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# GREENWAYS ink

*“A thing is right only when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the community; and the community includes the soil, water, fauna and flora, as well as the people.”*

*Aldo Leopold*

## Fox Cities Greenways Annual Meeting

**Thursday, January 25, 2007  
7:00 p.m.**

**Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve\*  
4815 N. Lynndale Drive  
Appleton, Wisconsin**

Please join us for our annual meeting to review and celebrate our achievements of the past year and meet the people who will take on our 2007 goals. The program will include:

- Presentations on Bike to Work Week and Safe Routes to Schools Programs by Tom Walsh.
- Area trail development updates.

- President's Annual Report.
- Treasurer's Annual Report.
- Committee and Project Updates (Action Alert, Volksmarch Routes, Trestle Trail, Fox Cities Trail map).
- Introduction and election of new Board members.

Light refreshments will be provided by the Greenways Board and friends.

**Board of Directors Meeting  
at 6:00pm, preceding  
Annual Meeting.**

\* If you have not already discarded your Christmas tree (the real variety), take it to Bubolz. They will recycle the trees and need them for their Survival Program.

# GREENWAYS UPDATES

## President's Letter

*As 2006 quickly comes to an end, I want to take a few moments to reflect on the accomplishments of this fantastic organization over the past year. We organized the first Bike to Work Day in the Fox Cities, developed the initial Volksmarch route, and assisted in the publication of the first Trails of the Fox Cities map. We also provided assistance in getting bike racks installed on the Valley Transit buses, hosted a planners meeting, provided written and verbal public support for the Friendship Trail extension between Menasha and High Cliff State Park, continued to provide financial assistance to the trestle trail, and have begun planning for a local Safe Routes to Schools program.*

*This partial list of activities highlights the hard work of the Board of Directors. As my term on the Board expires, I want to say "thank you" to all the Board members and volunteers I have had the pleasure of working with over the past six years. They have quietly worked behind the scenes to produce newsletters, maintain our web site, maintain databases and mailing lists, and volunteer to help out at events like Safe Kids Fox Valley Bike Helmet Challenge, Clayton Fest, Wiouwash Quad race, and Seafood Fest. Their tireless efforts often go unrecognized and that is a shame. The reason this organization continues to be model for the rest of the state is because of the dedication of its Board of Directors and the entire membership.*

*In closing I would like to invite of you to our annual meeting and help us celebrate another successful year. I would also ask that you take the time to offer your thanks to these amazing volunteers.*

*Wishing you a very Happy and Prosperous 2007, Mike Hendrick*

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## 2006 Greenways Board Members

<b>President</b>	Mike Hendrick, Menasha	<b>At large:</b>	Brian Feest, Grand Chute
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*Board meetings are open to the public. Contact any member for the date and location of upcoming meetings. Board Members can be reached at [greenways@focol.org](mailto:greenways@focol.org)*

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## URGENT!

Our 2007 Board needs a Treasurer, a Webmaster, and a Membership Chair. We cannot function without these people!

The duties of the **Treasurer** are to prepare a financial report for the board of directors meetings; balance and reconcile checking and savings accounts; give a report at the annual meeting; file state reports (2); keep track of restricted funds and work with those organizations to ensure that they are receiving the necessary information from Fox Cities Greenways; write thank you notes to unrestricted funds contributors; file matching contributions requests and keep track of matching contributions receivable; stop by the Menasha post office on at least a bi-weekly basis; distribute mail to other Greenways officers; make deposits at Community First; move funds between our checking and money market accounts and send contribution information to the membership chair person.

The duties of the **Webmaster** are to manage the Greenways website: [www.focol.org/greenways](http://www.focol.org/greenways). Add and modify content based on input from the board of directors and subject to their direction. Some creativity would be appreciated, but major changes are not frequently directed by the board. The site is currently designed using Dreamweaver and uses CSS.

The duties of the **Membership Chair** are to manage the membership database. Must be familiar with Microsoft Access (currently version 2003) tables, queries, reports, and mail merge. Update the site with donation information and address changes. Send out three membership renewal mailings each year and prepare three or four newsletter mailing label lists for the printer.

# Safe Routes to School

Not long ago, walking or biking to school was the norm. Over the last 30 years, however, the percentage of children biking and walking to school has declined from 50% or more to now closer to about 15%. The Safe Routes to School Programs share a common goal – to improve the health of children by making walking and bicycling to and from school safer, easier and more enjoyable.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation held a series of Safe Routes to School Information Sessions throughout the state this fall. School superintendents, principals, teachers, city officials, public works departments, engineers, parents, public health staff, school board members, law enforcement officers and others concerned with the health and safety of Wisconsin's children were invited to attend. The Information Sessions included an overview SRTS, a "walk" through the new Wisconsin SRTS Toolkit and information on how to plan for and submit applications for Safe Routes To School funding.

