



OCTOBER EVENTS

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OCTOBER MEETINGS

- Oct. 9, Chamber of Commerce, noon, Nauvoo Inn.
- Oct. 4, Hotel/Motel Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- Oct. 10, Park Board, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 10, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Oct. 16, School Board , 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 16, Library Board, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 18, NBA, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Oct. 19, NFPD , Fire Department, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 24, Chamber of Commerce Board, noon, zoom

Oktoberfest– Nauvoo German Heritage Day
Sponsors: The Knights of Columbus & Nauvoo Historical Society

Join us Friday October, 27 for Oktoberfest at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Nauvoo on Friday October 27th from 5-9 p.m.. Learn about how to make your own beer 6 p.m.– 7 p.m. The Heidelberg German Polka Band from Quincy will perform from 7-9 p.m. Food will be available for purchase, proceeds go to the Nauvoo Knights of Columbus and the Nauvoo Historical Society.

The first Nauvoo Oktoberfest in 2022 was a huge hit, attracting over 600 people of all ages and demographics. Because of the first year success, we hope to make it an annual event as has become the Grape Festival/Car Show, Scarecrow Festival, and Pumpkin Walk, Bootiful Nauvoo Celebrations.

Nauvoo has a rich German history and heritage. After the departure of the Mormons and the French Icarians, Nauvoo became the largest German speaking community in Illinois and remained so until World War One. German was widely spoken in town and in the Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist and Presbyterian churches. During this period, beer and wine making and fruit production thrived in Nauvoo.

Nauvoo German Heritage Day (Oktoberfest) was started by Randy Soland, Knights of Columbus Lector and Nauvoo Historical Society board member, for the purpose to both honor and promote Nauvoo’s German history in hopes to bring more local, regional, and far away tourists to town. Quote Brian Riggs (Retired Director of the Fort Madison Area Arts Center) “Nauvoo owns October, with its Scarecrow Festival, Pumpkin Walk, Bootiful Nauvoo and now Oktoberfest.



Bootiful Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk

On Saturday, October 28th, Nauvoo will once again be aglow with hundreds of hand carved pumpkins! This year the event will begin at 5 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” (short Halloween videos), inside the Grandpa John’s theater from 5-9 p.m.. The Library will also be hosting a book sale inside Grandpa Johns as well, books will be \$3 for bag! The ever so popular pumpkin cannon has returned once again, and pumpkins from 3-4 p.m. The best viewing area is on the hill west of LDS Temple. Watch for event updates on our Facebook Page Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk.

Lots of volunteer help is always needed. Wanting to help please contact Tacy (tacytrex@gmail.com) or Jessie (thetunafish07@gmail.com).

BIG Baldrige & Bonfire Music Festival

The Nauvoo State Park was the venue for The BIG Baldrige & Bonfire country Music Festival on Saturday, September 30. The main attraction will be country music singer and songwriter Drew Baldrige.

Drew met his wife, Nauvoo native Katherine (Katie) Kraus, while he was performing in Macomb. He relates, “We met after my show sitting at the back of the room. We became friends and stayed in touch until Katie moved to Nashville 7 years ago. We’ve been together ever since.”

Drew Baldrige’s biggest song is “She’s Somebody’s Daughter” which he wrote after meeting Katie’s family for the first time. It is a really special song for the couple. (Readers can find the music video on YouTube by typing “Drew Baldrige - She’s Somebody’s Daughter” in the search bar.). Drew’s most recent hit is “Honkytonk Town”, which he describes as “a really upbeat kind of 90’s throwback line dance song”.

Drew funded the concert himself with the help of sponsors from the community! Ten percent of the profits went to the Nauvoo State Park to help update the park. The lineup was Bo Casey, Blacktop South, David Kroll, Craig Campbell, and, of course, Drew Baldrige himself.



Taken from an article by Alan Moberly

Beggars Night or Trick-or-Treat night is set for Monday, October 30 from 5:30– 7:30 p.m.
Note: A lit porch light usually indicates you are welcoming trick-or-treaters.

