

# The Friends of the Fox Quarterly Newsletter



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*We labor long and earnestly for peace, because war  
threatens the survival of man. It is time we labored with  
equal passion to defend our environment.*  
*Former Senator Alan Bible*

**GOAL**  
\$300,000

**\$255,000**  
Raised  
To Date

**\$0**

Friends of the Fox continues to support the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway (FWHP) as they seek National Heritage Area designation through the National Park Service. As part of this endeavor, the FWHP is raising \$300,000 for the completion of an interpretive master plan, economic management plan, and strategic operations plan. These plans, normally funded by the National Park Service after designation, are being fully funded by local and state dollars. Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway is a leader in self sustainability and this fact gives evidence to the extent of local support and the philosophy of their organization.

In total, FWHP has received a generous \$255,000 toward their ultimate goal. With \$45,000 to go, Friends of the Fox asks you to help with a financial contribution!

**To Contribute To The  
Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway  
National Heritage Area:**  
<http://heritageparkway.org/support-us/>

Fox-Wisconsin



# Community Projects

## WHAT IS THE FOX-WISCONSIN HERITAGE PARKWAY ABOUT?

The first goal of the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway (FWHP) is to draw attention to the beauty and rich history of the Fox and Lower Wisconsin rivers so more local residents enjoy their river and have even more reasons to feel proud of this place we call home. The second goal is to draw visitors to the communities along the waterway, and offer them enough reasons to extend their stay, as well as return, so that we add benefit from increased tourism and subsequent business development.

The Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway has:

- Received no federal money, one state economic development grant, and numerous local donations.
- Hired a firm to create an Interpretive Master Plan, to help us highlight our many assets.
- Hosted the annual Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Paddles, over 350 people participated in the 2011.
- Hired a firm to begin working on the Economic Impact Plan.
- Hosted “Unlocking the Memories,” which brought together more than 60 Fox River lock tenders and their families to share their common history, highlighting the untold story of the people who made navigation possible on the Fox River since the 1800s.
- Continued development of the water trail, to support canoeing and kayaking.

Some citizens have recently notified the Parkway of concerns regarding property rights. These concerns are taken seriously. The Parkway welcomes being contacted at any time to share the specifics of any of their projects.

- The Parkway has limited resources for project development and promotion. FWHP needed to set the two-mile boundary so that they could limit the number of historic sites and partners to whom they offer their services.
- The Parkway is not a regulatory agency and its boundaries will not involve any land use restrictions.
- No land will be owned, managed by, or donated to the National Park Service.
- National Park Service provides advice and technical assistance to help insure a quality visitor experience.
- A study of heritage areas by the General Accounting Office could not find one example of a heritage area affecting private property use.

FWHP has been working hard to attract public attention and gather comments from people interested in the waterway. They have always welcomed assistance in reaching groups that they have not had the opportunity to meet.

The Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway has:

- Held more than 60 public presentations, workshops and listening sessions from Green Bay to Prairie du Chien.
- Met with over 25 committees, municipalities, and boards.
- Been featured in more than 60 newspaper articles.
- Been invited to be on multiple TV and Radio news programs.
- Made all of the plans and proposals available on their website at [www.heritageparkway.org](http://www.heritageparkway.org), which gets 1,400 visits per month.

**We Welcome You To Visit the Parkway's Website at [www.heritageparkway.org](http://www.heritageparkway.org)....  
and To Express Your Opinions and Concerns to [info@heritageparkway.org](mailto:info@heritageparkway.org).**

EXPLORE ~ ENGAGE ~ PRESERVE

*“There are two things that interest me:  
the relationship of people to each other and the  
relationship of people to the land”. Aldo Leopold*



# Community Projects & Events

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## FOX-WISCONSIN HERITAGE PADDLE 2012



### August 10, 2012: Lower Fox River - Moonlight Paddle

The 2012 Moonlight Paddle again follows the path of the 2006 and 2010 Tall Ships Paddles as an evening paddle. In the past, more than 100 canoes, kayaks and stand-up-boards traveling together down the river present an unusual sight to fishermen and other users of the Fox River Trail.

**All paddlers must have a white light accessible for display in the presence of motorboat traffic!**

### September 29, 2012: Appleton Locks Paddle

The 2012 Appleton Locks Paddle launches from Lutz Park in Appleton and passes through all four **Appleton locks** on the way downriver to take out at **Sunset Point Park** in Kimberly, WI. Hopefully we'll enjoy nice weather and

great fall color along the way. We'll land around noon, leaving plenty of time to enjoy Appleton's incredible **Octoberfest** celebration!

