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NAUVOO BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION

AUGUST EVENTS

- Grape Festival August. 30th, 31st September, 1st
- Library Movie August 3rd 2:00 pm Grandpa Johns

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AUGUST MEETINGS

- Aug. 7th Hotel/Motel Board, 2 p.m., City Hall
- Aug. 12th Chamber of Commerce, noon, Nauvoo Inn.
- Aug. 13h , Park Board, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 13th, City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Aug 15th, NFPD , Fire Department, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 19th, School Board , 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 19th, Library Board, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 26th, Chamber of Commerce Board, noon, zoom

Nauvoo Health and Wellness Loop: Morning Workout & Family Fun

Have you had a chance to take the Nauvoo Loop yet? The Nauvoo Health and Wellness Loop was launched after the Spooky Trail in 2023 by the Nauvoo Betterment Association (NBA). This is a self-guided attraction that is part of NBA’s Natural Nauvoo Initiative. The Natural Nauvoo project will be an ongoing work-in-progress to create points-of-interest for visitors under the categories of River, Trees, Birds, Wildflowers, and Animals. NBA has embarked upon this project to promote Nauvoo’s many natural resources of tourism. The majority of Nauvoo visitors are drawn here for the rich history, but the Natural Nauvoo Initiative was created to document the many sources of Nature attractions that Nauvoo has to offer. From a tourism enhancement prospective the idea it to get people to “Come to Nauvoo for the History, but Stay for the Nature”. Every time a three day trip turns into four day adventure due to more attractions available is a boon for Nauvoo.



The Health and Wellness Loop incorporates 1.8 miles of the Nauvoo State Park with 2.1 miles of the Historic District along Riverwalk. This gives participants just shy of a 4-mile loop to enjoy some of the most refreshing landscapes in Nauvoo. It incorporates 2 bodies of water and ample exposure to Nauvoo’s trees, wildflowers, and animals. The NBA has funded many projects to enhance the Riverwalk experience. How could you not have noticed the 3’x4’ River Photo Animal Gallery along the fence of the water treatment plant hung a few years back? Plans are to continue adding to the viewing with more photo additions over time. The Fairy Tree movement continues to expand its popularity along the Riverwalk. And speaking of viewing enhancements look for an addition of a spectacular viewing landing in the near future.



The Nauvoo Health and Wellness Loop provides an invigorating workout to start or end the day. Or pack some snacks and embark with the kids along any portion of the trail. The Nauvoo State Park provides plenty of picnic- and- play opportunities including a restroom stop along the way. Maps can be obtained for the loop uptown where Page Street intersects Lake Horton or at the Tourism Information kiosk across from the Nauvoo State Park. Enjoy the Loop.

Nauvoo Roots



On July 22, with the help of Barry, Jerry, Joe, Brenden, and the city’s forklift, a tree sculpture was “planted” on the west side of Nauvoo City Center. NC5 had set aside donated funds for creating the area as a tribute to those who had selflessly and enthusiastically given years of service to the community. The idea, prompted by the passing of long-time Nauvoo resident Durell Nelson, expanded to include other like-minded citizens. Additional landscaping is still to be determined.

A tree is a wonderful metaphor for those who have fostered and nurtured the growth and betterment of their surroundings. Both start with a seed (an actual seed or an idea being fostered is planted. Roots are formed and are anchored firmly. Growth is nurtured, “limbs” are added by like-minded individuals and the “tree” (idea/project) flourishes. “Boulders,” or impediments, need to be reckoned with along the way. Regardless, the “roots” are securely anchored, and the “tree”/project reaches full growth. “Birds” (additional supporters) are drawn to the “tree,” build “nests” and lay “eggs” whose “chicks” will grow and fledge into similar civic-minded people. As with Mother Nature’s life cycle, the next generation is encouraged to carry on.

To pursue this idea, an NC5 committee chose Chuck and Sue Kerschner to bring the metaphorical sculpture to reality. Sue sketched the design. Chuck fashioned it into a 12’ x 6’ sculpture with its roots firmly entwined into the boulders, showing the tenacity of both those who served and Mother Nature’s adaptability and resilience. The tree is replete with nest and five golden eggs—the promise of continuity for the future. The piece’s rusty exterior exemplifies endurance over the passage of time.

