

# The Friends of the Fox Quarterly Newsletter



## Discovery

Friends of the Fox Mailing: P.O. Box 741, Appleton, WI 54912-0741

Spring 2014



Moving Forward  
on the  
Beautiful  
Fox River

### Friends of the Fox Invites You To A River Action Update

Where ~ Riverview Country Club  
1101 S. Oneida St., Appleton, WI 54915  
Cost ~ \$5.00 Person  
When ~ Saturday, May 17th  
Gathering & Greeting ~ 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Meeting ~ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Tasty Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar ~ 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

#### *Action Packed Information:*

Friends of the Fox Displays  
Opening of the Kaukauna Locks and Rapide Croche Lift Station  
Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway Projects  
~ Little Chute Lock Tender House Renovation  
~ Summer Paddle-Wheel River Voyages "On the Loos"  
River Heath and Evergreen Apartment Units and Much More



### Raffles, Food and Lots of Fun!

**RSVP By May 1st**

Please Clip the Form on the Back of Newsletter  
Mail to address on form along with \$5.00





# Board Re-Election



Friends of the Fox board members up for re-election this term will be  
**Bob Stark and Mark Geall.**

**Both men have served faithfully for several years on our board.**



**Robert J. Stark** joined the Board of Directors in 2001 and served as President from 2009-2011. Since 2011, Bob has continued on the board as a director. He graduated from U.W Stout in 1961 with a BS degree in Science and Technology.

Bob brings his interest and expertise in invasive species to the boat transfer station planned with the Department of Natural Resources at the Rapide Croche lock site.

**Mark Geall** is a principal for Tanesay Development, a firm that redevelops industrial and other Brownfield properties. He is currently working on the RiverHeath project, located on the Fox in Appleton, just below the College Avenue Bridge. Mark is particularly interested in the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Trail, increasing community access to the waterways, and preserving the historic lock system.

Mark was raised on the shores of Lake Winnebago. One of his earliest memories of the Fox River was watching his father jump in the river after his fishing rod was pulled in by a legendary fish. Both father and rod made it safely back to shore.



## Farewell to Board Members



**Peter Hensler** has retired from the Friends of the Fox board. Peter has served faithfully on our board since 2008. We would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude for all Peter Hensler has contributed to our organization.

He has been directly involved in Appleton's riverfront redevelopment efforts. We feel blessed to have served with you, and wish you all of the best in your future endeavors! Thank you for your service Peter! You will be missed!

**Candice Mortara** has recently retired from the Friends of the Fox board. In the past, Candice served on our board enthusiastically since she and her family moved back to Wisconsin. She is past President of Friends of the Fox, and worked actively with our community projects. Candice is currently President of Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway (Parkway). She plans to continue working with us on Parkway projects.

Water has always been her passion, and she has loved being part of an organization which deals with all aspects of the water. Access to the water, and making sure the public has as many points of use as possible, responsible redevelopment of existing structures along the waterway, environmental stewardship, and preservation of history are all equally important to Candice. She joined FOF because it strives to be an advocate for each of these areas. Candice is honored to have served this organization. Thank you for all you have contributed! We will miss you!







# Community Projects

## RIVERHEATH EVERGREEN OPENING

provide clean, sustainable energy for the residences, offices, and shops on site. This clean power is just the beginning of RiverHeath's commitment to sustainability.

Design elements include green roofs, innovative stormwater management systems, community gardens and more. The U.S. Green Building Council accepted the project into a nationwide pilot program for Neighborhood Development. The U.S. Department of Energy also awarded RiverHeath with a grant to explore the use of geothermal exchange heating and cooling technology.

Evergreen is nearing completion!

They are hard at work on their new apartment in the 32 unit multi-family structure called Evergreen...Leased apartments will be available in the Evergreen building in June 2014.

Are you a boater? How about looking out your window to see your boat moored on the river below you?

