

The Friends of the Fox Quarterly Newsletter



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Friends of the Fox Cordially Invites Our Members and Friends

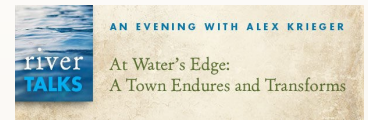
to join us on May 21st, 2015 from 4:00 - 5:00 pm for our

2015 Annual Meeting

to be held at High Cliff Restaurant, Banquets and Catering, Sherwood



*Friends of the Fox's 2015 Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with
Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway's River Talks Presentation.*



Friends of the Fox's Annual Meeting will be brief, election of board directors and officers, review our 2014 activities and present the programs that are planned for 2015. Following our meeting, you will have the opportunity to partake in River Talks. ~ At Water's Edge: A Town Endures and Transforms.

*Prior to the River Talks program a dinner buffet will be served. (Complete Information on Pages 4 - 5 in newsletter)
Cost of buffet is \$25.00 if you register before May 1st or \$35.00 after May 1st or if you register at the door. There will also be a cash bar.*

Directions to High Cliff Restaurant:
Enter the area off Hwy. 114 at Pigeon Road, west of Hwy. 55 round-a-bout. Turn at the brown High Cliff State Park sign, proceed west to the four way stop, turn left to the lower level parking area (ADA accessible).

River Talks presentation by Professor Alex Krieger, Harvard University will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. and is free.

Your Presence is Very Important! See You There!!!

Please fill out the form on back page and mail it in for registration for Friends of the Fox Annual Meeting.



Message From Our President

We had a very dry winter and the Winnebago basin is well behind on moisture for the year. Some badly needed spring rain finally brought water into the marshes, and will really help with fish spawning. Regular rain throughout the summer is best for boating, particularly on the Upper Fox River. In Wisconsin, the weather can change quickly; be careful what we wish for.

Friends of the Fox has seen some changes. Two of our long time board members, Dan Reinhold and Steve Lockhart have decided to resign from our board of directors. They have both been stalwart supporters for many years. Steve has served as treasurer and Dan also served on the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway board. We will miss them both very much; I would personally like to thank them for their wonderful service to our organization.

Friends of the Fox has moved our meeting location to the Fox River Environmental Education Alliance (FREEA) campus, at 1000 North Ballard St., in Appleton. This move has given us many opportunities to partner with other advocacy groups. The education and outreach to families, and to young people has been wonderful. FREEA has many events for group organizations, and is open to the public interested in the Fox River and the outdoors. The spread of



invasive species and education about current environmental best practices has been key pieces missing from our educational efforts. FREEA's beautiful waterfront property connects by trail. In June, new docks will arrive, and will be installed at FREEA's location.

As you can see from the front page of this newsletter, we are having our 2015 annual meeting at the High Cliff Supper Club on May 21st. The River Talks event will follow our meeting, and is sponsored by Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway and the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Inc. The event will culminate with a presentation by nationally known author Alex Krieger on Remaking the Urban Waterfront. *See the formal invitation in this newsletter for details, and a registration link (pages 4-5).* I know you will want to attend!

Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway's website is the go to place to learn about what is currently happening to promote tourism on and near "Wisconsin's First Highway" - the Fox and Lower Wisconsin Rivers. The website is well designed, and full of useful information about the Parkway. Friends of the Fox website has a link on it that is more focused on water recreation and waterfront information. You'll enjoy exploring both websites, as much as you enjoy exploring the rivers.

Dave Peck, *President*

Board Members Up for Re-Election



Richard Abb is one of Friends of the Fox's founding members and has served on the Board for over 23 years. Before retiring, Richard was employed with Kimberly-Clark Corporation, and worked with collateral duties managing Neenah Dam with the U.S. Corp of Engineers. Richard has served Friends of the Fox faithfully throughout the years. Without his commitment Friends would not have made the achievements we have.

Ellen Balthazor, *Secretary*, has been on the Friends of the Fox board since the 1990's. Ellen has a special interest in bringing people to the Fox River to enjoy the historical treasure of the lock system. Ellen also had a passion at working to reopen the Fox River for navigation, while protecting the environment. She is pleased at the opening of many of the locks, and looks forward to the time that the entire lock system will be navigable.

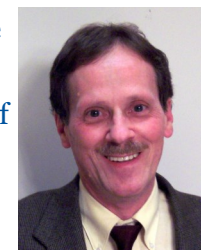


Brunhilde Courtney, *Executive Board Member*, has served on the Friends of the Fox board about 30 years. Brunhilde and her husband have traveled through the Lower Fox locks for many summer vacations to Lake Michigan, and the North Channel in their sailboat. They own a home on Little Lake Butte des Morts, so Brunhilde very much enjoys the opportunity to educate waterfront property owners on safe lawn practices to keep our water pristine.



Ed Kleckner has served on the Friends of the Fox board for over 11 years, and has been active in working on the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers for the past 21 years. Ed works for East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, where he is a Principal Planner responsible for recreation and urban economic development planning, for an eight county region in the state of Wisconsin.