The Kerschners own Starlight Art Glass Studio in West Burlington where Sue designs and makes stained glass artworks; and Chuck, a retired journeyman iron worker and former tool and die maker, imagines and creates wonderful out-of-the box art pieces. He also fashions the forms for Sue’s glass creations.

City Council Tuesday, July 9th, 2024

On Tuesday evening, July 9th, Acting Mayor Tacy Nelson gavelled the meeting to order at 7:30pm. A noticeable improvement was the presence of three additional microphones. This allowed each alderman to have his or her own mike, rather than share it with another. This made it easier for the public to hear what was being said, so long as an alderman spoke into the microphone.

The aldermen unanimously approved the following:

- The FY23 Audit Report performed by Arnold, Behrens, Nesbit, Gray P.C. of Quincy
- Payment of unused vacation from the previous fiscal year.
- Pay \$400 for a YouTube Influencer. Funds will come out of Hotel/Motel tax budget. The Influencer is Stuart Edge, and he has 2.41 million followers. According to Tourism Director Rebecca Williamson, Mr. Edge will come to Nauvoo for the Pageant and make a post about it on YouTube. The post will emphasize “staying longer in Nauvoo.”
- To approve a contract with Erin Jespersen to work as a Social Media Person through June 2025 at \$1,000/month. She will operate the City’s Beautiful Nauvoo Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest pages

Speaking on behalf of the Library Committee, Alderman Brenda Adkisson reported that the Nauvoo Public Library had 750 visitors in May and checked out 1,252 items.

Speaking for the Economic Development Committee, Jordan Squires reported on the upcoming Mapping Project meetings. Anyone with an interest in Nauvoo’s future can serve on the Mapping Project. There will be four meetings August 6, 12, 19, and 26, from 6-9pm at the City Center.

Finally, Tourism Director Rebecca Williamson announced that Pageant officials will have a “Locals Night” at the Pageant on Thursday, July 25th. Local residents will have reserved seating at “Locals Night” on July 25th to enjoy the Nauvoo Pageant together.

During the public comments section of the meeting, one resident was concerned about rental carts, stating that he had witnessed some drivers who are obviously under age, and others driving in an unsafe manner. Acting Mayor Nelson said that the police have issued citations for violating city ordinances and advised that if anyone sees such a violation, they can call the police or send a photo.

Fort Madison BNSF Bridge



Just a reminder that the BNSF Bridge from Niota, IL to Ft. Madison, IA will be temporarily closing. Maintenance work will be done such that there will be a need to completely close the bridge to traffic for several months. There will be a short span of time at the end of August when it reopens until

after Rodeo then closed again until November. Drive around routes to access Fort Madison will be either Keokuk, Iowa or Burlington, Iowa. Be safe!

Closed August 5th-August 30th, 2024

Open briefly August 31 – September 15, 2024

Closed again September 16 – November 22, 2024

Nauvoo Museums Getting Needed Updates

Weld House has newly updated displays. The back room was updated by Rita Souther, Rebecca Williamson, David Felgar, Diana Moberly, and several other helpers and now contains displays from all the churches in Nauvoo. The rotation display case features the Grape Festival with pictures and memorabilia from the 85 years that it has been held. A bookcase was added at the front of the museum that has a shelf for each era of history that the museum showcases. Items on each shelf are from the eras of history and help explain the layout of the museum and the history of Nauvoo. The furnace and air conditioner updates are close to being completed thanks to a generous donation from the Gillespie family and fundraising events.

Rheinberger is open for the season and staffed primarily by Deon Lung. If any members have free time a helping hand would be appreciated for either museum. The State Park was able to make updates to the electrical system for the building and are working on the front step and the porch. These projects take considerable time to go through the necessary approval but Robin Hinchee who oversees the park is working hard to accomplish these needed repairs.

Fundraisers were held at the Museum Opening in May and the French Heritage Festival. These were both successful as seen in the Treasurer’s Report. Oktoberfest and the Pie Sale at Pumpkin Walk will be the next fundraisers.

