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NAUVOO BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

- Sept. 5, Chamber of Commerce, noon, Nauvoo Inn.
- Sept. 6, Hotel/Motel Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- Sept. 12, Park Board, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 12, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Sept. 18, School Board , 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 18, Library Board, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 20, NBA, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Sept. 21, NFPD , Fire Department, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 26, Chamber of Commerce Board, noon, zoom

“Run Like the Wind!—Be the Storm!”



That is the theme for the 37th annual Grape Stomp 5K Walk/Run to be held at Nauvoo State Park on Saturday, September 2nd. Registration and packet pick up starts at 7:00am, with the race beginning at 8:00am sharp, rain or shine.

Nauvoo resident John McCarty came up with the idea of the “Run Like the Wind! Be the Storm!”, which will be printed on the commemorative shirt which each runner will receive. This year’s wind and storm theme commemorates the derecho which slammed Nauvoo on June 29th. McCarty recounted that he “was listening to a classic rock station and the Bob Seger song ‘Against the Wind’ came on. The flying debris just came into play as I was drawing”.

Grape Stomp organizer Margaret Schnieder had this to say: “We had 248 registered last year, that is a record. We had the largest missionary participation last year, ever! It was nice to see so many missionaries participate in a community sponsored event. We are looking forward to another great year!”

According to a Nauvoo Grape Festival post on Facebook, there will be a door prize table which will offer prizes to contestants whose bib number matches the prize. Prizes include gift cards to Three Keys, the Fudge Factory, the Press House Winery, and Baxter’s Vineyards and Winery as well as miscellaneous boxes of candy and “maybe a couple of other cool things”. Cost to enter is \$25 if done online by noon, September 1st—\$30 if done at the event.

Come join in the race or stand on the sidelines and cheer our participants on to the finish line.

Taken from an article by: Alan Moberly

Grape Festival 2023 Grand Marshal



The Nauvoo Grape Festival Sunday Parade’s 2023 Grand Marshal is Bev Reynolds. Born Beverly Baxter in Burlington, Iowa, her father, Cap Baxter, owned the Baxter Winery along with his two brothers. When he passed away, the winery was turned over to Kelly and Brenda Logan.

Beverly attended Nauvoo Grade and High Schools. Upon graduating she went to college at Western Illinois University, where she earned a BS in Education. She later obtained a Bachelors in Business Administration from Bradley University, and a Master’s Degree in Education from Western.

She met her future husband, Joe Reynolds, in 1957 during her Junior year at Western. “He came to my friend’s party and he asked me to the Greek Ball. That was our first date. We married December 22, 1958.” Joe was from LaClede and was on Western’s basketball team and is in their Hall of Fame. He passed away in November 2018, just short of their 60th anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds taught at Union High School in Biggsville. Bev taught for 30 years until retiring in 1986. Since then, she has substituted at Fort Madison, Keokuk, and Hamilton High Schools.

She currently serves as a board member of the Nauvoo Historical Society. On that note, Bev related to me that way back in 1936 her mother and father traveled to Traverse City, Michigan for the National Cherry Festival. They were favorably impressed and brought back ideas to start a Grape Festival in Nauvoo. The first Nauvoo Grape Festival was held in 1938.

Along with Oscar and Millie Rhode, owners of the cheese factory, they started the annual Wedding of the Wine and Cheese that used to be part of the Grape Festival.

Bev says it is an honor to be chosen as Grand Marshal of the 2023 Nauvoo Grape Festival Parade. It seems she is continuing a family tradition. Her mother, Hilda Baxter was Grand Marshal in 2007. She was 100 years old at the time.

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**August City Council
August 8, 2023**

A brief emergency meeting was held [sic] at 7:20pm. The aldermen unanimously approved a resolution to waive bidding requirements and to approve emergency expenditures for road and bridge purposes due to the severe weather and/or excessive rainfall over the August 4-6 weekend, including necessary culvert and bridge repairs. The brief meeting adjourned at 7:23. City Council meeting was brought to [sic] order at 7:30pm.

