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WELCOME

People have always been drawn to the Fox Cities. The glacier-shaped landscape holds the waters of the Fox River, an important gathering place for early American inhabitants. The Fox flows north into Green Bay and the Great Lakes, while its source is a short portage from the Wisconsin River, providing a connection to the Mississippi. Early French explorers in search of a route to the Pacific set foot in the area in 1634, 13 years after the pilgrims landed at Plymouth. Fur traders were quick to follow what was then a forested wilderness of well-noted beauty.

The first record of a family relocation to the Fox Cities was of Augustin Grignon, a French fur trader who in 1813 purchased part of the land that constituted Wisconsin's first deed (1793). His son, Charles Augustin Grignon, built a "Mansion in the Woods" to entice his bride from the civilized East to the rugged wilderness. It still stands today on the banks of the Fox River in the city of Kaukauna. Families have been moving here ever since.

The river has provided great opportunity to newcomers throughout our history. Fur trading was replaced by flour mills and wood product firms, which were soon replaced with pulp and paper mills and machinery manufacturers. Retail areas thrived as immigrants made the area their home.

Today, the Fox Cities is among the fastest-growing metropolitan areas in the country. While we are home to the nation's — and arguably the world's — largest concentration of paper-related industries, our business and industry is diverse and dynamic.

We are the Fox Cities, a community of communities. The cities, towns and villages from Neenah northeast toward Kaukauna along the Fox River form the metro area. Growth of the area is blurring the boundaries between city and township in a physical, as well as social, sense. Residents find there is great benefit derived from appreciating the unique per-

sonalities and small-town charm of the area's individual municipalities while enjoying the amenities of a larger metropolitan area.

Be prepared for much debate regarding the geographical definition of the Fox Valley. Perusing a map of Wisconsin, you will find that the area encompasses a broad region generally from Oshkosh through Green Bay. To confuse things even further, the Fox River Valley also may be defined to additionally include the area that surrounds the Fox River from Green Bay south through Oshkosh and west through Berlin and Princeton. Some people also include Fond du Lac and the surroundings of Lake Winnebago.

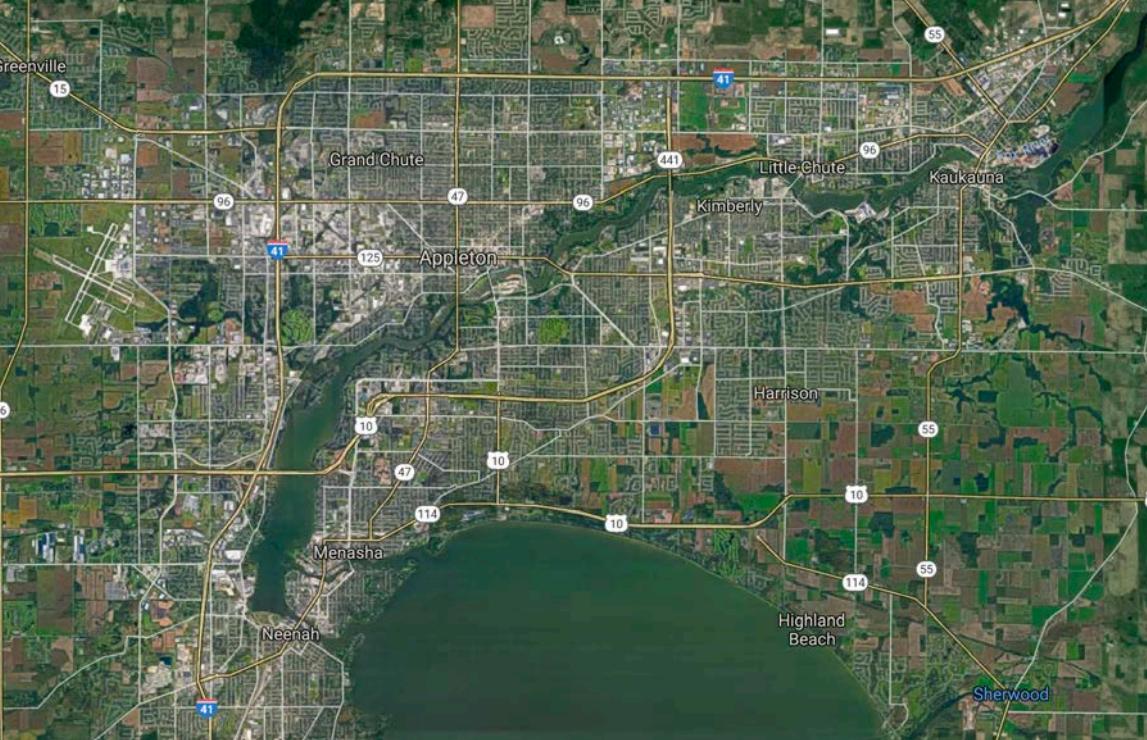
No matter how you look at the area, I'm sure you'll develop a positive view of your new home. We hope this resource book eases your move by providing important information and personal anecdotes from others who have made the Fox Cities their home.

