

NEWSLETTER

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With great sadness, we regret to inform our Friends of the Fox River of the passing of Mark Ernst, our Vice President. Mark was born on December 25, 1957 and passed away on January 18, 2024. He was a long-time ardent supporter of the Fox River Trail. Mark recognized the trail was in need of resurfacing, upgrading and expansion to ensure the trail's legacy. He challenged and convinced the FFRT to begin our current capital campaign. Mark could be seen on the trail on an almost daily basis, keeping an eye on things. His energy and enthusiasm were infectious and will be greatly missed. A June 1st celebration life is planned, details to be communicated via Facebook. RIP.

Mark's obituary can be found at: [Link to Obituary](#)

**CYCLING BREWS TAPROOM,
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 5:30-8:00pm
1109 Honey Court, De Pere**

Come and meet other members of FFRT and learn more about the upgrade project and timelines. Cycling Brews has an incredible cycling themed tap room located near the Fox River Trail. Owners Josh and Steve will donate \$1 per tap sold to the trail. Raffle items have been donated by Cycling Brews, the Bike Hub, WE Bike, the FFRT and more. In addition, maps by Bay Maps and two books by adventure cyclists/ authors, Peter and Tracy Flucke, will be available for sale.

Fox River Upgrade Fund Update:

As of January 31, 2024, we are within \$60,000 of our original goal 😊 to secure funding to repave and expand the trail. This includes grants secured by Brown County and FFRT, trail fees, donations, and pledges. We are continuing to look at ways to fund additional improvements to the trail. If you wish to make a donation you can do so through our website.

[Website link](#)

Or E-mail: friendsoffrt@yahoo.com



2024 TRAIL PASSES:

Brown County Parks has the 2024 Trail passes available for sale on their website. \$25 annual passes are the same price as 2023. [Link to Purchase](#)

Next general membership meeting:

Thursday, April 25, 2024 6:00 pm

Someday Farms, 5338 Hwy 57, De Pere, WI 54115