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**September City Council
September 12, 2023**

**Nauvo Fire Protection District (NFPD)
Board of Trustees Meeting September 21, 2023**

The aldermen unanimously approved the following:

- To donate \$2,420 to the Hancock County Sheriff Reserve to pay for help policing at the Pageant and Grape Festival events.
- To pay \$3,000 for the engineering portion of an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Grant (OSLAD) to apply for a Park Grant. Last month the City Council approved payment of \$1,000 to the Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC) for this grant application; this \$3,000 was for the engineers. It was pointed out that if the City had not gone through WIRC, the cost for the engineer part would have been \$6,000.
- To contract with Caterpillar for maintenance of the generator at the sewer plant. This six-year agreement will cost the City \$3,968 per year and includes oil changes, battery replacement, and so forth. Last month the City Council approved a similar contract for the generator at the water plant. Alderman Jim Boyles pointed out that these generators “came in really handy after the derecho when we had no power”. Even though Nauvoians were without electricity for a few days, they still had water and sewer services.
- “Beggars Night” (what trick-or-treating is called in Nauvo) hours were set for Monday, October 30, from 5:30-7:30pm. A plea to extend the hours to 8:00pm by a parent in the audience went unheeded. The little goblins will have to move quickly to fill their bags that night.

Some things were set aside for a future meeting—a proposed crosswalk at the intersection of Mulholland and Wells Streets, pending on City Attorney review of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The contractor who will do the crosswalks asked that this be expedited as he wants to get this done before it gets too cold. The City Council will hold a special meeting on September 26 at 7:00pm to consider this.

Nauvo resident Susy Swing presented a petition with 23 signatures affixed asking the City Council to approve the site plan for a Visitor Center at the location requested by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (across from Saint Joseph’s). She made the following points in support of the location:

- It would widen Wells Street in front of Sts Peter & Paul, thus making it safer.
- That location (rather than a location further away) would better benefit handicapped people.
- It would bring/keep people up near the business area of town.
- It would provide better parking for worshipers at Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church.

She asked those in the audience who supported the Visitor Center at that location to please stand, which about 25 did.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Taken from an article by Alan Moberly

Fire & Police Responses

Police Chief, Ryan Dykstra, reported 109 incidents in August

- 43 Traffic Stops
- 9 City Ordinance Violations

Fire Chief, Kendall Gallaher, reported 41 incidents in August

- 31 ambulance calls
- 9 Fire calls
- 3 MVC (Motor Vehicle Collisions)

The first order of business was a review of the Annual Financial Report for 6/1/2022 through 5/31/2023. After the trustees signed-off on the report a local notary public, Jessie Rubio, notarized the signatures.

Gallaher also reported the following:

- The NFPD received \$450 for providing on-site EMS services during the Grape Festival, at which they responded to five EMS incidents.
- They will also be providing on-site EMS services at The BIG Baldrige & Bonfire on September 30th at Nauvo State Park, where an estimated 2,000 fans are expected to attend. They will be paid \$400 for this service.
- The new brush guard on one of the ambulances worked well. The ambulance struck a deer and did not obtain even a scratch. (In 2021, 14,522 motor vehicle crashes involved deer in Illinois. Of these, 13,936 resulted in damage to property or vehicles, while 584 caused personal injuries. Two of the crashes resulted in fatalities. —source, Illinois Department of Transportation)
- National Fire Prevention Week will be October 8-14. This year’s theme is “Cooking Safety Starts with YOU”. NFPD will conduct annual fire drills and inspections at Nauvo-Colusa and Sts Peter & Paul Elementary during fire prevention week.
- NFPD staff members and other local emergency responders were honored at an event in Keokuk, IA on September 11.
- Two NFPD staff members (Dan & Vicki Gallaher) attended the annual National EMS conference in New Orleans.

