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# See Nauvoo News

## EVENTS

- Fridays, July – Aug Farmer's Market– City Park 3-7 PM
- July 3 & 4 America 250 Celebrations
- Jul 24 Tenderloin Fry at KC Hall 5 to 7:30 PM

For more events and updated schedules see [beautifulnauvoo.com](http://beautifulnauvoo.com)



**“We are the land of the free  
because of the brave.”  
– Unknown**

**The word for the year: Semi quincennial (250)  
Happy Birthday, America!**



## JULY / AUGUST MEETINGS

- July 1 Hotel Motel Board 4:30 PM City Center
- July 2 Economic Development 4 PM City Center
- July 13 Finance Meeting 4:30 PM City Center
- July 14 City Council 7:30 PM City Center
- July 15 Betterment Association 7 PM City Center
- July 20 School Board 7 PM N-C School
- July 20 Library Board 6 PM Library
- July 16 Fire Protection meeting 7 PM Fire Dept

## Nauvoo events for the 4th of July Weekend

### July 3

- 6 PM Pre-fireworks Activities & Games—Sunset Stage
- 7—9 PM Root Beer Floats at former City Hall (Bluff Street). Sponsored by NBA Funds raised for new event sign at City Hall.
- 8 PM Music on Temple Hill
- 9:30 PM Fireworks (viewing on Temple Hill)

### July 4

- 8 AM Community Breakfast—North Visitors Center 290 Main
- 9 AM Flag Center—Visitors Center
- 7 PM Sunset on the Mississippi—Sunset Stage
- July 3 & 4 Nauvoo Rock & Gem Show 11AM to 4PM 1310 Knight St

### ***Benjamin Franklin was dubbed “The First American” for a reason.***

Americans remember Benjamin Franklin as one of our founders. That is fitting because he was not just our most famous citizen at our country's birth, but he was also so much a central part of that birth that he has been called “The First American.”

As a member of the Second Continental Congress, Franklin helped draft the Declaration of Independence. As a member of the Constitutional Convention, he helped draft the Constitution. Both documents bear his signature. He also signed the Treaty of Alliance with France, bringing the colonies French aid against the British, and the Treaty of Paris, which ended the Revolutionary War and recognized the independence of the United States. He was the only person, in fact, to sign all those key documents.

*Taken from Foundation for Economic Education website*

**New Ownership of Lock 19 Restaurant**



As of April 2026, new owner-operators Karl Miller and Graham Wright are “manning” Lock 19 restaurant. Karl, who had lived in Nauvoo for a couple of years, was immediately interested when Lock 19 went up for sale. He called Graham, explaining that the building, brand, menu, was already broken in and was a turn-key operation.

Karl (40) hails from San Diego and lived in Wisconsin for awhile when he and family visited Nauvoo on his way to Missouri to view the eclipse, loved the feel of the town, and moved here in 2024. Having worked as a Director for Customer Insights, he was suited to gauging the needs of consumers, which is a boon for any entrepreneur. He is a licensed realtor and works for KL Real Estate when not catering to the food crowd. Karl, wife Maribel, James (11), Kaz (9), and Allen (7) live in the old Hyrum Kimball house (formerly Joe Wilson’s) across from Nauvoo’s Park District.

Graham (36), grew up in a military family, living various places but calling North Carolina home base. He, like Karl, was in Customer Insights research. They met 13 years ago while working for the same company. During that time, Graham met and married Karl’s sister Diane, and the bond was cemented. Presently Graham and family: wife and children: Miriam (9), Milo (8), Soren (6), Juni (4), and Lumi (6 months) are living with Karl’s family until they find a home of their own.

The proprietors are upbeat, love their job, and schmoozing with their customers. They want to make food as it’s supposed to be prepared and are glad patrons can see the food being cooked. They aim to please, and encourage all to experience their pork tenderloins, whose deliciousness comes from the meat being brined in pickle juice for 24 hours!

Karl and Graham are fun to know, play to each other’s strengths, and are all-out community minded. Starting in July, Lock 19 will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Stop in for some good food and a good laugh—or, two!

*Article by Karen Ihrig*

**Hancock County Statistical Snapshot (stay tuned for additional info in August See Nauvoo News)**

The following is sourced from the 2023 American Community Survey (ACS)\* 5-year estimates from the US Census Bureau, the 2010, 2020 Decennial Census Data, and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (All was excerpted from the above for use in a June 2026 overview for Hancock County Economic Development. Data pertaining to Nauvoo was pulled out for this article. Hamilton, Carthage, Warsaw, Dallas City, and Illinois were used in the comparisons.)

