

# Over 2 million visitors and 22 years of fun!

## Friends of the Fox River Trail News for

## www.FriendsFRT.org

#### **Brown County Parks report from Matt Kriese:**

- 1. VenTek Auto pay stations at Voyageur and Porlier/Adams (trailhead)
  - a. These stations will allow users to pay by credit card for either daily or annual
  - b. Annual passes are not dispensed directly at the machine, rather a paper receipt is printed showing proof of pass purchase. This paper receipt must then be brought or mailed to the park office to receive the official Wi DNR annual trail pass. These details will be listed on the paper receipt if anyone forgets what they should do!
- 2. The trail plowing agreement will be in place shortly between Brown County, City of De Pere, Village of Allouez and City of Green Bay. This joint municipal agreement allows multiple funding sources, based on the severity of the winter. Brown County would not plow the trail if it was not for this agreement. Each year we need to evaluate if the trail plowing makes sense financially. While 2020's revenue was down, we can assume 2021 will be back to normal with NO voluntary trail fee waivers.
- 3. Trail is plowed from Porlier /Adams (trailhead) to Heritage Rd in De Pere. The section form Heritage Road to Fair Road is unmaintained and perfect for snowshoeing, fat tire biking, skiing or other winter hiking. The section from Fair Road to the County Line is groomed for snowmobile use and part of the state recognized trail system.
- 4. In 2020 revenue was significantly down. This is unfortunate, due to the high demand of the trail. Many users assumed the spring-time voluntary trail fee waiver carried through the end of the year. This was not the case. We want all users to understand this trail would not exist if it wasn't for trail passes. The fees brought in from the pass program support all operations for the County.

# 2021 WI Trail passes on sale now:

 $\underline{https://www.browncountywi.gov/community/parks-department/general-information/purchase-pass/}$ 

## Next general membership meeting:

Topic: Friends of Fox River Trail Quarterly Zoom Meeting Time: Jan 28, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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