Ed's passion for the Appleton riverfront has now been expanded to cover the Fox and Wisconsin River historic Marquette and Joliet "1673 Route of Exploration," from the bay of Green Bay to the confluence of the Wisconsin River with the Mississippi River. Ed has enjoyed working closely with Friends of the Fox in directing the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway project as they secured a National Recreational Trail designation for the Heritage Parkway.



Annual Meeting

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Individuals Up for Election to the Board

Chris Blohm has served on the Friends of the Fox board in the past. Chris left the board when he moved out of state due to a job relocation. He has since returned to the area and is interested in once again serving on our board. In the past, Chris's primary effort, while serving on the board, was advocating for the environmentally responsible, safe, sustainable and effective completion of Rapid Croche transfer site. We would love to have Chris back on board!



Tyler Lueck is a senior at Lawrence University where he studies Biology. As a student he has focused his studies on freshwater and marine ecology. He has taken part in studies on coral reefs in the Caribbean as well as lakes in northern Wisconsin. He enjoys all outdoor activities from fishing and boating to rock climbing. Tyler hopes that as a board member he can foster a valuable connection to Lawrence University to further the mission of Friends of the Fox.

Jim Kozac is a member of the Appleton Yacht Club where he has served as treasurer as well as their Vice Commodore. Jim is an avid recreational boater and has volunteered many hours promoting the Fox River. Jim works in property management.



Board Resignations

*Thank - You for Your Service
You Will Be Missed*



Friends of the Fox would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude for all Steve Lockhart has contributed to our board. Steve has been extremely thorough, patient and hard working, and unselfishly given of his time on countless occasions. Steve took on the position of treasurer and did an exemplary job. For the last 20 years Steve has been a wooden boat enthusiast. He joined the board to help make the Fox River the best possible place for boating. We wish you all the best Steve! Thanks for your contribution to our board. You will be greatly missed!!!

Friends of the Fox would like to thank and extend our appreciation to Dan Reinhold, for his six years of service on our board. Dan has offered much value to our board. As Dan was born and raised in Fond du Lac, he has a love for Wisconsin's waterways. We have been blessed to work with you Dan! Thanks for everything! We desire only the best for your future endeavors! Thanks again Dan!



To be a volunteer, it takes...

Generosity, a willingness to give your time to others

Dedication, to stick with the project and see it through

You've shown these qualities and so much more,

So Thank You for All that You Do!!!



River Talks 2015



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TALKS

AN EVENING WITH ALEX KRIEGER

At Water's Edge:
A Town Endures and Transforms



Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway, with support from the **Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region**, is bringing Mr. Krieger to work with five area municipalities on their waterfronts. Some have redevelopment sites, some have issues with connecting the downtown with the river, and others under utilized parks.

He and his colleague, Alan Mountjoy, will study, tour and then share their insights and expertise, in a presentation to the community.

Riverfront redevelopment potential has increased greatly due to the rebounding health of this river system. The Parkway celebrates this fact and honors those who have helped them get to this point, with their first annual Lifetime River Advocate Award.

The evening begins at 4:00 p.m. with registration, wonderful food and drink,

networking, as well as river based art for viewing and for sale.

During this time the Parkway will also have poster boards talking about the current state of a number of important river projects. See under networking on the next page for details.

Mr. Krieger will be available to meet and greet.

5:30 kicks off the program with a voice from the past quickly melding into a video montage of the progress being made today, leading nicely into Mr. Krieger's presentation on the future potentials.

This night, in addition to the consultations leading up to it, will offer a fresh, regional perspective on waterfront redevelopment opportunities throughout the Fox Cities and its core messages will be applicable to many waterfront communities around the state.

Networking, Dinner and Program

Date: May 21, 2015

Networking and Dinner: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Cost of Dinner: Early Bird Rate - \$25.00

May 1st and After - \$35.00

Dinner Menu: Chef-Carved Prime Rib

Mashed Potato Bar ~ Chicken Brochettes

Roasted Vegetable & Boursin Cheese Crostini

Bacon-wrapped Chestnuts

Cheese/Sausage/Crackers

Vegetable Crudit  & Dip ~ Deviled Eggs

Desserts & Coffee

Place: High Cliff Restaurant, Banquets & Catering W5095 Golf Course Road
Sherwood, WI 54169

Networking: Network with others to gain knowledge of the most current projects and information on the following subjects:

- ◆ Opening of the Fox Locks
- ◆ State of the PCB clean-up
- ◆ New Kaukauna Hydro Park
- ◆ Water Trail development
- ◆ Team River Runners' work with wounded veterans
- ◆ Oshkosh's Riverwalk & Boat Works

Program: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

River Talks, An Evening with Alex Krieger

- ◆ Historic Address by Judge James Duane Doty
- ◆ 1st Annual Lifetime River Advocate Award
- ◆ Keynote Speaker: Alex Krieger

Annual Meetings, Networking and Program ONLY ~ FREE

Programs like this are not possible without the help of sponsors, who have a vested interest in our area's most precious resource, and the community development it affords.

Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway would like to thank the following sponsors:



TO REGISTER AND PURCHASE DINNER TICKETS:
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QUESTIONS ABOUT DINNER:

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The most difficult challenge facing American urbanism may not be coming up with a better way to subdivide land, but rather to rescue, reinvigorate, reform, resettle, and learn to love again places that have already been made."