**For More Information:** <http://www.wisconsinpaddlers.org/activities/fox-wisconsin-heritage-paddle-2012>

## CORY CHISEL'S CONCERT FOR THE RIVER

Cory Chisel and The Wandering Sons will be performing songs from their latest album, *Old Believers*, for a special benefit concert to support the **Fox- Wisconsin Heritage Parkway**.

**Friday, August 31 at UW-Fox Valley, Perry Hall** - Doors open at 7 p.m./Concert 8 p.m.

**General Admission ticket:** \$20.00 \***VIP ticket:** \$30.00 \*VIP ticket includes access to meet and greet w/ Cory Chisel prior to concert (includes food & beverage).

*Cory has been on the David Letterman show and is opening for Nora Jones.*

**For More Information and To Purchase Tickets:** [www.heritageparkway.org](http://www.heritageparkway.org)



## EUREKA LOCK OPENING

The Berlin Boat Club (BBC) is proud to announce the reopening of the Eureka Lock. It has been a long road to reopen the lock to traffic for the first time since 2003, at which time the DNR cancelled the 50 year lease with the BBC to operate the lock.

In 1910 the Wisconsin DNR entered into a lease agreement with the town of Rushford for the Eureka Lock and property and plans went into high gear to determine work required to make the gates operable again. With help of equipment from Magnum Products of Berlin, Berlin Water & Sewer and the Berlin Fire Department, 700,000 gallons of water was removed to allow inspection of the lock. Fundraising began in earnest when it was determined that about \$300,000 would be required to do the job. The Berlin Boat Club would again operate and maintain the lock.

The project was to have started last Spring and be done in order to open by July 4, 2011. Unusually high water halted the start of the project until October. At that time, the lock was dewatered by BBC members. Contractor C.R Meyer arrived on site November 1st. Work was completed December 23rd and Club members christened the new gates on the lock floor Christmas Eve morning. The pumps were then pulled and the lock chamber allowed to fill.

Hard work of Berlin Boat Club members, support of other area boat clubs, Friends of the Fox (special thanks to Dave Peck), and other organizations has allowed the project to come to fruition. A donation from an anonymous benefactor, an interest free loan and monetary support from across the boating community has allowed the BBC to have the lock gates completely rebuilt, new concrete work done, the turnstiles refurbished, a new parking area and lighting.

**Corn Roast to Celebrate will be held August 10-11 at Riverside Park in Berlin. Come Join the Fun!**

Article by Greg Bins

**For More Information:** <http://berlinboatclub.com/?110020> OR Email: [greg.bins@wluk.com](mailto:greg.bins@wluk.com)





# 2012 Annual Meeting

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS & BOARD RE-ELECTION

**Friends of the Fox** would like to extend our sincere thanks to all who contributed to our 2012 **"River Transformation"** Annual Meeting which took place on April 18th. The beautiful and spacious **North Shore Golf Club, Inc.** located on the East shore of Lake Winnebago was the site selected by our gracious hosts Dr. Kevin and Candice Mortara. The event was well attended and was a **HUGE SUCCESS!**

The club manager Mike Evarts and his assistant David J. Ley were extremely accommodating. The menu created by Chef Eric R. Floriano was unique, creative and delicious.

Guest speaker Secretary Paul Jadin from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation gave an enlightening message on *"The Economic Impact of a Vibrant Waterway"*.

### A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO THE ENTIRE FRIENDS OF THE FOX TEAM FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE EVENING SUCCESS !

Brunhilde Courtney ~ Chairman  
Richard Abb ~ Co-Chair, New Member Registration  
Pete Hensler ~ Master of Ceremonies & Auctioneer  
Steve Lockhart ~ Directional Signs  
Steve and Betty Lockhart ~ Registration  
Ellen Balthazor & Ed Kleckner ~ Program handout  
Mark Geall ~ Presentation on H.U.T.S. program

### ALSO CONTRIBUTING TO THE EVENINGS EVENT WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR WARM THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

Mrs. Chris Oates ~ River Heath Display  
Candice Mortara and Tom Baron ~  
Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway Display  
Christine Williams ~ Lock tender Display  
Mary and Dennis Hultgren, Marilyn Orvedaht ~  
Set up and arrange auction items



## River Transformation

### BOARD ELECTIONS WERE HELD AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE RE-ELECTED FOR A THREE YEAR TERM:

Richard Abb	Ellen Balthazor
Brunhilde Courtney	Pete Hensler
Ed Klechner	Steve Lockhart

**We appreciate your continued dedication!**

### SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTED

#### **Recognition Plaques**

Bill Bush for his dedication and hard work on the Lift Bridge at Rapid Croche lock.