Like you, I was once a newcomer to the Fox Cities. A job opportunity lured me here in 1974. I found people were friendly and quick to make someone new to the area feel at ease. Numerous organizations provided opportunities to expand my interests and make new friends. Over the years, I've enjoyed exploring the richness of the area's history and taking advantage of the beautiful natural setting.

My career path has afforded me the opportunity to promote a place close to my heart. The Fox Cities has long been home to me. I hope it becomes yours.

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WHAT 'IS' THE FOX CITIES?



The grammatical error in the headline is no mistake. The Fox Cities region comprises 18 communities, which retain their individual identities while making the region a diverse and vibrant place. The Fox Cities of Northeastern Wisconsin includes the cities, towns and villages along the Fox River as it flows from Lake Winnebago northward into Green Bay. Together they form the core of the third largest metropolitan area in Wisconsin.

We are one of the largest and fastest growing urban centers in Wisconsin. From 2000 to 2011, the Fox Cities gained 27,133 residents, a 13 percent change. According to the 2016 Fox Cities Leading Indicators for Excellence (LIFE) Study, from 2006 to 2014 the populations of Fox Cities' three core counties (Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago) grew in proportion to statewide and national trends. Based on 2010 to 2040 population estimates for the region, Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago's populations are expected to increase by 31, 21.8 and 15.7 percent respectively. Today, we have a population of more than 400,000.

Appleton was named one of Money Magazine's 2016 "Best Places to Live in America." We who live here consider ourselves fortunate because of our wonderful quality of life and our proximity to major metropolitan areas. Milwaukee, Chicago and Minneapolis/St. Paul can be reached by car in 1 1/2, 3 and 4 1/2 hours, respectively, and all three are within an hour or less by air.

The Fox River, the region's historical hub of commerce and transportation, flows north to Green Bay. In the 1830s, the river welcomed a rich paper-making industry; today it's a major recreational draw.

Economic success has spawned a strong retail base with the largest mall complex in Northeast Wisconsin, a growing arts community, and an eclectic mix of fine and casual dining opportunities — from traditional to ethnic cuisine.

Fox Cities residents represent an increasingly diverse population with a rich ethnic heritage, and the Fox Cities is home to unique amenities which blend urban and small-town character.

CLIMATE

The Fox Cities enjoys four distinct seasons with variety in winter, ranging from very cold and dry to just below freezing with heavy snow; green springs; mild to hot summers; and crisp, colorful falls. The Wisconsin climate is typically continental with some modification from Lakes Michigan and Superior, according to the Wisconsin State Climatology Office. With snowy winters and warm summers, the state is a great place for winter sports and outdoor getaways. Average summer temperatures are in the 70s. Average winter temps are in the 20s with average yearly snowfall totals around 47 inches.

Source: Community Profile, Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce

VITAL STATISTICS

Median Age*

Appleton metro area	39.0
Oshkosh-Neenah metro area	38.5

Household Data*

Number of Households	164,408
Average Median Household Income:	
Appleton metro area	\$65,990

**Source: 2017 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau*

Census & Ethnic Distribution*

Total Population.....	406,540
Non-Hispanic, white alone	365,769
Black or African American alone or in combination	9,021
American Indian and Alaska Native alone or in combination	5,970
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander alone or in combination.....	448
Asian alone or in combination.....	14,403
Hispanic.....	15,743

*Source: July 1, 2017 population estimates, U.S. Census Bureau
(individuals may have counted themselves in more than one ethnic group)*

THE FOX CITIES: A LOOK BACK



The lifeblood of the Fox Cities has always been the Fox River. The river drove almost all commerce in the early history of the area and later cemented the Fox Cities as a leader in the paper industry. No matter which of the communities you reside in, you will find traces of this shared past and pride for the place we call home.