Population	2010	2020	2024 (*)
Hancock County	19,104	17,620	17,281
Hamilton	2,951	2,753	2,714
Carthage	2,605	2,490	2,291
Warsaw	1,607	1,510	1,518
Nauvoo	1,149	950	931
Dallas City	945	805	894

**65 Years and Older**

All five communities have higher percentages of senior citizens than the State (17.9%) with Nauvoo (32.4%), Warsaw (27.1%) and Dallas City (27.9%) having the highest percentages. *Contributed by Karen Ihrig*

**Ameren Electrical Prices Hiked**

Starting June 2, the price of electric supply for residential Ameren customers temporarily increased from 8.7 cents per kWh to about 11 cents per kWh. Homewood Energy is offering the City a slightly lower rate ca. 10.49 per kWh. According to Ameren, the summer price of electricity remains historically high because there is a shortage of electricity available to meet demand in their service area on days when temperatures are high and energy use at home increases. Know your supplier is and compare rates with other retail suppliers by visiting [plugin.illinois.gov](http://plugin.illinois.gov). All Nauvoo customers not opting out by July 10 will automatically be signed up with Homewood Energy. (In June, Nauvoo residents received cards in the mail offering an opportunity to opt-out and remain with their chosen electricity provider. The signed card must be returned to Homewood Energy by July 10. Those not doing so will automatically become Homewood customers.) Questions? Check with City Hall.) *Submitted by Karen Ihrig*

# Community Calendar

Rootbeer Floats/Ice Cream  
July 3 from 7 to 9M at Navoo City Park  
Sponsored by Navoo Betterment Association

Navoo Area Seniors July Luncheon  
Save the last Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. for Navoo Area Seniors' luncheon. This month's meeting will be July 29 and will feature Fort Madison's Scheaffer Pen Museum's curator, Thomas Barker, who will connect the pen's present with its past. Lunch is available for a free-will offering.

Senior Expo  
Free admission and free refreshments are available at the Senior Expo at Carthage Primary School on July 8 from 9 a.m.-noon. Information and screenings will be available for seniors participants wanting to know more about Medicare, home health, arthritis relief, assisted living veterans' assistance long-term care, housing assistance, among others. This is a great opportunity. Don't miss it!

## NAVVOO LIBRARY NEWS

Pre-orders for the library T-shirt fundraiser are open until July 20 with pre-order forms in the library. All proceeds from shirt sales go directly to supporting programs for summer reading and throughout the year.

### The Keokuk Concert Association previews their upcoming season:

Monday, July 13th from 4-6pm. In the library activity room,

### Terrarium Class by Heather Church of Pool 19

Thursday, July 23rd, 6:30-8pm, \$50 a person prepay to cover the cost of supplies: 9" glass terrarium, choice of 3 plants, step-by-step instructions and care tips.. Space is limited. Scan the QR code to the right to register or call the library at 217-453-2707



### THE DRAGON TRAINING ACADEMY, Sat, July 18 11 AM -Library Activity Room

Bring the excitement of realistic looking animatronic dragons to your next event! Watch as inventor & time traveler Brock Barnabas visits the present time to recruit some adventurous kids to travel back to the Medieval times. They train to help deal with an overpopulation of dragons! Kids are trained to both defend against and tame down dragons using Brock's amazing science-based inventions and techniques.



Upon completion of the audience's training, Brock Barnabas prepares to transport the kids to the past - but inadvertently draws a dragon right to your event! Kids get to use their newly learned skills to deal with the dragon in the room! All shows are set up with a post-show meet and greet with a baby dragon animatron-ic! FUN! (Taken from dragontrainer.net website)

## TENDERLOIN FRY

Knights of Columbus  
Friday, July 24 5-7:30 PM  
KC Hall

## FARMER'S MARKET

Fridays 3 PM to 7 PM  
Navoo City Park  
Support our local vendors



## IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT SCARECROWS

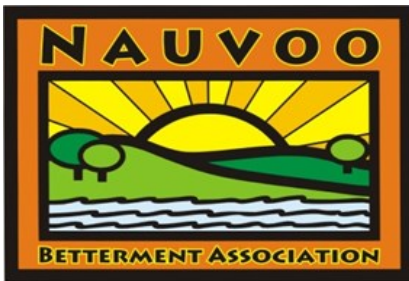
10 years ago the idea was planted by the Navoo Betterment Association to expand activities in October in Navoo and the annual Scarecrow Festival came to life. Since then, there have been hundreds of scarecrows created which have brought joy to citizens and visitors alike. This year we will continue the America 250 celebration with an American heritage theme. Time to start thinking about how your crowd will look. More info will be coming in the August issue of See Navoo News.