Greenways Board Member, Tom Walsh, has been working with communities interested in starting a Safe Routes to School Program in this area. Hear more about the progress and process at our Annual Meeting on January 25. Find out what a "walking school bus" is too.

## Events On or Near the Trails

**February 3 (Saturday)** Moonlight Ski and Hike, 5-8pm, Bubolz Nature Preserve, 731-6041, 4815 N. Lynndale, Appleton

Ski or hike under the moonlight on the Preserve's cross-country ski and winter hiking trails. Over 1½ miles will be illuminated by candlelight. (Trails will be lighted for hiking if there is not enough snow for skiing.) Flashlights or headlamps are recommended. Ski rentals are available at a special rate of \$5 per person. Trail fee for non-members is \$2. Hot dogs, chips and hot beverages will be available for a small fee.



**February 4 (Sunday)** Snowshoe Walk with a Naturalist, 1:00 - 3:00pm, Mosquito Hill Nature Center, (920) 779-6433 N3880 Rogers Road, New London.

Join naturalist Steve Petznick for a relaxing and educational Sunday afternoon snowshoe hike into the bottomland hardwoods. Learn about the flora and fauna of the Wolf River floodplain and what makes this area unique. Hot beverages and snowshoe rental are included. Registration and payment due January 27. \$5.00/adults, \$4.00/students, seniors, FOMH, \$12/family

**January - February (Saturdays & Sundays)** 9:30 - 2:00pm and when conditions permit. Mosquito Hill trails are open for self-guided snowshoeing. If you bring your own snowshoes you can use the trails at no charge. Rental for snowshoes: \$3/adults or \$2/students and seniors. FOMH members complimentary.

**For snowshoe trails in Wisconsin State Parks and Forests check out the WI DNR website: [www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks/trails/snowshoe.html](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks/trails/snowshoe.html)**

It's always a good idea to call ahead to check on snow conditions and availability of rentals.

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*This list recognizes this years membership renewals and un-restricted contributions to Fox Cities Greenways as well as contributors to the Friendship-Trestle Trail. Thank you!*

# Fox River Whitewater Park Study

Fox Cities Greenways helped fund a feasibility study on constructing a white water park on the Fox River. With donations and grants from other funders, the Whitewater Park Committee retained the engineering firm of Recreation Engineering and Planning, Inc. (REP) based in Boulder, CO. REP is an internationally acclaimed design firm that specializes in constructing whitewater parks. They have built over 50 parks, most notably the recently opened U.S. National Whitewater Center in Charlotte, NC.



REP began their site investigation in Appleton on November 28 and concluded their visit on Wednesday, November 29 with a public information meeting at the Heckrodt Wetland Reserve Nature Center. Seven sites along the Fox Rivers were considered. An announcement with REP's recommendation is expected in early January.



Many communities across the U.S. have embraced the construction of whitewater parks. They have seen benefits of cleaner river banks and beds, increased river access for the public, and a positive economic impact at the locations in which they reside. The projects have a positive environmental impact as well and can be used as an educational area for kayaking, rafting, and river safety. Greenways saw a fit with our mission to link land trails and potential water routes.

Other donations for the feasibility study were made by the Opportunity Fund administered by the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Region, Inc., Friends of the Fox, Inc., Northeast Wisconsin Paddlers, Inc., the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance and by individual contributors.

Individuals, organizations or businesses seeking more information about the study and project potential should contact Whitewater Park Committee Chairman Brian Tungate at 920-725-3334 or email at [btungate@new.rr.com](mailto:btungate@new.rr.com). For more information about Whitewater parks in general and REP see [wwparks.com](http://wwparks.com).



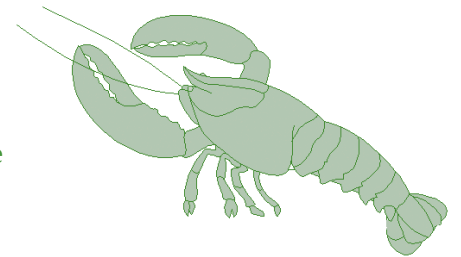
# News Briefs

## “Thank You” from the Fox Cities Marathon

On August 22nd, the Fox Cities Marathon presented Fox Cities Greenways, Inc. with a check for \$2,800 as a sign of appreciation for our efforts related to local trail development, most notably the trestle trail. We are honored to accept this very generous donation and we have decided to use the funds to supplement our Trails for the Future fund. This fund was established to assist local communities in the development of trail and greenway segments.