Prefer to own? They offer townhome condos for sale that are ready for occupancy; just select your finishes and call the movers!

Both the leased apartments and the purchased townhome condos have river views and will be a short walk to your favorite coffee shop, restaurant, and trails.

Information taken from website

**RiverHeath thanks you for your patience as they get up and running.**

**For More Information:  
[www.riverheath.com](http://www.riverheath.com)**



Have you ever dreamt of living on the water and watching geese fly by your living room window? Have you wanted to have a home with restaurants, bakeries and coffee shops just a short walk away? Tired of shoveling snow? Perhaps living at RiverHeath is for you.

RiverHeath is located in downtown Appleton, Wisconsin, on the Fox River just below the College Avenue bridge. One of Appleton's oldest and now newest neighborhoods, the land has been a center of commerce since the 1850's. One legacy of this rich industrial past is one of the nation's oldest hydro-electric facilities. The river will



## KAUKAUNA VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has evaluated Kaukauna's Veteran's Memorial Bridge, and determined that it meets all traffic standards for automobile traffic. Kaukauna is pursuing funding opportunities through the state of Wisconsin, to help cover the cost of repairs needed to allow this lift bridge to again be opened for the passage of boats.

## RAPIDE CROCHE PROGRESS

Cornerstone Preservation has been retained to provide a historic preservation report for Rapide Croche. The Environmental Impact Report submitted to the DNR, is in review. Steps are in place to move forward; and Bob Stark will provide an update at the Friends of the Fox Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 17th . (See Front Page for more details)



Jim Pinkham  
Photo





**Special Off-hour  
Lockages Available:  
920-202-1853**

# 2014 Lock Schedule



LOCK	DAYS	TIMES	OPERATION	LIFT	MILES To next lock	DATES
<b>MENASHA</b> 920-201-1857	Monday – Thursday Fridays/Weekends/Holidays	10:00-10:00 8:00-Midnight	At Will	9.7 ft.	5.1 miles	April 18-Oct. 5
<b>APPLETON 1</b> 920-750-3306	Fridays Weekends/Holidays	11:00-11:00 <b>Down River</b> 12:00 2:00 4:00 6:00 8:00 10:00	By Appointment Scheduled Time	9.7 ft.	.3 miles	May 23-Sept. 1
<b>APPLETON 2</b>	Fridays Weekends/Holidays	11:15-11:15	By Appointment Scheduled Time	9.6 ft.	.3 miles	May 23-Sept. 1
<b>APPLETON 3</b>	Fridays Weekends/Holidays	11:30-11:30	By Appointment Scheduled Time	9.8 ft.	.6 miles	May 23-Sept. 1
<b>APPLETON 4</b> 920-750-3307	Fridays Weekends/Holidays	11:45-11:45 <b>Up-River</b> 11:00 1:00 3:00 5:00 7:00 9:00	By Appointment At Will	7.6 ft.	3.4 miles	May 23-Sept. 1
<b>CEDARS</b>	Fridays Weekends/Holidays	10:00-10:00 10:00-10:00	Friday Call to Schedule 920-750-3309	9.8 ft.	.7 miles	May 23-Sept. 1
<b>LITTLE CHUTE 1-3</b>	Restoration In Progress		Planned for 2015 Boating Season	13.5 ft.	1.2 miles	
<b>KAUKAUNA 1-5</b>	Restoration In Progress		Planned for 2015 Boating Season	*	4.8 miles	
<b>RAPIDE CROCHE</b>	Restoration In Progress		Planned for 2015 Boating Season	9.4 ft.	6.2 miles	
<b>LITTLE RAPIDS</b> 920-227-7043	Thursday-Monday	10:00-10:00	At Will	6.1 ft.	5.9 miles	May 9-Oct. 5
<b>DE PERE</b> 920-227-7024	Monday-Thursday Fridays/Weekends/Holidays	10:00-10:00 8:00-Midnight	At Will	9.9 ft.	7.1 miles	May 9-Oct. 5