The Aldermen unanimously approved the following:

- To approve the Acting Mayor to be a 3rd signature on City checking accounts (in case the City Clerk or City Treasurer is unavailable to do so).
- To authorize \$3,680 to purchase a maintenance agreement for the generator at the Water Plant. This purchase includes six years of maintenance, inspection, as well as a one-time coolant service and battery replacement for a generator for the Water Plant.
- To authorize \$2,000 to purchase and install a cage and partition for the Durango police car. (Such a cage/partition costs \$4,500 new, but Nauvoo Police Chief Dykstra found a used one that the Hancock County Sheriff will sell for \$500, a nice savings to the City. It will cost \$1,500 to get it installed.) Funding for the purchase will come from the cannabis tax money the City receives.
- To pay a \$1,000 application fee to apply for a Parks Grant.
- To authorize up to \$2,000 to purchase a new computer for the Nauvoo Police. The current computer is becoming obsolete.
- To approve the construction of four-way stop signs and school zone signs at Wells and Young Streets and near the Sts Peter & Paul Elementary School.
- To approve the first reading of a TIF agreement between the City and the Nauvoo Christian Visitor Center to reimburse for funds spent on new store front.

The City Council upheld the Planning Commission’s recommendation to deny a zoning change request by Matt Cobb at 35 Horton Drive to establish a trailer park. Mr. Cobb can submit an updated request in the future.

The City Council then tabled the issue of the new LDS Visitors Center until it receives another attorney opinion as well as the City attorney’s opinion.

The City Council then accepted a bid from Laverdiere Construction of Macomb for construction of sidewalks, parking, hardscape, and lighting. The bid was for \$339,964. They aldermen unanimously voted to approve the bid, plus 10% more for contingencies, which brought the total to \$377,738. The Nauvoo Community Center Capital Campaign Committee (NC5) has around \$200,000 in donations and grants, the City will pay for the rest.

Newly minted Eagle Scout Rebecca Moberly of BSA Troop 219 presented the City with a thumb-drive of digitized old City Sexton records, which she led troop members to scan and archive as her Eagle Scout project. Another thumb drive is available at the Weld House Museum, owned and cared for by the Nauvoo Historical Society.

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Fire & Police Responses

Fire Chief, Kendall Gallaher, reported 35 calls in July:

- 28 for EMS (ambulance)
- 7 fire calls

Police Chief, Ryan Dykstra, reported 99 incidents in July:

- 28 Traffic Stops
- 24 City Ordinance Violations

City Park (Park 1 in a 3 Park Series)

Since I started working at City Hall a few years ago I have gained a new favorite place in Nauvoo. A space that is small and cozy yet wide and open, a place that is cool and breezy yet warm and sun-filled, a place that can be full and teeming with people yet have a small quiet place to relax. Have you guessed where it is yet? It’s City Park of course!! Right outside my office door!!!

Getting ready for Memorial Day Picnic this year Carol and I decided to take some time to spruce it up a little before everyone came to enjoy it. Our City Guys came up to trim limbs and took the weeds and debris Carol and I had cleared away. Doing this just got me thinking about City Parks and their place in a community.

When I went online, some of the things they pointed out about the importance of a City having a City Park are the following:

- Parks provide recreational opportunities
- Parks increase property values
- Parks help combat crime
- Parks increase community engagement
- Parks help clean the air and improve public health
- Parks help with storm water management and keep cities cooler
- Parks help encourage active life styles

Our City Park is all of these things and did you know it is also the very first piece of property the City of Nauvoo purchased as a City? In 1865, the new City of Nauvoo purchased the land where City Park and City Hall sit. What a cool piece of Nauvoo history!!!

Recently Carol and I have enjoyed spreading the fun of the Nauvoo Fairy Door Trail in City Park. We have put out some Fairy Doors as well as hidden some magical fairy wings and some cute little snails on the trees. It has been super cool to hear kids as they find a set of wings or notice a little door. For the past couple summers the Nauvoo Public Library has taken advantage of the City Park. They have had some awesome craft days under the shade of the beautiful trees we have and entertained numerous summer reading kids. More and more we see summer families picnicking under the shade of the trees while they watch the kids run and play in the large open space.