## Seafood Fest Success!

Greenways members volunteered to fry fish, serve pie, tap beer — whatever it took — to help out at Seafood Fest this year. Thanks to call of you who answered the call! This annual fund raiser is a 1-1/2 day mid-September event designed to be a family-friendly gathering for the residents of the Fox Cities. Money earned at Seafood Fest goes to fulfill a Trestle Trail fund pledge. The joint event, co-sponsored by the Neenah and Menasha Rotary Clubs, boasts a large and varied menu ranging from chips and salsa to a live lobster boil. With two evenings of music, food and fun in Jefferson Park, it is one of the Clubs’ premier events in terms of money raised, man-power consumed and camaraderie enjoyed. We encourage everyone to support Seafood Fest next year either as “crew” or “consumer.”



## There’s a Gap in the Trestle Trail

It’s a funding gap so, don’t worry, the trestle is safe to cross! But the Fox Cities Greenways would like to fix this gap nonetheless. We will match donations to the Trestle Fund, up to \$5000 total. The deadline to have your gift matched is March 31, 2007. Please send contributions to Greenways and note that the gift is for the Trestle Trail.

# Trail Etiquette

The good news is that trail use is on the rise. Over half of the state’s residents are trail users. The bad news is that, just as on the highways, with more use there’s greater chance of conflict over space and rights of way.

In addition to obeying speed limits, stop signs, and requests to walk bicycles, every user should be aware of basic trail etiquette. To keep trail time safe and relaxing follow these simple rules.

All users of trails:

- Show courtesy to other trail users at all times. Anticipate other users around corners and blind spots.
- If dogs are allowed, keep them on a leash. Pick up “deposits.”
- Use the right side of the trail except when otherwise designated. (This applies to adults, children and pets. Keep Fido on the right side and don’t let his leash cross over.) Pass on the left.
- Respect the rights of property owners. Respect wildlife.

- Warn equestrians when you are approaching using your voice. (Bells or horns may frighten horses, making a dangerous situation for you and the rider.)
- Use caution when using headphones. You may not be able to hear people trying to warn you.
- Leave no trace. Leave no litter.

Bicyclists

- Yield to pedestrians and equestrians. Give an audible warning when passing pedestrians or other bicyclists. Ask for permission to pass horses.
- Ride at a safe speed. Slow down and ride single file in congested areas, reduced visibility and other less-than-ideal conditions.

Pedestrians

- Be especially alert if running.
- Look behind you before stopping suddenly.
- Listen for other trail users and allow faster users to pass safely.

# News from the State

The first 2007 meeting of the Governor's State Trails Council will be held Monday, January 22, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. For appointed members, the meeting will be held via teleconference. Any interested parties who are not members of the Council may attend this meeting by coming to Room 613 of the Department of Natural Resources' Central Office, located in the GEF 2 building at 101 South Webster Street in Madison.

The State Trails Council (STC) is appointed by the Governor under the authority of statute 15.347(16) to provide state trail user groups and individuals a voice in the statewide trails program. The STC also provides a forum for dealing with solutions to conflicts between and within trail user groups and trail providers. Additionally, the STC provides advice and consultation to the Department of Natural Resources regarding the planning, acquisition, development, and management of trails in Wisconsin.

Agenda items will include Legislative Council on Trails Policy update, Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Motorized State Recreation Area concept update, State Trails Plan update, Trail Crew update, ATC power lines and other trails issues. An agenda draft for the upcoming meeting, draft minutes from the last STC meeting on October 27, and resolutions passed following the July 14 STC meeting can be found at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/trails/council>.

Other meetings in 2007 are ...

- Wednesday, April 11, 10 am - 3 pm  
Governor's Conference Room, State Capitol Building, Madison
- Friday, July 13, 10 am - 2 pm  
Meeting location to be announced
- Friday, October 12, 10 am - 1 pm  
Bayfield

The council represents trail users in Wisconsin - that includes more than half of the state's residents! If you would like to be part of the STC electronic distribution list to receive meeting announcements and/or send correspondence regarding 2007 State Trails Council meetings, e-mail [JosephC.Warren@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:JosephC.Warren@Wisconsin.gov).



*Hiking the trails at Bubolz.  
Photo by Dale Schaber.*

The Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin's 2006 Outstanding Elected Official of the Year was Mayor Joe Laux of the City of Menasha (nominated by member Sue Kinde). This award is given annually to one elected official who has distinguished him/herself in service to cycling. Sue stated in her nomination that Mayor Joe Laux was instrumental in the success of the Little Lake Butte des Morts railroad trestle conversion to part of the state Friendship Trail. He supported the staff work of the City and the Town of Menasha, made telephone calls to move the project forward, and solicited business support to finance the project, particularly building a lift bridge over the Menasha Lock in the Fox River. He is an avid bicyclist himself, and was also key in the sidewalks built along Highway 47 for bicycle and pedestrian safety. Congratulations!

# Fox Cities Greenways, Inc.



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