their feathery hair on their fetlocks, or ankles.) One can recognize an Amish-raised horse, as their tails are docked to keep them from getting caught in the machinery. The present herd has only two "long tails."

All the tan horses are Belgians. All the black horses are Percherons. Interestingly, the "odd horse out" is a dappled gray Percheron named Matt who, according to the teamsters, is the herd leader, the one who traditionally attains dominance through biting and kicking his way to the top. Go figure! These magnificent beasts are usually kept until they are thirteen, or so, when they are either sold or taken home to live out their lives with one of the teamsters. Nauvo is lucky to have these magnificent animals for all to enjoy.

### The Irony of It All...

*The Titanic* has been in the news lately because of an unfortunate occurrence that caused even more lives to be lost relating to the ship. Journalist Peggy Noonan's June 24, 2023, article in *The Wall Street Journal* tells of an eerie comparison.

*The Titanic* sank in April 14, 1912. In 1955 the history of *The Titanic, A Night to Remember*, was published. The epic movie *Titanic* was released in 1997. However, a book on a similar event was published in 1898, thirteen years BEFORE the ship sank. Morgan Robertson wrote a novel about a fabulous Atlantic Ocean liner carrying wealthy, self-satisfied people that went down after hitting an iceberg one cold April night. *The [Titanic] was 66,000 tons displacement; Robertson's [liner] was 7-,000. The real ship was 882.5 feet long; the fictional one, 800." Both vessels could carry ca. 3,000 people, both could make 24 to 25 knots, and both carried only a fraction of the lifeboats needed if something bad happened. But little matter, because both were called "unsinkable." What did Robertson call his ship? "The Titan."*

### Ameren Rate Adjustment

Ameren Illinois' adjusted electric supply rate for residential customers, posted Tuesday, was set at 7.877 cents per kilowatt-hour, or 3.72 cents less than the City of Nauvo's electric aggregation rate of 11.6 cents per kilowatt-hour.

The utility's new tariff rate, which is the price consumers can use to compare to the City's electric aggregation rate, became effective today (June 1). The City's electric aggregation rate will become effective with electric meter readings in July. Although the municipality's rate was lower than Ameren's supply cost when bids were taken, recent auctions for energy supply produced significantly lower charges for electric generating capacity and fuel, the major components of electric aggregation rates in Illinois.

The City designed its electric aggregation program to assure that participants have access to the lowest price available on the market by permitting them to opt out of electric aggregation at any time and at no cost. Participants can opt out by calling Constellation toll-free or by going online. They should have their ten-digit Ameren account number available to opt out.

**To opt out by phone, residents can call Constellation's toll-free number for Nauvo, 833-603-1329. Calls are taken in the order received, and callers can avoid lengthy wait times by leaving a request for a return call. There is no wait time for those who use Constellation's online opt-out service at [www.constellation.com/il-nauvo](http://www.constellation.com/il-nauvo) and following these steps:**

- ⇒ **Click Opt-Out Online in gray area at bottom of page.**
- ⇒ **Click the blue Find My Code button.**
- ⇒ **Enter your ten-digit Ameren account number and on the next page:**

- **Review account information.**
- **Enter email if you'd like an opt out confirmation.**
- **Check the box.**
- **Click the blue button, Do Not Participate.**

Nauvo voters at a referendum authorized the City's electric aggregation initiative. The City paused its program in early 2022 when competitive prices exceeded Ameren's.

Electricity prices have been volatile in the regulated as well as the competitive market over the past year. Ameren's regulated supply rate more than doubled—from 5.478 cents per kilowatt-hour in May 2022 to 11.833 cents currently. The utility is also permitted to recover and refund differences in its costs of energy when those costs vary by 5 percent from the approved rate. Such cost differences, known as purchased energy adjustments, are passed along on consumers' monthly bills. Electric aggregation customers are not charged purchased energy adjustments.

Ameren will continue to deliver electricity to residents and small businesses, answer calls about power quality and outages, and bill for all electric supply and distribution services. Answers to questions about delivery service and bills are available by calling Ameren's toll-free number at 800-755-5000.