



# Greenways Ink

*Fostering the Development and Preservation of Trails and Greenways in the Greater Fox Cities Region*

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## Fox Cities Greenways Annual Meeting

**When: Thursday, January 27, 2011**

**5:30 – 6:30: Social and Silent Auction**

**6:30: Short meeting followed by a Presentation**

**Where: Pullman's in Trolley Square (Directions below)**

*Thanks to all our contributors who help us help others by creating trails and greenways for our communities!*

This year's annual meeting will take place in a social atmosphere at Pullman's located in Trolley Square. Free hors d'oeuvres and water or soda will be available as well as a cash bar. The meeting will be in an informal setting with tables and chairs for relaxing and visiting. The silent auction will include items from Jansport, bike shops, gift certificates, and a canoe paddle with decorative engravings made by a master carver in the north woods of Wisconsin.

President, Dave Muench will give a short address and we will move swiftly to the speaker.

Our guest presenter is Linda Stoll speaking on the Fox Cities Paper Trail. This is the trail that will circle the perimeter of the Fox Cities with eventual spokes to a central hub. It is a topic in which Linda is well versed since she is the creator of the idea and was involved in its initial development. Speakers from various cities along the Paper Trail will give short updates on the development and progress of the Paper Trail in their communities.

The meeting will end with a question and answer session and socialization with other guests and the Greenways Board. You will have an opportunity to talk about your ideas for trails in the Fox Cities and pick up your silent auction items. Please plan on attending this fun and informative event.

**Directions to Pullman's in Trolley Square**  
619 S. Olde Oneida Street  
Appleton, WI 54915

### Directions from Hwy 41

Exit onto Hwy BB and follow it for 3.2 miles  
Turn left at S. State St.  
Take the first right onto S. Jackman St.  
Jackman St. turns slightly left and becomes W. Water St.  
Turn right onto S. Olde Oneida St.  
Pullman's will be on your right

### Directions from Hwy 441

Exit from 441 onto S. Oneida St. heading north toward Appleton  
Turn right on S. Olde Oneida St.  
Pullman's will be on your left.

### Directions from College Ave. in downtown Appleton

Turn south onto S. Drews St. from E. College Ave.  
S. Drews St. becomes E. Water St.  
Turn left on S. Olde Oneida St.  
Pullman's will be on your right



**Pullman's Restaurant**  
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## President's Letter

Hello Fox Cities Greenways Members,

As another year has passed, it's a good time to reflect on the accomplishments of our organization, the Fox Cities Greenways. We have a great board that wants to get things done. As the year went on, we helped fund a safe off-road trail in the Town of Clayton and gave money to provide good lighting for an upgraded trail in the City of Menasha. Greenways partnered in a structural study of the trestles across the Fox River where a future trail is planned. We participated in the development of portages around the locks in Appleton by providing signage for the Fox Wisconsin Heritage Water Trail. We continue to partner with them as the water trail continues downstream toward Green Bay.



We provided letters of support in four successful trail grants in the Fox Cities and coordinated the signage of the Fox Cities Paper Trail, which will be a gem in the Fox Cities. We continue to promote healthy lifestyles through our involvement with Activate Fox Cities and Safe Routes to School.



We hope you had a chance to better enjoy our community through our efforts. If not, the coming years will give you more opportunities to enjoy the work we do. In the meantime, Happy New Year and happy trails.

Dave Muench, President of Fox Cities Greenways

*We hope you have had a chance during the past year to better enjoy our community through the efforts of Fox Cities Greenways.*

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*Our Board meetings are held monthly and are open to the public. Contact any member for date and location of upcoming meetings. Board members can be reached at [www.foxcitiesgreenways.org](http://www.foxcitiesgreenways.org)*

## Thanks to our 2010 Contributors!

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### MATCHING GIFTS

US Oil/Schmidt Family Foundation  
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
Kimberly-Clark Foundation  
ITW Foundation

## Events

### January

15 Winter Night Walk. Heckrodt Wetland Preserve. 1305 Plank Road, Menasha. Night hike, indoor discussion of animal tracks, hot chocolate. 6 – 8 p.m. Registration appreciated. Fee \$2.00 per person. 920-720-9340. <http://www.heckrodtwetland.com>