Alex Krieger



Navigation

2015 FOX LOCKS GENERAL NAVIGATION OPERATION SCHEDULE

Lock	Days	Times	Operation	Lift	Miles to Next Lock	Dates
Menasha 920-201-1857	Monday - Thursday	10:00 am - 10:00 pm	At Will	9.7 Ft.	5.1 Miles	April 17 - October 4
	Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays	8:00 am - Midnight	Down River 12 pm, 2 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm			
Appleton Lock 1 920-750-3306	Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays	11:45 am - 10:00 pm		9.7 Ft.	.3 Miles	May 22 - September 7
Appleton Lock 2	Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays	11:30 am - 10:15 pm		9.6 Ft.	.3 Miles	May 22 - September 7
Appleton Lock 3	Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays	11:15 am - 10:30 pm	Up River 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm	9.8 Ft.	.6 Miles	May 22 - September 7
Appleton Lock 4 920-750-3307	Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays	11:00 am - 10:45 pm		7.6 Ft.	3.4 Miles	May 22 - September 7
Cedars 920-750-3309	Fridays Call to Schedule	10:00 am - 10:00 pm	At Will	9.8 Ft.	.7 Miles	May 22 - September 7
	Saturday, Sunday & Holidays					
Little Chute 1-3	Restoration in Progress/ Bridge Inoperable			13.5 Ft.	1.2 Miles	Restoration in Progress/
Kaukauna 1-5	Restoration in Progress/ Bridge Inoperable				4.8 Miles	Restoration in Progress/
Rapide Croche	Transfer Station in Progress			9.4 Ft.	6.2 Miles	Restoration in Progress/
Little Kaukauna	Thursday - Monday	10:00 am - 10:00 pm	At Will	6.1 Ft.	5.9 Miles	May 8 - October 4
De Pere	Thursday - Monday	10:00 am - 10:00 pm	At Will	9.9 Ft.	7.1 Miles (To Lake Michigan)	May 8 - October 4
	Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays	8:00 am - Midnight				



USER FEE SCHEDULE

Daily Locks Transit Permits based on boat length

Less than 26 Feet - \$6.00

26 Feet or Greater - \$12.00

Recreational and Commercial vessel owners who own more than one vessel can now purchase a season pass that includes a decal for each of the registered vessels.

Two Vessels - \$140.00 - Each Additional Vessel \$20.00

Inquiries can be addressed to the FRNSA Kaukauna office at 920-759-9833

Information Provided by Fox River Navigational System Authority

www.foxriverlocks.org

Heritage Paddles

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2015 HERITAGE PADDLE EVENTS

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Adventure and cultural exploration come together for a truly unique experience along the Fox-Wisconsin waterway. Join us for one or more of four heritage paddles that take you down memory lane, when these mighty rivers opened the country to European settlement, powered prodigious factories and inspired the works of some of the world's greatest conservationists. Every year, the organizers put together an exciting itinerary featuring returning favorites, and the addition of new paddles created for your safety and enjoyment.

To Register for Paddle Events:

<http://www.wisconsinpaddlers.org/activities/newp-2015-public-paddle-events>

WOLF RIVER: MAY 2

Learn about the tradition of Wolf River fishing rafts.

Barker Park in Shiocton to Buchman Access, Hortonville, 10.7 miles

Meet - 9:30 am, Launch - 11:00 am

PORTAGE WEEKEND: MAY 16-17

Group camp at Rendezvous Paddle & Sports, Montello on Fox River

Saturday: Agency House to County O: 11 miles - Meet - 9:30 am, Launch - 11:00 am

Sunday: County O to Packwaukee: 12.5 miles

Meet - 9:30 am, Launch - 11:00 am

PARK-TO-PARK PADDLE: JULY 25

14th annual trip on the Fox River

Shattuck Park in Neenah to Lutz Park in Appleton: 8.5 miles

Meet - 7:00 am, Launch - 9:20 am

MOONLIGHT PADDLE: AUGUST 28

Fox River Paddle

Evening paddle from Bomier Landing in De Pere to Metro Boat

Launch, Green Bay: 8 miles

Meet - 4:30 pm, Launch - 6:00 pm, Take Out - 6:30 pm

APPLETON LOCKS PADDLE: SEPTEMBER 26

6th annual tour of the four Appleton Fox River locks.

Lutz Park in Appleton to Sunset Park in Kimberly: 6 miles

Meet - 7:30 am, Launch - 9:30 am





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Our Mission and Purpose

The Friends of the Fox is a not-for-profit advocacy group established to preserve and develop the environmental, cultural, historical, economic and quality-of-life assets offered by the Fox River.

Plan Now to Attend!

2015 Annual Meeting Front Page

(Use the Form Below to
Register for Annual Meeting)



Enclosed Are My Membership Dues to Friends of the Fox

Sustaining Donor: \$30 _____ Gold Donor: \$50 _____ Platinum Donor: \$100 _____

***Additional Donation _____ Register for FOF Annual Meeting Only _____

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