MUSIC ON THE PATIO—Baxter's Vineyard  
July 5 Elvis & Girls (Elvis Impersonator)  
& Nathan Gosnell  
July 12 Tim Smith  
July 26 Dallas Kraus

Navoo Orchestra Quartet  
Saturday, August 1 3 to 4 PM  
Zions Mercantile grassy area

## AMERICA 250 A PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION





Articles may be submitted at any time to  
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Deadline for the August issue is July 22, 2026

See *Nauvoo News* may be picked up at the following locations for a suggested donation of twenty-five cents: City Hall, Fudge Factory, 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](http://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.

### NAUVOO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NEWS

The Nauvoo Fire Protection District (NFPD) Board of Trustees convened for its regular monthly meeting at the Nauvoo Fire Station on Thursday, June 18.

The NFPD voted to cancel its landline telephone service. This service costs about \$5,000 annually. They did this because 9-1-1 service has made this need obsolete, plus nobody calls the old fire station telephone number anymore.

The Trustees unanimously voted to reappoint Kendall Gallaher as Fire Chief for another year.

NFPD Fire Chief Gallaher provided an update on the district's activities, noting that the district responded to a total of 33 calls in May. Among these calls, were 30 related to ambulance services and 3 related to fire services.

Chief Kendall Gallaher is still working on the 2024 edition of the International Fire Code and will remove the parts that are not applicable to the District. The Board of Trustees will then vote on an ordinance to adopt the International Fire Code as amended by Chief Gallaher. The notice will be placed in the Hancock County Journal-Pilot. Printed copies of the Codes will be available for public inspection at the fire station. The Codes were last updated in 2019. Having current codes improves the insurance ratings and premiums for homes and businesses within the District.

The NFPD Board of Trustees' meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Nauvoo Fire Station. These meetings are open to the public.

### The Nauvoo City Council met in front of 13 attendees last Tuesday, June 9, at the Nauvoo City Center.

The aldermen voted in favor of the following:

Plate Lawn Care to fertilize and spray the City Center lawn for \$753.50, Joe Hopp Electric & Construction \$2,900 to put a coating on old City Hall roof, Vicki Newton's cleaning fee to \$20 per cleaning, approved the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2027, Hopp Computers \$767.00 for two monitors and a webcam for City Center. Upgrade software to LOCIS 8 for \$7480. (includes training and implementation), LOCIS 8 annual membership and maintenance for \$4,286, and an additional \$3,381 for the LOCIS 7 annual membership, L.T. Landscaping to trim trees at City Park for \$1,500, final payment of \$56,139.78 to Laverdiere Construction and \$15,800 to Benton Engineering for final payments for City Park upgrades. \$14,856.26 to Illinois Department of Transportation for IDOT Sidewalk Grant, \$9,537.31 from tourism grant relating to tourism initiatives, purchase of a backup power generator for the City Center (his purchase will be reimbursed from a grant), \$7,998.20 to Bollin Tiling to install drainage tiles in the cemetery, which will be expanded to the south, The first reading of the Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Years 2026-2027, converting the alley behind the City Center into a one-way street heading east, construction of a sidewalk west of Sts Peter & Paul Elementary School along Wells Street, Directing City Police to issue citations to the residents and owners of 1385 Knight Street for occupying an unsafe residence, which has an illegal chimney and no utilities. An administrative court will follow for adjudication, with the City Attorney appointing a judge, encouraging the City Police to enforce traffic rules regarding electric scooters and bikes, authorized a TIF agreement with Chatwin Real Estate LLC, Chatwin Emporium LLC.

Jordan Squier announced that radar speed limit signs will be installed soon on Mulholland,

Rebecca Williamson, representing the Hotel/Motel Board, announced that Nauvoo is now officially recognized as a "Bird City Illinois" city. She will be conducting an in-person survey of travelers to gather feedback on visitors' experiences and identify areas for improvement. If you would like to volunteer to help with the survey, contact her at City Offices.

#### Police Department Report

Chief Ryan Dykstra provided an May update on police activity, noting that the Nauvoo Police Department responded to or initiated 59 incidents. Of these, 13 involved traffic stops, leading to 17 citations for violations of city ordinances. Additionally, one individual was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, one for driving with a suspended license, and one for an outstanding warrant.

*Taken from Article by Alan Moberly*