The meeting ended at 6:56pm

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Recycling



ATTENTION NAUVOO RECYCLERS:

We are sure it is no surprise to any of you that there have been some issues with recycling – in order to try and make curb side recycling more effective we are asking EVERYONE to do the

following:

- **GARBAGE CONTAINER** – Please place recyclables in a separate garbage container instead of leaving them loose or in a cardboard box or a plastic bag
- **RECYCLE STICKER** – Please place a recycle sticker on your recyclable garbage container – hopefully this will make it easier to spot – we have recycle stickers at City Hall \$3/ea. or 2/\$5
- **LOCATION** – Please try to set your container, with your sticker facing outward, at least a little way away from your regular garbage container to make it easier to see.



Library News

The Nauvo Public Library reported an average of 36 visitors per day during August.

Librarian’s Report Circulation July 2023

- 1247 Digital Circulation July 2023 – Libby: 73 Axis 360: 23
- Books borrowed from other libraries (transit to) July – 170
- Books borrowed from our library (transit from) July – 120
- Reciprocal Borrows - 15
- Visitors to the library in July 2023 – 824/36 per day
- In Person Story Time Attendance: Adults: 7 Children: 21



Wizard of Oz

Join the Nauvoo Public Library on October 7 at 2:30 p.m. at Grandpa John's Theatre for a FREE showing of Wizard of OZ, rated G. Free Popcorn and soda provided as well. Stay afterwards for the Scarecrow Festival's Annual Spooktacular Soup Sampling! (\$10 per person)

Did You Know the Library offers... The Dungeons and Dragons Adventure Club

Junior Dungeon Masters, this one's for you! In September, the Nauvoo Public Library started a subscription to the DnD Adventure Club. Each month, we receive a fully guided and illustrated adventure for the world's greatest roleplaying game that YOU can check out. It is geared specifically towards young and new Dungeon Masters, so it's very easy to run for you and your group. Each adventure can be standalone, but they are released with a 3-part theme in mind, so you can make them part of a larger campaign too. The monthly adventures come with maps AND stat blocks for combat and NPCs. If you want to try being a Dungeon Master for the first time, or you just want fresh ideas for your regular DnD group, come visit the library! We'll have your next epic adventure waiting.

NASA in Nauvoo Cosmic Chills: Vampire Stars, Black Widow Pulsars and Dark Energy

In this month's special Halloween edition of "NASA in Nauvoo" we will hear about some of the most terrifying objects in space: Vampire Stars! Learn of the vampiric binary systems where two stars are close together, and one star may "suck" the atmosphere of another. Black Widow Pulsars! The Fermi Gamma-ray space telescope unveiled a host of "Black Widow" pulsars destroying their companions. Dark Energy! A phenomenon accelerating the expansion of spacetime without substantial explanation.

This free (for all ages!) public event is hosted by the Nauvoo Public Library and will be held October 21 from 2-3 p.m. at the Nauvoo City Hall. The event will be co-hosted by Mellissa Smith, our local NASA/JPL California Institute of Technology Solar System Ambassador, and will include information and photos of these amazing cosmic chills, a short question and answer period, and a fun activity! "NASA in Nauvoo" is a monthly program hosted by the Nauvoo Library and information can be found on the Nauvoo Public Library website.

The Solar System Ambassadors Program of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory offers information and excitement about real missions that explore our solar system. Volunteer ambassadors in communities throughout the country are selected by JPL based on their backgrounds and on their plans for public outreach activities. JPL provides ambassadors with educational materials and training. However, the opinions of Ambassadors are not necessarily those of NASA or JPL. Further information about the Solar System Ambassadors Program is available at <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/ambassador>. JPL is a division of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Calif.

Library Pumpkin Walk Events

- Drawing Contest winning pumpkins can be viewed outside the library.
- Showing spooky short films at Grandpa John's Theatre from 5-9 p.m.
- Book Sale at Grandpa John's from 5-9 p.m.. \$3 a bag.