Gene Shurts met with the NHS board about installing a computer at the Nauvoo Public Library that will host various databases for historical research. The board voted to help sponsor this endeavor and a sign will be placed by the computer that says “Sponsored by Nauvoo Historical Society” or similar wording. Gene was able to raise most of the funds through private donors. This will help with those researching Nauvoo history and be a good outreach effort for the NHS.

Rebecca Williamson and David Felgar are managing the Facebook page for NHS. Posts have mainly been “then and now” posts featuring older photos alongside current Nauvoo photos showing the same area. Photos from the NHS collection have also been posted on the city’s Facebook page and have been well received. If you are not following either account you are missing out on some great pictures!

Nauvoo Fire Protection District

The Nauvoo Fire Protection District (NFPD) Board of Trustees met last Thursday evening (July 18). Board President Elgin Berry called the meeting to order at 6:52pm.

Treasurer Dan Gallaher presented the budget proposal for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2024 and ending May 31, 2025. The final budget will be published in the pages of this newspaper and approved at a public meeting at the fire station at 6:00pm on Thursday, August 15, 2024.

Also on the agenda was a proposal for a solicitation for bids for a new fire truck, or more specifically a “Quick Response Utility Rescue with Engine Driven Pumping System Skid Unit and auxiliary equipment”. This rugged four-wheel drive brush truck is designed to reach rural fires quickly and efficiently, and will have a 300-gallon skid tank. The district will invite bids from qualified suppliers through a public notice in the newspaper. Bid opening will be Thursday, August 15th at 6:30pm at the Nauvoo Fire Station.

In June, reporting that the NFPD responded to 36 calls. Of these, 34 were for emergency medical services, and one each for fire and traffic accidents.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Taken from an article by Alan Moberly

Smokey Bear or Lucky Bear?

In 1950 there was a major wildfire sweeping through the Captain Mountains of New Mexico. Firefighters received a call regarding a lone bear cub wandering near the fire line. Soon, about 30 firefighters and the cub were caught in the path of the fire storm. The group of firefighters survived by lying face down on a rockslide. Nearby the cub took refuge in a tree. An hour later when the fire storm had finally passed over them the firefighters rose to find the cub was still alive in the tree. Upon rescuing the cub they found his paws and hind legs were badly burned. A rancher was among the firefighting crew and he agreed to take the cub home. Meanwhile, a New Mexico Department of Game & Fish ranger heard about the cub and drove to the ranchers home. The ranger was able to help get the cub on a plane to Santa Fe to help get the proper help.

News spread quickly and soon the United Press and Associated Press broadcast the cubs story nationwide. Soon the cub was on his way to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. where he became **Smokey Bear**.

In 1952 Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins wrote Smokey's song. In order to maintain the rhythm of the song Steve and Jack added THE between "Smokey" and "Bear." Thus, thousands of fans came to know him as Smokey THE Bear. Even through all this he still remained just plain Smokey Bear to those who cared for him and saw he had a safe and happy life.



Celebrate Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday

August 9th @ 10 AM Smokey Bear's Birthday Hike and Party Join us at the Frank Stevenson Shelter house at Nauvoo State

Park for Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday party! Come for refreshments, cake, presents, and party games! Group hike at 10 AM. Birthday party at Noon. Sign up for the Birthday fun at the Nauvoo Public Library, 1445 Mulholland.

A Library Is a Good Place to Hang Out



If you have spent any time at all at Nauvoo's library, you probably have seen 14-year-old Lizzie Jespersen. It's one of her favorite go-to places, and she enjoys hanging out as well as participating in the various creative craft offerings. Lizzie likes all forms of art. One of her claims to fame is a polymer clay hamburger and French fries that can be seen on the counter at Lock 19. Besides sculpting wee objects, Lizzie likes to do digital art, and needle felting. She presently is writing a fantasy story about dragons, which she plans to

illustrate, as well. If the story is as good as the names she chose for her characters: Sunstone, Firefly, Vulture, Moonglow, and Alamarii-- all of which are female dragons, except for Firefly, she's got a winner in the making. Go, Lizzie!

August Senior Citizens Meeting

The Nauvoo Area Senior Citizens Wednesday, August 28, 11:00, City Center—Community Room

Lonnie Bromley has replaced Jackie Sumner as acting president until elections take place later this year. The program will feature a shortened version of NBA's Nauvoo Nature Trivia contest held earlier this year. Brian Riggs and Steve Hanlin will present the program. Come and join us. Bring a friend or two. It's a great way to meet new people and enjoy lunch together.