## Required Lock Permits

**Seasonal Transit Permit \$120.00**  
**Multi-Vessel Seasonal Transit Permit \$140.00**

**Fox River Navigational System Authority**  
**920-759-9833**

**Daily Limited Transit Permit**  
(Based on Boat Length)

**Non-Motorized Crafts \$6.00**  
**Under 26 feet - \$6.00**  
**Over 26 feet - \$12.00**



# Get Out & Enjoy The Water

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## FOX-WISCONSIN HERITAGE PADDLES 2014

### **MAY 17-18: LOWER WISCONSIN RIVER: CAMP AT WYALUSING STATE PARK**

**May 17 – Wisconsin/Kickapoo Rivers:** Bridgeport into Mississippi to Wyalusing (8 mi.) (Camp at Wyalusing State Park & enjoy music at **Canoetenanny**)

**May 18 –Wauzeka Kickapoo River:**Plum Creek to Wauzeka (8 mi.)

### **MAY 31: UPPER FOX RIVER**

**May 31: Mekan River:** Germania Dam to the Upper Fox River at Princeton (15.5 mi.)

### **JUNE 21-22: WISCONSIN RIVER**

**June 21 – Wisconsin River:** Newport Park to Pine Island (13 mi.)

(Tour the Leopold Center and Camp at Sky High Resort)

**June 22 – Wisconsin River:** Prairie du Sac to Ferry Bluff (9 mi.)

### **JULY 19: LOWER FOX RIVER – PARK-TO-PARK PADDLE**

**July 19 – Fox River:** Shattuck Park, Neenah to Lutz Park, Appleton (8.5 mi.)

### **AUGUST 16: EAST RIVER**

**August 16: East River Paddle:**Manderly Lane Landing to Green Bay Metro Marina (7 mi.)

### **SEPTEMBER 27: LOWER FOX RIVER – APPLETON LOCKS PADDLE**

**September 27: Appleton Locks Paddle:** Tour 4 hand-operated locks Lutz Park, Appleton, to Sunset Park, Kimberly (6 mi.)  
(Enjoy Appleton's Oktoberfest after event)

#### **More Detailed Information:**

<http://heritageparkway.org/in-the-news-blog/2014-fox-wisconsin-heritage-paddles-2/>

**And**

<http://www.wisconsinpaddlers.org/activities/fwHP2014>





# Parkway Projects

Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway will be offering two-hour tours through the magnificent hand-operated lock

## SUMMER PADDLE WHEEL BOAT TOURS



A unique river voyage lies ahead aboard "On the Loos" in the Parkway.

system this summer aboard "On the Loos."

The 62-ft. paddle-wheel features... a spacious observation deck, comfortable seating on the lower deck, a generous changing room, restroom and fully-equipped kitchen.

The Heritage River Tours launch in late spring 2014. Thirty passengers are required for each tour. Meals and drinks are an additional charge.

Call for launch times, availability or to make your reservation now for a Heritage River Tour at 920-209-7789 or by visiting [heritageparkway.org](http://heritageparkway.org)



**History waits around every river bend**



## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



shape due to water damage, mold, and vandalism. Several hours of time would make a world of difference in moving the project forward. Won't you or your organization consider getting a team of volunteers together to begin the work on this beautiful historic property? Without the rip out the project can not move forward.

Once the rip out is complete the lock house will be renovated to correspond to the time period in which it was built, with the Parkway replacing the windows and all of the internal walls and woodwork.

Wisconsin's State Historic Preservation Officer strongly

Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway (Parkway) is beginning the rehabilitation of the Lock House at Little Chute as soon as volunteers can be found to do interior rip out of the house. The interior is in poor

supports the project, and has offered to serve as an adviser for the proper interior furnishings, trim, and décor. The Parkway will work with interested funders to gain their input, as they choose which of the Parkway's interpretive stories to tell. Examples include: Marquette and Joliet explorers and the fur trade, the Fox-Wisconsin Improvement Company and their development of the waterway, the military forts once found on the system and the military road that connected them, and the balance of industry and environment through the decades.