So, love your City Park. Treat it well. Keep it clean. It’s a part of Nauvoo History. Keep your eyes out for some refreshing things happening this year at the Park. In a small town that can get very full this little treasure still has room for you to have a quiet moment and just breathe.



Free Movie

Join the Nauvoo Public Library on Friday, September 15th at 6 p.m. for a FREE showing of *Mamma Mia!* (rated pg-13) at Grandpa John’s Theatre. Free popcorn and soda will be provided as well.

BIG Baldrige & Bonfire Music Festival

Drew Baldrige presents the BIG Baldrige and Bonfires show in Nauvoo on September 30, 2023. Baldrige will headline this special event in his home state and perform new songs from his sophomore album *Country Born* as well as fan-favorites that helped propel him onto the country radio charts. Joining him throughout the day are Craig Campbell, David Kroll, Blacktop South, Bocephus Wayne, and DJ JD.

More information on pricing can be found on Drew Baldrige's Facebook page. Or go to www.eventbrite.com and search for “The BIG Baldrige & Bonfire 2023– Nauvoo, IL”

Making Change(s)

State Bank of Nauvoo has been a Nauvoo fixture since 1893. When you walk through the front door you see the perfect merging of old and new. The super cool collection of old office equipment and ledgers that were part of the original bank, sitting amidst the beautiful new smooth clean look of deep rich wood and soft cream walls. It wraps you in warmth and familiarity of a small town bank. But don't let it fool you!! State Bank of Nauvoo is changing, growing, and merging the comfort of familiarity with the constantly updating world of technology.

Thanks to Carla, Melanie, Melinda (Niota and Nauvoo), and Dee (when she isn't at her desk in the loan department) you will always have a friendly face to greet you when you walk in the doors or pull up to the drive thru. Renee has her hands full keeping up with the work that makes its way back to her desk. Matt and Josh are the male voices on the other end of the phone answering your questions and addressing your concerns. New to the bank is Liz, and she is perfecting her skills to walk you through the process of securing a loan. While being Bank President is Ted's main focus, he is definitely comfortable with helping Liz learn the ropes of loans, and he isn't above working the teller line when needed, but mostly you will walk in and hear him telling stories and shooting the breeze with anyone and everyone.

The latest Bank excitement has been their migration to ON LINE BANKING!!! That's right!! You read that correctly!! State Bank of Nauvoo now has ON-LINE BANKING and Mobile Deposit!! What a game changer! If you don't have your accounts online yet make sure to stop in and ask any of the friendly faces for help and they will see to it you get all your questions answered. You can . . . BANK ON IT!!!

The scarecrows are coming, the scarecrows are coming!

Mulholland Street in Nauvoo will once again be lined with scarecrows for the 7th annual Scarecrow Festival from October 7 – 31.

This event sponsored by the Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA) has been a popular one for our citizens and visitors to Nauvoo. In previous years our residents have shown their creativeness and shared their talent with around 60 scarecrows in all shapes and sizes. Registration is due by noon on October 6 to be eligible for judging with prizes being awarded for Best in Show and Best Natural Crow categories.

Since the NBA is initiating a new project highlighting what is natural in Nauvoo, we have made the new scarecrow category of Natural Crow. This includes crows representing the Mississippi River, eagles, birds, wildlife, aquatic life, trees, plants and all things around us and we would like to encourage crow makers to use what nature has given us when creating their crow.

Also new this year is the People's Choice Award which will be determined through Facebook posting. The "Crow" with the most likes/votes will be claiming the title. Watch Facebook starting October 1 for the entries.

All scarecrow winners will be announced at the 2nd annual Spooktacular Soup Sampling on October 7 at 4:30 PM at Grandpa John's Café, following the all-time classic movie "The Wizard of Oz" sponsored by the Nauvoo Public Library (starting at 2:30). For \$10 a person you will be able to sample a variety of soups made by local chefs, be able to vote for your 3 favorite soups and receive cookies and a bottle of water.