#### **Visionary Award**

Jeff Mazanec for his creation and leadership of the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Paddles

#### **Paddle Awards**

These were presented to following board members as a token of appreciation for donating their time and efforts:

Bill Brown	Mark Geall
Andrew Knudsen	Tom Baron

**We are Pleased You Are Part of Our Team!**

Written by Brunhilde Courtney



# Annual Meeting Continued

## SPONSORS & THANK-YOUS

### MAIN SPONSORS

Dr. Kevin and Candice Mortara  
North Shore Golf Club, Inc.

### DONORS FOR AUCTION ITEMS

Appleton Yacht Club ~ *Tim Porter, Commodore*  
Atlas Café Coffee Mill & Boutique' ~ *Larry & Sue Bogenshutz*  
Tom and Linda Brown ~ *Appleton*  
Tom Buedhel ~ *Taxidermy*  
City of Fond du Lac Marina ~ *Rena Rose Schbach*  
Fox River Navigational Systems Authority  
Fratello's, Appleton and Oshkosh ~ *The Supple Group*  
Friends and Neighbors of Lake Shore Drive, Menasha  
John Forster ~ *Vision Award*  
Steve Lockhart ~ *Friends of Fox Treasurer*  
Memorial Florist, Appleton & Neenah ~ *The Aykens Family*

Menasha Marina ~ *Diane Schbach*  
Mrs. Gina Nelson ~ *Long time friend*  
Pullman's at Trolley Square ~ *The Reider Group*  
Shipyard Marine, Green Bay ~ *Andy Howitt*  
The Grapevine, Neenah ~ *Dawn Menting*

### A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Guest Speaker Secretary Paul Jadin  
Friends of the Fox Board of Directors

### ALSO A DEEP GRATITUDE TO:

Brunhilde Courtney ~ *Friends of Fox Coordinator of the Annual Meeting*  
Candice Mortara ~ *President Friends of Fox*  
Shari Manney ~ *Newsletter, Postcards & Posters*

## WARM WELCOME TO FRIENDS OF THE FOX NEWEST MEMBERS

<i>Tom &amp; Renee Boldt</i>	<i>John Pierce</i>
<i>Cheryl DiRonzo</i>	<i>Linda Stoll</i>
<i>Michael &amp; Shirley Geall</i>	<i>Dale &amp; Renee Trulley</i>
<i>Michael Gerrity</i>	<i>Mike &amp; Anne Trulley</i>
<i>Gene Hackbarth</i>	<i>Gregg Underheim</i>
<i>James Jossie</i>	<i>Larry &amp; Patricia Wirth</i>
<i>Greg Keil</i>	<i>Eagle Flats, LLC</i>
<i>Andrew Knudsen</i>	<i>Bemis Company Foundation</i>
<i>Vickie Milde</i>	

*We Simply Could Not Do it  
Without the Support of Friends  
Like You!*

*Bemis Company Foundation  
M & I Bank*

*Neenah Boat and Dock Club  
South Side Ice Yacht Club*



# Community Events

## UNITED HEALTH TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP

A **Big Thank You** to a great group of volunteers from United Health for this years Fox River Trail & Shore Clean-up. We had 20 volunteers from United Health clean up three miles of the Fox River Bike Trail and about two miles of Fox River Shoreline. In just under three hours there was a big improvement made for those using the trail to enjoy.

**It was a beautiful day and a lot of fun!**

**A special thanks to Jim O'Rourke and Dave Peck for organizing this second annual clean-up!**



Photos by Jim O'Rourke

## DE PERE SUMMER LOCK TOUR

A free guided tour of the De Pere lock will allow visitors to watch and learn how the lock is operated by hand, understand the 170-year history of the Fox River lock system and hear the stories of the locktenders and families who lived on Government Island.

By Christine Williams

**Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** Tours will begin at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. as part of the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Moonlight Paddle.