Purple Park (Park 2 in a 3 Park Series)



Earlier this year Mark Anderson, president of the Nauvoo Park District, put out a call for help. He was looking for some new faces to bring new and exciting ideas to our beloved Nauvoo Park. Jax Mathews and I, Jamie Steen, answered that call. So we, along with the long timers, Mark Anderson, Ralph Pezley and Tyson Kelly, have been working our tails off to try to increase the community interest in our beloved Purple Park. Oh! And we can't forget Alicia LeVesque who keeps our ducks all in a row!

The Nauvoo Park District, located at 395 N. Winchester St, was formed in 1977. It has grown to the approximately 5 acre park that we see today with the help of many including Eagle Scout projects done by local young men over the years.

The park has a lighted ball field that is managed by the Nauvoo Athletic Association. We have a shelter house which includes restrooms, a cooler, freezer and refrigerator. It's often used as a concession stand for ball games as well as other events. The shelter house has nine picnic tables and is handicapped accessible.

The purple playground is fenced in and has a good variety of play equipment. We also have three baskets for frisbee golf putting practice. For those fun loving frisbee throwers!

Guess what's new!! We have a pickle ball court and equipment that can be borrowed. If you don't know what pickle ball is google it!! It's all the rage and fun for all ages!! It's slower moving than tennis and ping pong but a lot more exciting than badminton. Try it! You'll love it!!

We also have a new elliptical machine that has been added to the playground for those people who want to move while they watch their children play. We would love to add more equipment but we are waiting for community feedback. Is this something we as a community are interested in? Try it out and then PLEASE reach out! We would love your thoughts.

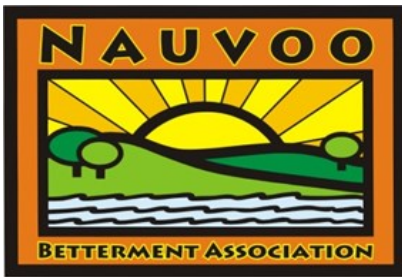
Our BIGGEST NEWS yet is our new dog park!!! YES!! Nauvoo has a dog park!! It is at the back of the park property. It is completely fenced in and ready to be enjoyed! It has two entrances. One in the middle of the outfield and one at the south end. There are also a few picnic tables. There is plenty of space for our Nauvoo Doggies to run and play. Purchased and soon to be installed are two pet waste stations with complementary poop bags to keep our puppy park clean for the enjoyment of all of our puppy loving community. Signage will soon be installed with all of the rules and reminders to keep our puppies safe and happy.

The Park district is here for our Nauvoo Community! We would love some fresh new faces! Some New ideas! We'd love to hear from you!

We have tossed around the idea of a splash pad! We researched the idea of a public pool and unfortunately that idea could not work. A splash pad is an idea that could work and we could make it happen with motivated people and more community interest. It's a huge investment but is it something the community really wants? Think about getting involved and let's find new ways to strengthen our community. Let's get out of the house and get to know each other. We would love to hear from you! Let's make the most of our Nauvoo Park District.

Article by Park District Correspondent: Jamie Steen





Articles may be submitted at any time to seenauvoonews@gmail.com Deadline for the November Issues is October 27

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.

Big Resources for a Small City

I know we already did a write up after the derecho, but this one is a little different. We are hoping to highlight the services and precautions we have in place when an event arises. Perhaps with a glimpse behind the scenes, so to speak, of a City gearing up to take control we can give you an idea of just how much we have going for us.

During the derecho this summer we had a front row seat to watch a small city employ big city effort and resources. While there was no way to know how bad the derecho would be, the fact that we had PLANS, PEOPLE, and RESOURCES in place paid off in a very big way. With the storm still raging, our Local ESDA Representative Dan Gallaher and our Nauvoo Water/Sewer/Streets Departments were already putting plans in motion to make sure Nauvoo residents had their best chances in the face of a raging storm. As the wind was dying down and the rain was still pounding, Dan Gallaher and the Nauvoo Fire Department and Ambulance personnel were gearing up to make sure they had access to clear streets and assessing damages such as down powerlines or injuries. Nauvoo City crews were split, with some out making sure streets were cleared, and others making sure the loss of power did not mean a loss of water to our City. Generators kicked in but assistance was still needed, with our own City Clerk going on site to make sure the guys had accurate readings from the plant. With the City Hall generator running we were able to keep phones working and calls were being answered and citizens being assured that help would be on its way. These were the initial and immediate measures being taken.