Festival On Wheels

In 1978, Nauvoo-Colusa High School Junior John McCarty was asked if he could put on a car show as another activity to the Grape Festival (which itself began in 1938). Young John accepted the challenge, never imagining that it would grow to what it is today. He also never thought he would still be the chairman of the event 46 years later! That first year there were 23 entries. Today the Festival on Wheels boasts a gathering of around 500 cars from all over the Midwest; each one hoping to take home a coveted award, perhaps one of the grand prizes or simply just to hear the comments from the thousands of spectators as they admire their vehicle. In 2002, a record 620 cars filled the two empty lots and catapulted the annual event to one of the premiere car shows in the Midwest. Over the years many new attractions have been added to the Nauvoo car show, the biggest one being the combining of Warsaw's Cruise Night, Hamilton's Classic AutoFest and the Nauvoo car show into one big Labor Day Weekend Annual Rolling Up the River.

The revved-up weekend begins Friday, September 1st in Warsaw. Participants will receive a huge welcome from the Warsaw Lions Club, along with a chance to win some of the \$1,000 prize money.

The vehicles, drivers, car buffs and the just plain curious will pour into Hamilton City Park on Saturday, September 2nd for the 15th Annual Hamilton Classic AutoFest.

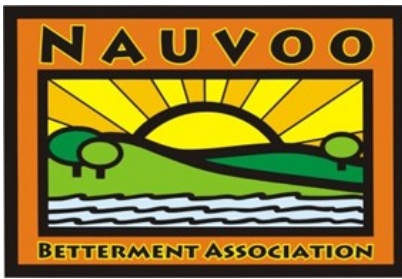
Early Sunday morning, September 3rd, the Nauvoo car show volunteers will gather to welcome and help park the remaining entries as they roll into town. There (across from the Nauvoo State Park) will be something for everyone interested in things automotive; from perfectly restored classic cars to full-blown customs, from brand-new to 100-year-old vehicles, from motorcycles to semis, from monster trucks to low-riders: there will be a vehicle for everyone's taste!

On Sunday there will be the "Grape Panel Jam Art Auction". Local automotive artists and pin-stripers along with fellow artists from Tennessee, Chicagoland, Central Iowa, Missouri and even Florida will donate custom hand-painted artwork to be auctioned off to raise money for a scholarship fund that was created to help graduating seniors entering an automotive trade school with expenses. Since its start in 2012, over \$23,000 has been awarded to several young people throughout the area. One of the originators of the Panel Jam, Tom Ciolek, passed away shortly after the auction was started, so the scholarship name was changed to honor his memory. These artists donate all their time and talent to keep this dream and his memory alive.

For more information, visit www.festivalonwheels.net or email John@mccartyartdesign.com.

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In the presence of nature, a wild delight runs through the man, in spite of real sorrows. – Ralph Waldo Emerson



Articles may be submitted at any time to
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Deadline for the October Issues is September 27

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. **Note:** The See Nauvo News staff reserves the right to condense event information, referring readers to reference sites for specific event details.



Grape Festival Schedule of Events 2023



Friday, September 1

- 1-4 p.m.: Historical Society Rheinberger Museum offers tours of the arched wine cellar & samples of grapes from Illinois' oldest vineyards.
- 5 p.m. -Midnight: Food vendors open-tenderloins, smoked brisket, funnel cakes, cotton candy, kettle corn & more
- 6-9 p.m.: Joe's Old Fashion Fun-Arm Band Night-\$25.00 (Mechanical Bull & Rock Climbing wall not included in Arm Band Night. **NEW**)
- 6-9 p.m.: Dunk Tank— Fundraiser for Jr. High FFA Nauvo. \$1.00 per ball or 6 balls \$5.00 **-NEW**
- 6-9 p.m.: Teen Tent—Door prizes and raffles and more! ages 13-18 years old \$2.00 cover charge **-NEW**
- 6 p.m.: Entertainment Tent - Must be 21 or older to enter—No cover charge
- 8:30-11:30 p.m.: Entertainment tent will host Live Music by Bocephus Wayne