Tours will begin at the entrance to the new Riverwalk pedestrian bridge, located in the southwest corner of Voyageur Park.

**For more information visit [www.heritageparkway.org](http://www.heritageparkway.org)**

**Email: [Williams@heritageparkway.org](mailto:Williams@heritageparkway.org)**

**Or call: 920-749-0415**



DePere Lock and House 1915 -  
Photo courtesy of De Pere Historical Society



In May, more than 200 fourth-graders from the East De Pere school district visited the De Pere lock as part of a city-wide field trip. The tours are sponsored by the De Pere Historical Society, De Pere Historic Preservation Commission, Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway and the Fox River Navigational System Authority

By Christine Williams



## 2012 FOX LOCKS GENERAL NAVIGATION OPERATION SCHEDULE

	Location	Times	Dates	Locks Telephone
OPEN 7 DAYS	Menasha	<u>Monday – Thursday</u> 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. <u>Friday – Sunday &amp; Holidays</u> 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight	(May 12th - Oct. 7th)	(920) 201-1857
	De Pere	<u>Monday – Thursday</u> 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. <u>Friday – Sunday &amp; Holidays</u> 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight	(May 12th - Oct. 7th)	(920) 227-7024
OPEN 5 DAYS	Little Kaukauna	<u>Thursday – Monday</u> 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. <u>Closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays</u>	(May 12th - Oct. 7th)	(920) 227-7043 <b>Kaukauna Office</b> (920) 759-9833
W E E K E N D S & HOLIDAYS	Appleton (Locks 1-4)	<u>Friday – Sunday &amp; Holidays</u> 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.	(May 12th - Oct. 7th)	<b>Lock 1</b> (920) 750-3306 <b>Lock 2</b> (920) 750-3307
	Appleton (Lock 1)	<u>Down-River Lockage Times</u> Noon, 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.		
	Appleton (Lock 4)	<u>Up-River Lockage Times</u> 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.		
	Cedars Lock	<u>Friday – Sunday &amp; Holidays</u> 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	(May 12th - Oct. 7th)	(920) 750-3309
CLOSED	All Other Locks	Restoration In Progress		

Seasonal Unlimited Recreational and Commercial Transit Permit - \$120.00

Multi-Vessel Season Unlimited Recreational Transit Permit - \$140.00

Daily Limited Transit Permit (Based on boat length)

Under 26 feet - \$6.00

26 feet and greater - \$12.00

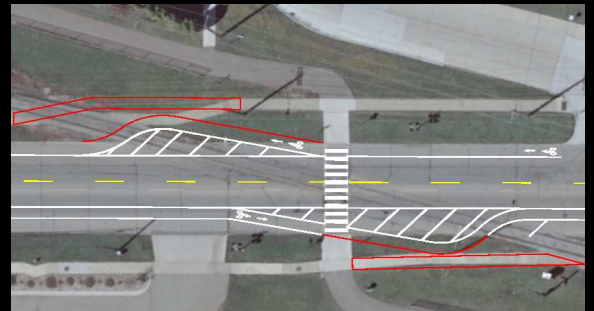
Inquiries can be addressed to the FRNSA Kaukauna office at (920) 759-9833

Information Provided by Fox River Navigational System Authority [www.foxriverlocks.org](http://www.foxriverlocks.org)

### NEWBERRY STREET R.R. BIKE CROSSING COMPLETED

Appleton Mayor Tim Hanna received overwhelming approval from the City Common Council at their June meeting in regards to changing the Newberry Street R.R. crossing to make it safer for bicyclists. The project was completed at the end of July and will allow bicycles to cross the tracks at a safer angle.

**We would like to thank Mayor Hanna and the City Common Council for this community improvement!**



Overview of the new Newberry Street R.R. Bike Crossing



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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.*

**Join  
Us  
Today!!**



### **Warm Welcome To Our Newest Board Member!**

**Karl Kaufman** is a lifelong resident of Appleton. Karl's particularly interested in being a liaison between the Fox Valley Rowing Club and FOF. He is the owner of Kaufman Residential Design, LLC and involved extensively in the building and design field. Some of his expertise involves volunteering to help the D.N.R. with eagle monitoring.



### **Enclosed Are My Membership Dues to Friends of the Fox**

Sustaining Donor: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Gold Donor: \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Platinum Donor: \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Additional Donation \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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