They will authentically furnish and decorate the home, as well as fully interpret one of the historical themes, and rent it to tourists for overnight vacation stays. This will allow visitors to travel back in time and spend a night as the lock tenders did in the 1930's, using the furnishings, dishes, cookware – and even the toys – of the lock tender period.

An added attraction is the opportunity to work as a "lock tender for a day," participating with the official lock tender to operate the locks, as pleasure boaters and kayakers lock through on one of only two remaining hand-operated lock systems in the United States.

Article by Candice Mortara

**Please help Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway bring a valuable piece of this historic lock system back to life.**

If you are interested in any of these projects, please contact them at:  
920-707-2965 or Email: [manney@heritageparkway.org](mailto:manney@heritageparkway.org)



# Parkway Projects

## SUPPORT THE PARKWAY ~ BUY A T-SHIRT



The Parkway is offering t-shirts for sale to support the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Paddles 2014. Please consider purchasing one for \$20. Go to the Parkway website for form and purchase directly through Paypal. You will be able to pick up your t-shirt at the paddle event you specify.

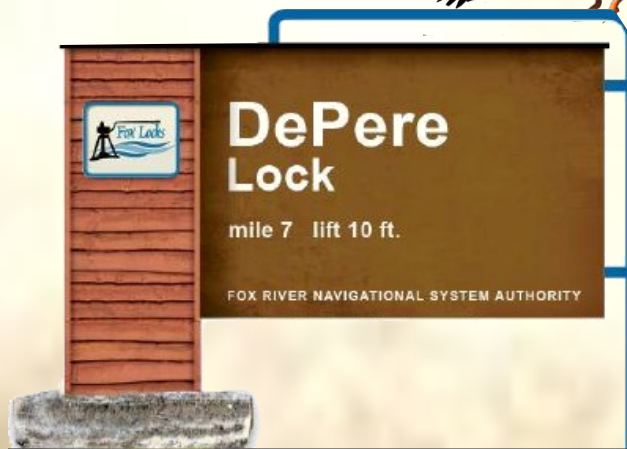
Please feel free to Call 920-707-2965  
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## FOX RIVER NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM AUTHORITY NEW LOCKS SIGNAGE



Closed for  
maintenance



Fox River Navigational System Authority (FRNSA) is gearing up for the lock system to be completed and fully navigable for the 2015 boating season. With the renovated locks, FRNSA decided they had need for a new signage system. The current signs belong to U.S. Army Corps. of

Engineers. The older signs are only 50% in tact at the proper sign location points. All of the other signs have either deteriorated due to age or have been vandalized through the years.

Through a bid process, FRNSA hired Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway (Parkway) to develop a new signage plan and sign design.

That signage plan has been completed as of April 15, 2014 and has been accepted by the FRNSA Board of Directors.

Take a look at the proposed new design. The Parkway and FRNSA would love to hear the reaction of boaters regarding the new sign design.

Please take the time to post your thoughts on the  
Parkway's Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/heritageparkway](http://www.facebook.com/heritageparkway)





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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.*



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### 2014 River Action Update Meeting Member/Guest Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Will Attend Event Yes ☐ No ☐ Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Guests \_\_\_\_\_ Boater ☐ Non-Boater ☐

Please fill out form and Mail to:

**Mrs. Brunhilde Courtney 1558 Lakeshore Drive Menasha, WI 54952**

**Please Fill out Form and Mail with a Check for \$5.00 per person by May 1st to:**

**Friends of the Fox PO Box 741 Appleton, WI 54912**

**Or Email an RSVP by May 1st and Pay at the Door to: [manney@heritageparkway.org](mailto:manney@heritageparkway.org)**

