

*News from*  
**The Committee to Save  
the Thomas Paine  
Memorial Building**

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**“We have it in our power to begin the world  
over again.”**

**— Thomas Paine**

Early in 2020, a group of concerned citizens, in alliance with the Huguenot & New Rochelle Historical Association (HNRHA), formed the Committee to Save the Thomas Paine Memorial Building, which had been closed for several years and which was expected soon to be for sale on the open market.

City Councilwoman Sara Kaye, with support from Mayor Bramson and others on the Council, sponsored a proposal to designate the Building as a New Rochelle historical landmark, later unanimously approved by the Council on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The local landmark designation assures protection of the building’s exterior and prevention of demolition. On September 6<sup>th</sup>, a ceremony was held at the Building to celebrate the landmark designation and the temporary opening for an exhibit by the New Rochelle Art Association.

**Speakers emphasized that the work of preserving the Building and other Thomas Paine sites in New Rochelle is just beginning.** The Committee seeks

funds from major donors to enable purchase and renovation of the Building and open it permanently as part of a revitalized Thomas Paine Cultural Center in New Rochelle.

Committee members were joined by City Council members Liz Fried and Yadira Ramos-Herbert, Professor Josh Klein of Iona College and the Thomas Paine National Historical Association, and representatives of the New Rochelle Chamber of Commerce, the Fuller Center of Housing for Greater New York City, the Board of the Huguenot and New Rochelle Historical Association, the League of Women Voters, the Lincoln Park Conservancy of History and Culture, My Brother’s Keeper, the New Rochelle Art Association, the Rotary Club of New Rochelle, and other supporters. Attendees enjoyed viewing the art exhibit in the Building, open in the afternoons until September 12<sup>th</sup>.

***Celebrating designation of the Building  
as a local historical landmark***



***You can help!***

- **Share this newsletter** with your friends and acquaintances, and **send your contact information** to our email address in order to stay informed: [savepaineslegacy@gmail.com](mailto:savepaineslegacy@gmail.com).
- “Like” our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CommitteetoSavetheThomasPaineMemorialBuilding>
- **Send us suggestions about potential funding opportunities from foundations or other private donors** who may have special interests in historic preservation, the American Revolution, and Paine’s legacy in New Rochelle.
- **Become a member of the Huguenot and New Rochelle Historical Association.** [www.DiscoverNewRochelleHistory.org](http://www.DiscoverNewRochelleHistory.org)
- **Watch for and attend upcoming events.** See reverse of this page.

## Upcoming events



### *Quaff & Quill*

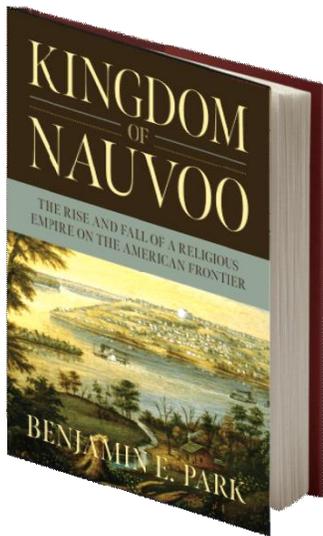
Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30 pm:

Author talk by Dr. Benjamin E. Park,

***“Thomas Paine’s Worst Nightmare:  
Kingdom of Nauvoo – The Rise and Fall  
of a Religious Empire on the American  
Frontier.”***

Co-sponsored by the Huguenot & New Rochelle Historical Association & the Institute for Thomas Paine Studies at Iona College. Zoom registration through Iona College -

[https://iona.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_UXuGN7TnS2qUvFK21JiSPA](https://iona.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UXuGN7TnS2qUvFK21JiSPA)



Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> -Saturday,  
September 26<sup>th</sup>:

***Foundations of Independence: Protest  
and Communication in Revolutionary  
America, 1770-2020***

A Virtual Conference hosted by Iona College and the Institute for Thomas Paine Studies.

For registration and more information, visit the Institute’s website:

<https://www.iona.edu/microsites/institute-for-thomas-paine-studies.aspx>

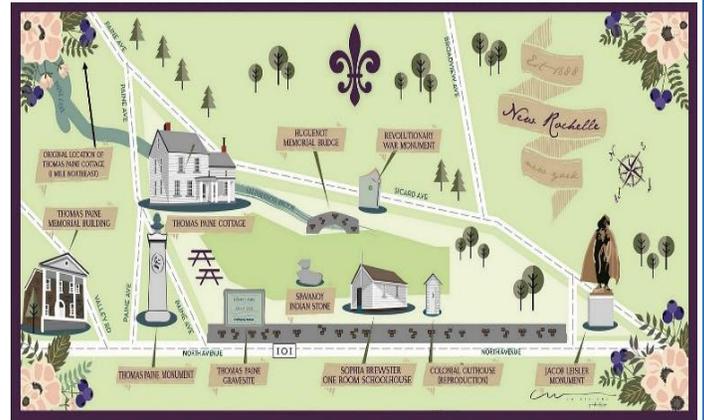


Paine Cottage Grounds  
Walking Tour

Reservation requests begin online Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>

Details found at:

<http://www.thomaspainecottage.org/walkingtour.html>



Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 12-5pm:  
***Remembering New Rochelle’s Part in WWI  
A World War I re-enactment on the  
grounds of the Thomas Paine Memorial  
Building.*** A free family event.

Details on Facebook Events

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Note: This and other Committee newsletters are available at the Committee website:

<http://www.thomaspainecottage.org/savepaineslegacy.html>. Thanks for your interest! Geraldine Kaplan and Suzanne Tanswell, Committee Co-chairs.