21 Moonlight Ski and Hike. Buboltz Nature Preserve. 4815 N. Lyndale, Appleton. Pre-registration is required. 6 – 9 p.m. 920-731-6041 [in-fo@bubolzpreserve.org](mailto:fo@bubolzpreserve.org) <http://www.bubolzpreserve.org/index.html>

22 Cross-country Ski Clinic for Beginners. Fallen Timbers Environmental Center, W4531 Robin Road, Black Creek. 1 – 3 p.m. For more information contact Libby Dorn 920-984-3700 [ldorn@cesa6.k12.wi.us](mailto:ldorn@cesa6.k12.wi.us) [http://www.cesa6.k12.wi.us/products\\_services/fallentimbers/events.cfm](http://www.cesa6.k12.wi.us/products_services/fallentimbers/events.cfm)

29 Sunrise Eagle Watch. 1,000 Islands Environmental Center. 1000 Beaulieu Court, Kaukauna. Mid-winter, when most of the Fox River is frozen solid, eagles from the entire Valley gather along the fast-moving waters of 1000 Islands. In the past few years, it has not been unusual to view 20 eagles or more on a cold winter morning. Meet at the Center. Dress warmly. Binoculars will be available. 7:30 a.m. 920-766-4733 [thousandisland@new.rr.com](mailto:thousandisland@new.rr.com) <http://www.1000islandsenvironmentalcenter.com/index.html>

29 Candlelight Ski and Hike. Hartman Creek State Park, Waupaca. Ski on tracked trails lighted by candles, 1.5 miles in total distance. There is also a 1-mile hiking trail lit by candles. Begin at the Hartman Lake Shelter Building. Warming and food, cooking fires/grills and hot water provided. Free refreshments. 5 – 8 p.m. The alternate rain date is Saturday Feb. 5 715-258-2372 <http://dnr.wi.gov/Org/land/parks/specific/hartman>

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## Trail Updates

The arrival of winter can bring a new perspective to our local trails. Many of the walking and biking trails give way to skiing and snowshoeing. There are also several locations where winter is the only time some of these trails are in place and open for use. Using these trails is a great way to beat the winter blahs by getting outside and enjoying winter in North-east Wisconsin.



### Cross Country Ski Trails

Stride and Skate:

- **Reid Golf Course in Appleton**, 1000 East Fremont Street, Appleton, WI 54915
- **Kimberly High School**, W2622 Kennedy Avenue, Kimberly, WI 54136S
- **Memorial Park Combined Locks**, Park Street (Lower Entrance), Combined Locks, WI 54113
- **Calumet County Park**, N6150 CTH EE, Hilbert, WI 54129
- **Reforestation Camp**, 4418 Reforestation Road, Suamico, WI 54173

Stride Only:

- **Plamann Park in Appleton**, 1375 East Broadway, Appleton, WI 54915
- **Bubolz Nature Center**, 4815 North Lyndale, Appleton, WI 54913
- **High Cliff State Park**, N7630 State Park Road, Sherwood, WI 54169.

Skate Only:

- **Bridgewood Golf Course**, 1020 Cameron Way, Neenah, WI 54956

Snowshoe Trails:

- **High Cliff State Park**, N7630 State Park Road, Sherwood, WI 54169.
- **Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve**, 4815 Lyndale Drive, Appleton, WI 54915-9785, 920/731-6041, mostly exclusive, some shared, rentals available.
- **Ledge View Nature Center**, W2348 Short Road, Chilton, WI 53014-9673, 920/849-7094, exclusive trails, rentals available.
- **1000 Islands Environmental Center**, 700 Dodge Street, Kaukauna, WI 54130, 920/788-9024, partly shared, rentals available.
- **Mosquito Hill Nature Center**, N3880 Rodgers Road, New London, WI 54961, 920/779-6433, exclusive trails, rentals available.
- **Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary**, Sanctuary Road, Green Bay, WI 54301, 920/391-3671, restricted to guided tours only, rentals available.
- **Navarino Nature Center**, P.O. Box 606, Shawano, WI 54166, 920/983-0120, shared with skiers, rentals available.