In the days to come many of the cities around us would expend a considerable amount of time and funds clearing debris after the derecho. Fortunately, Nauvoo was cleaned up and manageable in a week. Thanks to Nauvoo Facilities Management working with the City we were able to find a place to burn literal tons of wood.

Sometimes when disaster strikes you don't realize all the help that goes on behind the scenes. This article would like to take a minute to highlight some of the emergency responses in place in the City of Nauvoo.

PERSONNEL: First and foremost we need to highlight the PEOPLE that are behind the scenes putting everything into action. The cumulative knowledge and experience we have with Dan Gallaher (37 yrs), Vicki Gallaher, Kendall Gallaher, and others on fire and EMS along with Barry Cuthbert (43 yrs), and another 20+ each from Joe Tripp and Jerry Hutson, and add in almost 30 years from Carol McGhghy, you have a CORE of people who have a wealth of knowledge and experience in just about every aspect of this City.

TECHNICAL: ALL critical locations in town have powerful generators to keep the emergency services that we need up and running smoothly. In fact the City of Nauvoo just signed into a maintenance contract with Altorfer for both water and sewer plant generators. Barry informed us that out of all the generators Altorfer has installed the ones that were on a regular scheduled maintenance agreements were all functional throughout the storms.

COMMUNICATION: Nauvoo ESDA Representative, Dan Gallaher, informed me that currently the Fire Department/EMS is installing Starcom communication in their equipment. Starcom is the communication system that the Illinois State Police and the Hancock County Sheriff use. Starcom communication is vital in emergency situations. The ability of a small town, such as Nauvoo, to have access to a vital communication system like Starcom is imperative. Also in place is a cellular system that is specifically for Emergency Response. While my, and your, cellphone may not work there are plans in place that keep the phones of Emergency Responders online and viable when others are not. Dan says they are moving away from repeater systems due to cost and maintenance so they will be installing Starcom in more vehicles in the near future. Fire Chief, Kendall Gallaher, assured me that there are 4 different ways to access communications. Nauvoo Police Department also uses Starcom communication as well as the cellular service for Emergency Responders.

PHYSICAL/MECHANICAL: Additional hands-on hauling and moving as well as major equipment came from Hancock County Highway Department and IPWMAN – Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network. Both locations were contacted immediately by City Hall and came in with manpower and machinery!! They provided multiple dump trucks to add to our own as well as a backhoe with a grappler which could grab on to big logs as well as large piles of debris and made quick work of loading. Fire/EMS currently has 4 fire trucks which includes one of ONLY two ladder trucks in the County. There are also now 3 ambulances that are ALL equipped with ALS (Advanced Life Support).

SAFETY: Police Chief Ryan Dykstra has a crew of 7 part-time patrolmen that watch over the City of Nauvoo. Fire/EMS has 30 firefighters that are ALL (every single one) cross-trained as Licensed EMS.

PLANS: Nauvoo Fire Department/EMS also has a Hazard Mitigation plan in place for Nauvoo covering multiple events as well as mass casualties. This plan has to be approved by FEMA and has just recently been updated.

There will always be events we cannot foresee, that is just a fact of where we live. I am sure we have all heard the jokes about "it isn't snowing yet? well, just give it 5 minutes." welcome to Midwest weather. While we can have any and all "early warning" systems in place not everyone is going to heed the warnings. While we can watch every weather app available sometimes nature just has a surprise in store that we never saw coming. Just because we may not foresee the extent of it does not mean we are not PREPARED for it. The proper precautions are in place and are constantly being upgraded and updated to make sure to keep our town and your families and ours PREPARED for the future.

