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Save the Date: Fox Cities Greenways Annual Meeting

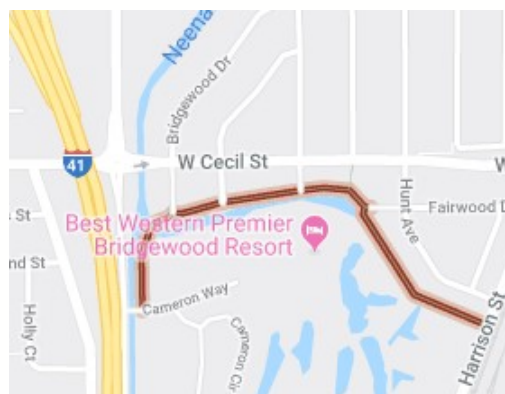
When: January 23, 2020. 5-6PM Registration & Cash Bar

Where: Stone Arch at Riverview Gardens

Theme: Imagine - Vision for trails in the Fox Cities

Bridgewood Trail Clean Up

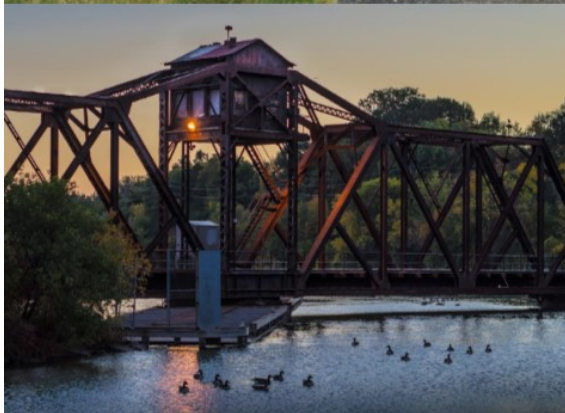
On Saturday September 21st, Fox Cities Greenways organized a volunteer activity cleaning up the Bridgewood Trail in Neenah. Much of the trail is along water which required the use of hip waders to get garbage that has been caught in the cattails for years. At the end we filled a number of large garbage bags and the trail is much more attractive. Thanks to all who volunteered to make this happen.



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Fox Cities GREENWAYS 2019 Photo Contest



Fox Cities Greenways *Together for Trails Photo Contest* is an opportunity to put your photography skills to work. We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering the development and preservation of trails and greenways in the Fox Cities region. Help us to promote the Fox Cities trail system by raising awareness of the natural beauty of our greenways, supporting the linkages of trails in our community, and experiencing trails with family and friends. Remember you don't need to be a professional photographer or have an expensive camera, just follow the rules below and submit your entry. Demonstrate the many ways we use our trails, greenways, and waterways.

CONTEST ELIGIBILITY, HOW TO ENTER, AND DEADLINE

- Residents and visitors of the Fox Cities region who are at least 13 years old are eligible to participate in the 2019 Together for Trails Photo Contest.
- The photo contest ends November 7th. Each photo must be submitted using the Entry Form on the FCGI website
- Photos need to include a trail, waterway, or greenway in the Fox Cities region and illustrate a specific contest category.

CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

- Voting begins November 15th with a link on the Facebook page and FCGI website. There is a cash prize and Greenways membership for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in each category as well as a People's Choice Award
- Photos should illustrate the many ways our trails, greenspaces, and waterways are utilized in the Fox Cities region: Discovering the natural beauty of our trails: capturing subjects such as wildlife, flora, and fauna. An additional category includes exploring and sharing trail experiences with family and friends: encouraging outdoor activities, destinations, fitness, and traveling safely.

Email any questions to photosforgreenways@gmail.com or message us on Facebook!



Building Communities...one pedal push at a time

Thanks to the tremendous support and generosity of our membership, private/public donors and grant funders, Fox Cities Greenways, Inc. has donated the first of two trishaws to Make the Ride Happen.

Cycling Without Age, Lutheran Social Services, Volunteer Fox Cities, East Central Regional Planning Commission, Wisconsin Bike Fed, Make the Ride Happen and Fox Cities Greenways, Inc. have partnered to develop this unique program, which provides the opportunity for older adults and those with differing abilities to schedule free trishaw rides piloted by trained volunteers. Make the Ride Happen, a program of Lutheran Social Services, which currently provides vehicular rides for non-driving older adults, will fold Cycling Without Age into its existing program.

Everyone touched by this initiative feels the joy; passengers, pilots and those they meet along the way. Carol Bloemer, RSVP Director, notes "It has been a pleasure to learn what motivates volunteers to become trishaw pilots. One newly trained volunteer pilot hopes to pedal passengers to the park for free band concerts in order to share her love of music and companionship. Cycling Without Age is a win-win for everyone." It brings people together, kindles conversations and allows everyone to stay active.



How as a community can we create the best conditions to stay active, to belong and to commit to the areas in our lives where we live, love, learn and play now and in the future?" Cycling Without Age is the perfect vehicle to bring all of those things together. The hopes and wishes for the future of Make the Ride Happen: Cycling Without Age are high thanks to an enthusiastic partnership and the joy embedded in this project. After all, happiness, smiles and the adventurous spirit within Cycling Without Age is simply contagious.

A heartfelt thanks to the following donors and benefactors who helped to make this project possible:

- Essity Professional Hygiene NA LLC
- Appleton Oktoberfest and the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce
- The Boldt Family Fund, Inc...a supporting organization of the Community Foundation of the Fox Cities Region
- The Jewelers Mutual Charitable Giving Fund and Anonymous Donor within the Fox Cities Community Foundation
- The Bright Idea Fund Grant through the Fox Cities Community Foundation
- The Franklin Charitable Giving Fund
- Fox Cities Greenways Membership

How can you help? Get involved by becoming a volunteer pilot, pedal trishaws and ride with amazing people. Be an event host and let us pedal trishaws for your organization. Become a sponsor and helps us purchase additional trishaws. Be a passenger, ride with us, make new friends and share your stories. To volunteer contact rsvp@volunteerfoxcities.org or #920-832-9360. To schedule a ride, contact MRH@lsswis.org or @920-225-1719. To donate mail checks to Fox Cities Greenways, Inc. P.O. Box 5 Menasha, WI 54952-0005.