River travel became possible through the creation of the Fox-Wisconsin Waterway. An epic construction project in the days of horse and buggy, the lock system was developed to increase commerce by opening the Fox Cities to steam ship travel.

The locks, which fell into disuse as railroads became more prevalent, continue to allow people to understand the Fox Cities' connection. Each of the locks is listed as a National Historical Place, and recent preservation efforts have made it possible to travel from city to city on the Fox River once again.

Like many cities in Wisconsin, Appleton itself sprang up early as an outpost for fur trading. Its growth, however, can be even more closely linked to the establishment of the Lawrence Institute (now Lawrence University). Lawrence, first chartered in 1847, was actually established six years before Appleton was incorporated into a village in 1853. The need for education grew within the booming population, and Lawrence played a vital role in providing it.

Appleton was in many ways a progressive community. Early developments included the Vulcan Station, the first hydroelectric power station which provided electricity to factories. Hearthstone, built by Henry James Rogers in 1882, was the first residence in the country to be powered by the Edison System. Electricity also powered the first electric streetcar system in the United States and some of the first electric powered streetlights in the Midwest.

Kaukauna, Kimberly and Little Chute held fast to their outpost status for a bit longer. While there were some wealthy fur trade families who started building elegant homes and establishing businesses, large-scale industry didn't develop at first. Neenah and Menasha were primarily known as an established agricultural mission for the Menominee tribe and a gateway to Lake Winnebago.

But within a generation, these former frontier towns would find success thanks to some of the same advancements that would drive Appleton. The ability to harness the power of the Fox River would allow the cities established along it to prosper, thanks to milling operations and, specifically, the paper industry. Companies that started as small mills on the Fox River continue to thrive as world leaders in paper-making today.



Grignon Mansion

Whether you visit Grignon Mansion in Kaukauna, home to an early trader who found success in a wilder land; or Doty Island bridging Neenah and Menasha, named after early territorial judge, representative and governor James Doty; you will come to understand the vital role that the river played to the Fox Cities. Not only that, you will learn about the role the area played in the development of Wisconsin and the importance it had on shaping a growing country.

COMMUNITY PROFILES: WHERE SHOULD I LIVE?

HOMETOWN HISTORY

Points of interest for history buffs



Hearthstone Historic House Museum



Little Chute Windmill



Paper Discovery Center & Hall of Fame

Appleton Historical Society Museum

View the history of Appleton shown through maps and aerial photographs, locally-manufactured memorabilia and other rotating exhibits.

Charles A. Grignon Mansion

Operated by the City of Kaukauna, at the Grignon Mansion you can explore the restored 1837 family home of Charles A. Grignon located on the site of a fur-trading post dating to 1760.

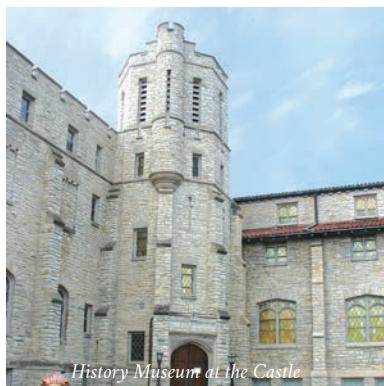
Hearthstone Historic House Museum

The Hearthstone is the world's first home lighted by a central hydroelectric station and still uses the original Thomas Edison light fixtures and period "electroliers." The home, located on the banks of the Fox River, is open seasonally for guided tours and offers special events and programs throughout the year.

Hiram Smith Octagon House

The Hiram Smith Octagon House contains the Neenah Historical

Society's museum and archives. It is one of a handful of octagon-shaped houses in Wisconsin. The Ward House serves as the Historical Society office, research library and classroom. Both are open by appointment.



History Museum at the Castle

Little Chute Windmill

The Little Chute Historical Society holds regular exhibits at the windmill's Van Asten Visitor Center, where guests can also find historical books, postcards and memorabilia for purchase.

Paper Discovery Center and Hall of Fame

The rich paper-making history of the Fox Valley is on display at this museum housed in the historic Atlas Mill along the Fox River in Appleton. The facility also is home to the Paper Hall of Fame, recognizing the individuals who have made major contributions to the science and creation of paper.