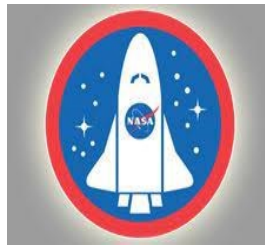
Kung Fu Panda 4

Presented by Nauvoo Public Library August 24th, 2:00pm Grandpa John's 1255 Mulholland, Nauvoo



NASA in Nauvoo

All Aboard August (August 3rd) 2:00 at Nauvoo Public Library, 1445 Mulholland, Nauvoo



Nauvoo Market Place

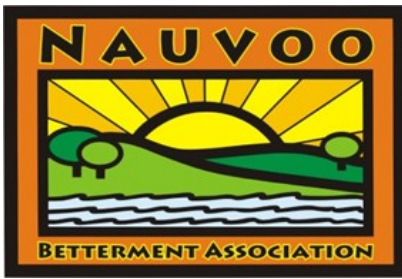
All good things must, eventually, come to an end. So, it is with Nauvoo Market Place. For almost six years, shopkeeper Sharon Cohen has had her dream job—one that allowed many local and nearby "entrepreneurs" the opportunity to rent a shelf or larger space for a nominal fee and sell their wares, which delighted patrons from near and far. It was a win-win situation for all. Alas, as of July 31, Sharon and husband Bruce will be bowing out because of health reasons.

The shop has been a boon to Nauvoo's business district. At its height 60 vendors occupied the 92 available booths. Sharon, having worked in both retail and in the programming of retail and manufacturing software, was a perfect fit for the job. Her initial purpose in opening the shop was to create community unity; her gregarious personality allowed her to become friends with the vendors, which added to the enjoyment of her job. Upon entering the store, one patron announced, "It's like Etsy, but real!" (Vendors often posted their items on Facebook, which brought interested to Nauvoo Market Place.)

According to Sharon, "It was the most incredible experience to serve the community—even better was to be served and loved by the community in return." Sharon and her mini "community center" will be missed.



Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine. ~Anthony D'Angelo



Articles may be submitted at any time to
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Deadline for the September issue is August 28th, 2024

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

86th Annual Grape Festival Aug. 30,31 & Sept, 1, 2024
Nauvoo, IL 62354

Friday, August 30

- 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Nauvoo Historical Society Rheinberger Museum offers tours of the arched wine cellar and samples of grapes from Illinois' oldest vineyards. Originals & reprints of former Grape Festival Programs will be available
5:00 pm– Midnight – Food vendors open - tenderloins, ribeye's, corn dogs, funnel cakes, cotton candy, kettle corn & more!
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Joe's Old Fashion Fun-Arm Band Night-\$25.00 Mechanical Bull & Rock Climbing wall not included in Arm Band Night.
6:00 pm–9:00 pm -Dunk Tank— Fundraiser for Jr. High FFA Nauvoo. \$1.00 per ball or 6 balls \$5.00
6:00 pm—Entertainment Tent - Must be 21 or older to enter—No cover charge
8:30 pm—11:30pm– Entertainment Tent will host Live Music by Jerad & Nathan—a local duo from the tristate area!

Saturday, August 31

- 7:00 am—10:30am – Pancake Breakfast at the Shelter House in the Nauvoo State Park
Sponsored by the Nauvoo Troop and Pack 56 Boy Scouts; Donations are welcome
7:00 am – Registration for the Grape Stomp 5-K run/walk begins-register online or in person
7:30 am – Registration for Co-Ed Mud Volleyball begins
8:00 am – Co-Ed Mud Volleyball play begins; Grape Stomp 5-K run/walk begins
9:00 am – Arts & Crafts / Flea Market / Direct Sales opens including a 28 ft. Tee Pee, displayed by The Standing Bear Council. The members will educate people about housing and various artifacts. NEW— more artifacts and Tee Pees!!
9:00 am—Registrations for the Bags Tournament by River City Baggers—\$40.00 per team—
10:00 am– Bags Tournament begins in Entertainment Tent - location change
12:00 pm – Entertainment Tent Opens. Must be 21 or older to enter - 1pm—4pm \$2 cans of beer
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm - Nauvoo Historical Society Rheinberger Museum offers tours of the arched wine cellar.
1:00 pm – Midway Opens Joe's Old Fashion Fun and Food Vendors—loaded French Fries, onion rings, corn dogs & more! 2:00 pm –

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. Games in City Park after parade.