Remember to always be considerate of others and use proper etiquette. While on the trail...

- Always follow the proper direction on one-way trails. Leave space between you and other trail users and alert others when passing.
- Do not obstruct trails or intersections. When stopped, step to the side out of tracks. If you fall, move to the side as quickly as possible.
- Respect trail closures; use only trails posted open and obey all posted signs.
- Carry out what you carry in.
- Protect the environment. Stay on the trail. Do not cut switchbacks or use shortcuts.
- Share the trail. Watch and listen for others and learn and use appropriate hand signals. Other users, especially snowmobiles, often cannot hear voice signals.
- Skate skiers should keep off of classic tracks.
- Snowshoers should keep off groomed ski trails

If you use these trails please let those responsible for their creation and maintenance know you appreciate them. Donations to the “Grooming Box” are a great way to show support for these trails. A call or e-mail to the park or municipal offices will help keep these trails in place and make it easier to get new trails created in the future. Most of all, enjoy and share the experience with others.

## Donor Makes a Major Neenah Trail Connection Possible

The City of Neenah plans to start work on a major connection in the trail around Little Lake Butte des Morts, thanks to a recent donation to the City of Neenah Parks and Recreation Department.



*Alice Jean Smith, Donor*

The donor, Alice Jean Smith, wants to see the former Quality Oil site on N. Lake Street developed as a lake front park and is providing funds for that purpose.

The City acquired the property in 2006, with the hope of someday connecting it to the undeveloped Arrowhead Park property on the south shore of the lake. The larger vision links this trail with the Friendship Trail in Fritse Park, via North Lake Street.

A master plan for the park properties was completed in 2008. The plan calls for a picnic shelter with rest rooms and a canoe / kayak launch at the Quality Oil site. The pedestrian / bike trail will enter the park from N. Lake Street, follow the lakeshore crossing the Neenah Slough on a 360 foot trestle bridge, and continue along the Arrowhead Park shoreline into downtown Neenah.

The Parks and Recreation Department hopes to start the park development in 2011, coinciding with the bike trail improvements scheduled for N. Lake Street.



*Eventually trails will circle the entire Little Lake Buttes Morts*

## Online Donation



For those who prefer the convenience of giving online, Fox Cities Greenways always offers the option of donating via PayPal on our website at <http://www.focol.org/greenways/donate.html>. Just a click of a membership level or special contribution button on this page allows you to donate using any major credit card or an e-check.

## Events (continued)

### February

5 Cross-country Ski Clinic. Buboltz Nature Preserve, 4815 N. Lynndale, Appleton. Pre-registration is required. 9 – 10 a.m. 920-731-6041 [info@bubolzpreserve.org](mailto:info@bubolzpreserve.org) <http://www.bubolzpreserve.org/index.html>

5 Candlelight Ski and Hike. High Cliff State Park, Sherwood. The Forest Management trail is torch-lit for skiers and hikers alike. Stop by the bonfire to warm up along the trail and visit the Friends of High Cliff concession booth for hot beverages and snacks. A state park vehicle sticker is required. Meet at the Forest Management Trail. 5:30 – 8:30. 920-989-1106 [Lin-da.guelig@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Lin-da.guelig@wisconsin.gov) <http://dnr.wi.gov/ORG/LAND/parks/specific/highcliff/>

12 Learn to Snowshoe. Fallen Timbers Environmental Center, W4531 Robin Road, Black Creek. 1 – 3 p.m. For more information contact Libby Dorn 920-984-3700 [ldorn@cesa6.k12.wi.us](mailto:ldorn@cesa6.k12.wi.us) [http://www.cesa6.k12.wi.us/products\\_services/fallentimbers/events.cfm](http://www.cesa6.k12.wi.us/products_services/fallentimbers/events.cfm)

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19 Moonlight Snowshoe Hike. 1000 Islands Environmental Center, 1000 Beaulieu Court, Kaukauna. Enjoy the full moon while hiking the trails. Snowshoes will be provided. \*Please arrive ½ hour early if you will need assistance putting on snowshoes or for a quick lesson. 6 – 7:30 p.m. 920-766-4733 [thousandisland@new.rr.com](mailto:thousandisland@new.rr.com)