Tayco Street Bridge Tower Museum

One of the smallest museums in Wisconsin, the Tayco Street Bridge Tower Museum in a two-story bridge tender's tower features exhibits that tell the story of Menasha's early water and land transportation systems.

The History Museum at the Castle

Learn about the life and career of magician Harry Houdini at this downtown Appleton museum, where artifacts and images depict the most complete interpretation of Houdini's life. The museum also features local exhibits about the history of Outagamie County.



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City of Kaukauna

Population: 15,858

Commonly called "The Electric City" due to its surplus of municipal hydroelectric generating plants, Kaukauna is one of the oldest communities in the state. Located on the banks of the Fox River, Kaukauna attractions include the 1000 Islands Environmental Center, the historic Grignon mansion, the Fox Locks Heritage Trail and a public library in the Historic Eagle Mills at Grand Kakalin. Kaukauna is also home to The Electric City Experience, a family music festival held in June. These features make it a desirable place to live for families with children.



Lock system built in 1850s, restored in 2015

Village of Little Chute

Population: 10,987

Nestled in the heart of the Fox Cities between Appleton and Kaukauna, the Village of Little Chute is Outagamie County's largest village with all the amenities of a metropolitan area. It celebrates a rich Dutch heritage and is home to a fully functioning windmill that is also a visitors center. Visitors will enjoy a quaint downtown with homestyle dining and shops with crafts, collectibles and clothing at discount prices.

Village of Combined Locks

Population: 3,509

Combined Locks is a small incorporated community located in the Heart of the Valley. In 2018, this peaceful bedroom community sandwiched between Kimberly and Kaukauna won a national award from America in Bloom for "Overall Impression." Despite rapid growth, it retains wooded and ravine-filled parklands and green spaces. The village is an attractive place to those seeking the pace of small town living.

Village of Kimberly

Population: 6,679

Kimberly offers a suburban setting known for excellent housing and quality schools that has maintained a small-town atmosphere in the Heart of the Valley. Sunset Point Park, one of the largest parks in the Fox Cities, is a frequent host to the International Softball Congress (ISC) World Tournament as well as home to the Kimberly Amphitheater, nature trails, boat landings and well-maintained recreation areas.

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City of Appleton

Population: 74,598

Appleton is the geographical center and the largest of the Fox Cities. A healthy economy, low crime rate and bountiful recreational opportunities make the city a great place both to visit and live. Appleton's eclectic downtown is home to many specialty retail shops, a wide array of ethnic eateries and Lawrence University, a private liberal arts college that attracts students from around the world. College Avenue also serves as



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a stage for large regional events including Mile of Music, Octoberfest and the Downtown Appleton Christmas Parade. Appleton's diverse neighborhoods attract everyone from artsy types to families and retirees.

Town of Grand Chute

Population: 21,994

This township combines rural charm with the amenities of a larger urban area. With U.S. Interstate 41 bisecting the town, Grand Chute is the commercial and retail hub of the Fox Cities. The Fox River Mall, with more than 1 million square feet of shopping space, is the largest shopping center in Wisconsin north of Milwaukee. In and around the U.S. I-41 corridor are a variety of shopping, dining, entertainment and recreational opportunities, including the Fox Cities Stadium, home of the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, the Milwaukee Brewers' Class A minor league affiliate. The town is also home to natural amenities like the Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve.



Town of Greenville

Population: 11,302

The town of Greenville, west of Grand Chute, mixes tremendous commercial growth with a rich farming heritage. Greenville is home to the Appleton International Airport (ATW on airport designators) and historic buildings such as South Greenville Grange Hall. Greenville has grown in popularity over the last several years due to its rural feel and proximity to urban amenities.

City of Menasha

Population: 17,748

Menasha, located on the north shore of Lake Winnebago, enjoys a beautiful waterfront setting. Water power from the Fox River helped establish Menasha as an industrial center in the mid-to-late 19th century. The city's industrial heritage carries through today, with the paper industry still providing the economic underpinnings of the city. Menasha retains elements of its historic character in a rejuvenated downtown which includes an 87-slip marina and new waterfront condo and apartment developments. The community also offers impressive public parks, Heckrodt Wetland Reserve and the Fox Cities Trestle Trail, which was presented with a 2017 Wisconsin Great Places Award by the American Planning Association – Wisconsin Chapter.