Saturday, September 2

- 7-10:30 a.m.: Pancake Breakfast at the Shelter House, Nauvo State Park sponsored by the Nauvo Troop and Pack 56 Boy Scouts.
- 7a.m.: Registration for the Grape Stomp 5-K run/walk begins. Register online!! - or in person day of race
- 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! - includes a 28ft. Tee Pee, displayed by the Standing Bear Council
- 9 a.m.: Registrations for the Bags Tournament by River City Baggers - \$40 per team- **NEW**
- 10 a.m.: Bags Tournament begins in Nauvo State Park on the North side of Sidney Street
- Noon - 4 p.m.: Entertainment Tent Opens. Must be 21 or older. 1pm - 4pm canned beer is \$2.
- 1-4 p.m.: Historical Society Rheinberger Museum offers tours of the arched wine cellar & samples of grapes from Illinois's oldest vineyard.
- 1p.m.: Joe's Old Fashion Fun and Food Vendors- Loaded French Fries, Onion Rings, Corn Dogs & More!!
- 1-4p.m.: Nauvo Historical Weld House Museum opens for free tours
- 2 p.m.: Pet Parade starting at Uncle John's Station, corner of Robinson & Hwy 96 through the Uptown Nauvo Business district, ending at the Nauvo City Park. Theme for Pet Parade is "Beach Party"
Pet Parade King - Avery Brown, son of Tom & Jean Brown ~ Pet Parade Queen - Eleanor Orth, daughter of Kim Logan
- 6-9 p.m.: Teen Tent - Door Prizes and raffles and more! Ages 13-18 \$2 cover charge **-NEW**
- 3-7 p.m.: . Petting Zoo - Zebra, Donkey, Pot Belly Pig & more! \$2 treats to feed the animals - Free will Donation! **NEW**
- 5:30- 8 p.m.: 46th Annual Festival on Wheels Night Time Car Display at Outlaw Tee's, 85 N. Iowa Street, Nauvo, IL.
- 6-9 p.m.: Arm Band Night - \$25 (Mechanical Bull & Rock Climbing Wall not included in Arm Band Night **NEW**)
- 6-9 p.m.: Dunk Tank Fundraiser for Nauvo Jr. High FFA - \$1 per ball or 6 balls for \$5 **-NEW**
- 6 p.m.: Entertainment Tent starts \$5.00 cover charge/Must be 21 or older to enter
- 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.: Entertainment Tent hosts live music by Stumptown. Must be 21 or older to enter.

Sunday, September 3

- 7- 10:30 a.m.: Pancake Breakfast at the Shelter House, Nauvo State Park sponsored by Saints Peter & Paul School.
- 8 a.m.: Registration for the 46th Annual Festival on Wheels Custom Car Show.
- 9 a.m.: Arts & Craft Show and Flea Market opens.
- 11 a.m.: 46th Annual Festival on Wheels custom show opens
- 11a.m.- 4 p.m.: FREE Shuttle bus service will run from the Festival Grounds to area businesses.
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Check in for Feature Parade
- 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 -5p.m.: Rheinberger Museum offers tours of the arched wine cellar & samples of grapes from Illinois' oldest vineyard.
- 1-4 p.m.: Nauvo Historical Society Weld House Museum (1380 Mulholland) open for free tours
- 1 p.m.: Joe's Old Fashion Fun & Food Vendors - iced coffee, lotus energy, & more!
- 2 p.m.: Nauvo Grape Festival Feature Parade begins at the Fire Station & ends on Parley Street in the Nauvo State Park. 2023 Grand Marshall - Beverly Reynolds
- 3- 5p.m.: Petting Zoo - Zebra, Donkey, Pot Belly Pig & more! \$2 treats to feed the animals - Free will Donation! **NEW**
- 3 p.m.: Custom Automotive Art Auction - car show grounds
- 4 p.m.: 46th Annual Festival on Wheels Car Show Awards.
- 6-9 p.m.: Arm Band Night - \$25 (Mechanical Bull & Rock Climbing Wall not included in Arm Band Night **-NEW**)
- 6-9 p.m.: Dunk Tank Fundraiser for Nauvo Jr. High FFA - \$1 per ball or 6 balls for \$5 **-NEW**
- 6 p.m.: Entertainment Tent Starts - \$5.00 cover charge/Must be 21 or older to enter.
- 8:30 p.m.- 11:30 p.m.: Entertainment Tent will host Live Music by Revel in Red.