Theme for Pet Parade is Wild West, NO registration fee

Pet Parade King— Noah Pierce and Pet Parade Queen— Sutton Radel

- 3:00 pm—7 pm–Petting Zoo-Zebra, Donkey, Horses, goats and more. \$2 treats for animals and games! NEW
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm – 47th Annual Festival on Wheels Night Time Car Display - McCarty Art Design, 85 N Iowa St., Nauvoo
6:00 pm– 9:00 pm—Joe's Old Fashioned Fun Arm Band Night-\$25.00 *Mechanical Bull and Rock Climbing wall not included in Arm Band Night
6:00 pm –9 :00 pm - Dunk Tank Fundraiser for Jr. High FFA Nauvoo-\$1.00 per ball or 6 balls for \$5.00
6:00 pm—Entertainment Tent - Must be 21 or older to enter. \$5.00 cover charge
8:30 pm—11:30 pm Entertainment Tent will host Live Music by Josh Holland Band— Small town IL artist performing a powerful mix of hard rock, alt. rock and country!

Sunday, September 1

- 7:00 am– 10:30 am – Pancake Breakfast at the Shelter House in the Nauvoo State Park
Sponsored by Saints Peter & Paul School; Donations are welcome.
8:00 am – Registration for the 46th Annual Festival on Wheels Custom Car Show
9:00 am— Church Service in the Entertainment Tent - Worship songs with Living Water, a local worship band. Sponsored by Golden's Point Church.
9:00 am – Arts & Crafts /Flea Market / Direct Sales opens, including a 28 ft Tee Pee, displayed by The Standing Bear Council. The members will educate people about housing and various artifacts. NEW— more artifacts and Tee Pees!! 11:00am—1:00 pm—Registration for Feature Parade at Nauvoo Fire Station.

One of the largest open car shows in the tri-state area!

11:00 am – 47th Annual Festival on Wheels Custom Car Show opens with several hundred vehicles –

- 11:00 am – 4:00 pm – Free Shuttle Bus will run from the Festival Grounds to Nauvoo wineries.
12:00 — Entertainment Tent opens. 1pm—4pm \$2.00 Cans of Beer. Must be 21 or older to enter
1:00 pm–4:00 pm Entertainment Tent will host Live Music by Two Fifths—a local duo from Nauvoo, IL!
1:00 pm– 4:00 pm - Nauvoo Historical Society Rheinberger Museum offers tours of the arched wine cellar.
1:00 pm – Midway opens Joe's Old Fashioned Fun & Food Vendors— maid rites, ribeye's, classic carnival foods, iced coffee, lotus drinks & more!
2:00 pm – Feature Parade—Theme-Wild West— NO Registration Fee!! Feature Parade begins at Fire Station/Ends on Parley Street in the Nauvoo State Park.

Grand Marshall-Cathy and Randy Bergmeier

Scholarship Recipients riding in the parade: Marissa Hutson, Grace Poland, Parker Quinlan

- 3:00 pm – Custom Automotive Art Auction – Car Show grounds
4:00 pm – 47th Annual Festival on Wheels Car Show Awards
6:00 pm—Entertainment Tent \$5.00 cover charge. Must be 21 or older to enter
6:00 pm– 9:00 pm – Joe's Old Fashioned Fun Arm Band Night \$25.00. Mechanical Bull&Rock Climbing Wall not Included in the Arm Band Night
8:30 pm—11:30 pm – Entertainment Tent will host Live Music by Clover. Country and Rock band from St. Charles, Missouri!



Follow our Facebook page "Nauvoo Grape Festival" for updates throughout the year!
*Hand held radios provided by *Electronic Applications in West Burlington, Iowa*



The Nauvoo Grape Festival reserves the right to cancel or change an activity.