Village of Fox Crossing

Population: 19,029

The Village of Fox Crossing is a newly formed urban village, formerly the Town of Menasha. Dynamic growth allows residents the charm of small-town life in an urban setting and low tax rates. Year-round

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LOCAL FOOD & BREWS

THE RIGHT DIRECTION

These terms aren't on the map (with one exception), but when you hear them referenced by locals, you'll know exactly what they mean.

The Ave: A casual reference to Appleton's main thoroughfare, College Avenue. College Avenue is one of the main entertainment hubs in the Fox Cities, home to The Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Lawrence University and dozens of restaurants, bars and boutiques.

Kaukauna: Perhaps the most mispronounced of the Fox Cities, Kaukauna is a Native American word meaning "the place of the pike." Say it "kah-KAW-nah," with the emphasis on the second syllable.

The Island: Slang term for Doty Island. The Island, which lies between two branches of the Fox River, is split by the City of Menasha to the north and the City of Neenah to the south. It's one of the most populated islands in the state with about 4,000 residents.

Lake Winnebago

'Bago: In reference to Lake Winnebago, the largest lake entirely within the state's borders. Neenah and Menasha are both located on the shores of 'Bago.

The Polish Connection: A local nickname for the Roland Kampo Memorial Bridge that is part of State Highway 441 and U.S. Highway 10, spanning Little Lake Butte des Morts. The nickname is due to the large percent of Polish decedents in the Menasha area. Some locals argue "the Polish Connection" is actually in reference to the awkward interchange at Highway 441 and I-41.

The Flats: Appleton's riverfront community that was formerly home to many paper mills. This land along the Fox River stretches from the Memorial Drive bridge to the College Avenue bridge and has seen revitalization with the development of RiverHeath and adaptive reuse of industrial buildings.

Heart of the Valley: The grouping of 11 communities between Appleton and Green Bay along the I-41 corridor, including Buchanan, Combined Locks, Darboy, Freedom, Harrison, Hollandtown, Kaukauna, Kimberly, Little Chute, Sherwood and Wrightstown.

Mount Misery: The nickname given to the gigantic sledding hill at Grignon Park in Kaukauna. It's a rush going down. The trek back up is the miserable part.

- outdoor opportunities abound with 16 miles of recreational trails, including the Friendship/Trestle Trail which is the longest trail spanning a body of water in the state. In addition, the village offers 23 neighborhood parks and open spaces that total more than 200 acres.



City of Neenah

Population: 25,951

Neenah's business climate has earned it the ranking of the third-best market for business development among all small metropolitan areas in the nation, based on a survey of entrepreneurs starting or growing a business. The city's nationally recognized historic downtown is a delightful, friendly place to shop. And, just a few blocks east, historic mansions built by area paper barons surround Riverside Park and Kimberly Point Park, offering a spectacular architectural walking tour along Lake Winnebago and the Fox River. The Bergstrom-Mahler Museum houses the world's largest collection of glass paperweights and traveling displays. Neenah's coveted Doty Island neighborhood is a desirable place to live for working professionals and families with young children.

Town of Neenah

Population: 3,341

The town's fields, meadows, Winnebago lakefront and wetlands form part of the green belt running on both sides of the City of Neenah. Neighborhoods evolving along the shores of Lake Winnebago possess unique characteristics, preserving the growing town's rural feel. This includes public parks, winding roads and trails, with ample room for hiking and biking.

Other Small Residential Areas

The Town of Buchanan, Town of Harrison, and Village of Sherwood – rural residential enclaves near the Fox Cities – are growing at a steady pace. These areas are mainly large lots surrounded by Wisconsin farmland. Other small municipalities in the Fox Cities include the Town of Kaukauna, Town of Clayton, Village of Hortonville and the Town of Vandenbroek.

Source: Individual municipality websites

DINING OUT

Here in the Fox Cities, we have a growing reputation for distinctive and diverse eateries. Starting in north Kaukauna and heading to the south end of Neenah, you'll be sure to find an establishment to satisfy your appetite along the way. From Vietnamese to Indian to Egyptian, the cuisine in the Fox Cities reflects our diverse communities. Peruvian ceviche? Delicacies from Laos? Greek saganaki? You won't go hungry, especially if your appetite leans towards eclectic.

HUNGRY?

Our searchable Dining Guide is here to help. Visit www.foxcitiesmagazine.com to browse restaurants by location, type of cuisine or price point.