Fox River Boardwalk - Update

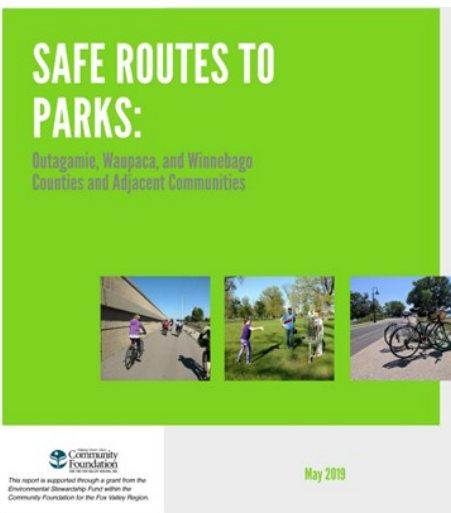
Since its inception many years ago, the Rails-to-Trails program has encouraged many communities to acquire abandoned rail lines and convert the grade for recreational use. The former rail lines often run through scenic areas while providing a level grade and ready bridges/culverts.

Such is the case of the former CN rail line running along the Fox River in Kaukauna. The City acquired the line which extends from the City's downtown to a point across the river from Little Chute's trail network. A boardwalk (planned 2020 construction) across the Fox River will connect the two trail systems.

Although the City acquired over a mile of rail line, an additional 400 feet is needed to construct a trail to a point directly across from Little Chute. Accordingly, to shorten the bridge span and allow for reduced costs in constructing the boardwalk, the City has applied for Rails-to-Trails acquisition for the 400 feet of current CN rail line. The CN Railroad has agreed to this and the application is process.



Safe Routes To Parks

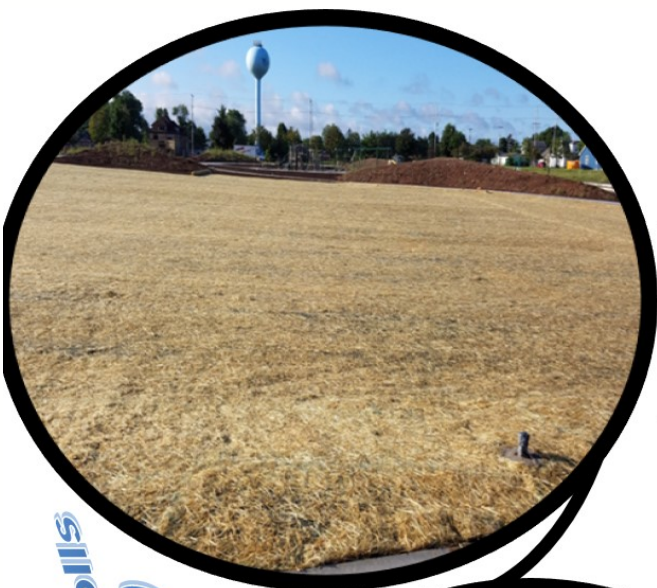


Last November, Fox Cities Greenways hosted a Safe Routes to Parks workshop. Public parks enhance the quality of life for communities and provide numerous benefits, including economic vitality, land conservation, and improved health outcomes. In fact, evidence supports that having access to green space has a direct impact on the health of individuals. Safe Routes to Parks is a framework to increase safe and equitable access to parks for all people of all abilities. This workshop brought together over 35 community representatives and partners to discuss local efforts in Safe Routes to Parks and provided an opportunity to discuss how to enhance local and regional access to our parks.

Discussions from the workshop were compiled into a final report, which features findings from the workshop along with key recommendations to increasing local and regional safe and equitable access to our parks. The final report can be found online at <http://foxcitiesgreenways.org/safe-routes-to-parks/>. We also have a limited number of hardcopies available for loan; if you would like to view one of these printed versions, please email fcgreenways@gmail.com.



Running Through the Rolls
Treaty Park 2019



You're Invited!

To a Ribbon Cutting

The Village of Kimberly is celebrating the grand opening of a brand new park as part of the Cedars Development on the site of the NewPage papermill site. The new park includes a winding pedestrian trail that

connects with Memorial Park to the south and will soon connect with the Loop the Locks trail network in Little Chute, Kaukauna, and Appleton. The park concept is "Running Through the Rolls" celebrating this site's history of paper production in the Paper Valley. Other amenities include an ADA accessible playground,

over 140 trees, open green space, and a gathering space with a gazebo. Ribbon cutting date to be announced on the Village of Kimberly and Fox Cities Greenways Facebook pages in early October. Come walk the trail and see the progress!



Join Fox Cities Greenways Today!

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Annual Membership:

- ☐ \$35—Guardian ☐ \$50—Sentinel ☐ \$100—Advocate
☐ \$250—Conservator ☐ \$500—Trailblazer ☐ \$1,000—Pathfinder

☐ Please apply my membership to FCCA restricted fund

☐ My company has a matching gift program: Company : _____

I wish to receive my newsletter via...(please circle one) Postal Mail Email

Mail this form to **Fox Cities Greenways, P.O. Box 5, Menasha, WI 54952-0005**

You may also join or donate online with Pay Pal at www.foxcitiesgreenways.org.

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Thank you for your support!

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