<http://www.1000islandsenvironmentalcenter.com/calendar.html>

Note: See the link below for Pacesetters of the Fox Cities events that are open to the public

<http://www.pacesettersrun.com/community.htm>

## New Lights on the Friendship/Paper Trail

The City of Menasha recently updated a portion of a popular trail in their city. The section identified is actually part of two trails, the Friendship Trail and the Fox Cities Paper Trail. The one-third mile newly paved trail connects Jefferson Park with Highway 114 and skirts Heckrodt Wetland Preserve. Fox Cities Greenways partnered with the City by providing money for the light standards (pictured).



"We enjoy partnering with communities on projects like this, where there is a specific aspect we can fund," said President Dave Muench. Fox Cities Greenways members may be asked to help with some plantings next spring. Check future newsletters or website for updates.

## Happy Trails Event

### to Take Place During May's Bike Week

The first annual Happy Trails 5K Run/Walk and Bike Ride will take place on May 21, 2011, the Saturday of Bike Week. Fox Cities Greenways will be



hosting a fun run, walk, and bike ride that will start and finish near the River Heritage trail by Stone Cellar Pub. Walkers and runners will proceed on the trail to Telulah Park and back. The bike ride will take place on the same trail



but will go to the CE trail as far as the Recyclist Bike Shop and return, for a distance of about ten miles. At Re-

cyclist, bikers can refuel and also enter some drawings for prizes. Recyclist Bike and Run Away Shoes have both come onboard to sponsor the event.

The event will also highlight the new water trail portages and landings with canoe and kayak demonstrations. After the event, participants will enjoy water and cookies. It will be a fun day to celebrate and explore the trails of the Fox Cities.



More details including the event fee will be announced at a future date. Contact Gordy or Linda McDaniel with any questions at 920-788-9545 or email at [gmcDaniel@new.rr.com](mailto:gmcDaniel@new.rr.com). Embrace the outdoors!

## Friends of the Fox and the Fox Wisconsin Heritage Parkway 7

The National Heritage Area designation of the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway has not been received as of the writing of this article. Congressional legislation is required for this designation. No monies are included in the bill, only the historic designation. The designation would ensure the preservation of the Fox and Wisconsin Riverway, its culture, history, and artifacts. Future generations would have the ability to enjoy the recreational resources and have the opportunity to learn the history of the rivers. Increased interest in the river would also impact the economics of the Parkway cities.



The Fox –Wisconsin Heritage Parkway has a board of directors that is setting the goals for governance of the Parkway going forward. The board has identified six themes around which future activities and events will be created. These themes reflect the extensive history of the area. The six main themes are:

- Native Peoples and the Trail of the Serpent
- Route of Discovery
- Waves of Immigration
- Hard Working River Highway
- Land and Industry of Abundance
- Currents of Conservation: Theory and Practice

Each of the themes has many sub-themes which will be detailed in future newsletters.

Communities along the 280-mile waterway are encouraged to participate in developing events that will draw people to the corridor. Visitors will be able to enjoy the river and surrounding recreation areas and also learn of the area's rich and varied 12,000 year history. During the 2010 Fox Heritage Paddle, which took place this past summer, historians dressed as early settlers and Native American groups made historic presentations at some of the put in points. Communities sponsored breakfasts for the paddlers and spectators and provided river assistance for them.. These are only a few of the ways the communities have participated in the river activities. The goal is to expand the river activities to make the Fox-Wisconsin Parkway a vigorous contributor to the economy, conservation, and recreational opportunities within the 15 Wisconsin counties along its corridor.

NOTE: For the latest news on Heritage Parkway development in the area of the Fox Cities, click here [http://dnr.wi.gov/news/BreakingNews\\_Lookup.asp?id=1953](http://dnr.wi.gov/news/BreakingNews_Lookup.asp?id=1953) or visit the Newsroom link in the upper right corner of the new Wisconsin DNR website.



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My annual membership fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Special contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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