Sprinkled throughout the distinct communities that comprise the Fox Cities are restaurants, supper clubs, cafés, delis, bistros and sports bars — everything from casual to quirky to refined. You'll find options ranging from traditional Wisconsin — Friday night fish fry and Sunday chicken dinner — and traditional American, to authentic Thai, German, Mongolian, Italian, Mexican, Japanese, vegetarian and vegan cuisine.



LOCAL BREWS

Wisconsin has long been hailed as the Land of Beer, and the Fox Cities craft beer scene supports that reputation – just take a look at these local breweries if you need proof.

Fox River Brewing Co.

Appleton and Oshkosh

Beer lovers can find Fox River Brewing Company's brews on the taps of many local bars and restaurants. The complete lineup of their handcrafted beers are served at Fox River Brewing Co. in Appleton and Oshkosh as well as Fratello's and The Melting Pot. Guests can purchase growlers, 6-packs and 12-packs at Fox River Brewing in Oshkosh and Fox River Brewing Company Restaurant in the Fox River Mall.

Stone Arch Brewpub

Appleton

All of Stone Arch's beers and gourmet sodas are handcrafted onsite in the Stone Arch Brew House. Try the Stone Arch Scottish Ale, an easy-drinking amber brew described as a gateway craft beer – it's the first beer brewers at Stone Arch recommend to newbie craft brew drinkers. In addition to the regular offerings, there is always at least one specialty beer on tap, like seasonal favorites Blueberry Wheat and Pumpkin Spice.

Lion's Tail Brewing Company

Neenah

Lion's Tail taproom features 12 beers on draught including a lineup of their own brews made onsite, along with several guest taps featuring great beers from the region. Try the crisp and refreshing Kula Wheat or the smooth and malty Mile of

Munich Dunkel. The taproom has a "bring your own food" policy, so guests can order delivery or bring in carry-out from Neenah's many restaurants.

McFleshman's Brewing Co.

Appleton

Appleton's newest microbrewery opened in spring 2018 in a historic building on S. State Street. Currently the brewery offers five different beers with plans to increase that number to 12, the beer menu consists of traditional English and Irish ales and German lagers. Carry-in food and delivery to the taproom is always welcome. The outdoor German-style beer garden hosts food trucks as well.

Appleton Beer Factory

Appleton

This College Avenue brewery keeps a regular lineup of beers on tap while rotating in seasonal and specialty brews throughout the year. A few favorites are the Bellywetter Blonde, a classic light American Ale, and the velvety-smooth Clock Out Oatmeal Stout. The brewery offers a full menu for lunch and dinner.

OB's Brau House

Appleton

OB's Brau Haus on College Avenue in Appleton brews eight microbrews in the German tradition including lager, pilsner, Oktoberfest, maibock, weizenbock, doppelbock, altbier and hefeweizen. The brew house also serves authentic German and European cuisine Tuesday through Saturday nights.

Emprise Brew Mill

Menasha

Emprise Brew Mill is one of the Valley's newest breweries located in downtown Menasha. They offer a lineup of their own brews as well as guest taps featuring Wisconsin-made beers and ciders. Lunch and dinner are offered Tuesdays through Saturday.



Fox Cities Performing Arts Center

From public art to pop-up events, the Fox Cities' art scene is booming. Two-thirds of community members rated arts opportunities in the Fox Cities as above average in the 2011 LIFE Study. Cultural events such as Appleton's Christmas Parade (the largest night parade in Wisconsin) and Flag Day Parade are annual traditions for many residents. Newcomers will find that the arts abound in our communities, from singing to sculpture to science and everything in between.

EVENTS

Art at the Park

One of the largest summer art fairs in Wisconsin, this celebration in Appleton's City Park features about 200 artists, craftspeople and performers. It attracts more than 20,000 visitors each year.

The Artery

The Artery is the Fox Cities' first urban market that features work by Wisconsin artists and makers. The transient events pop up in unique locations around the Valley several times a year.

Art on the Town

On the third Friday evening of May, June, July, August and September, downtown Appleton celebrates local art, live music, wine tastings and great food. Each month has a special theme to add to the fun!

Fox Jazz Fest

This late summer event brings world-class jazz to the Fox Cities in an outdoor park. Neenah and Menasha have hosted the festival for more than 20 years.



Mile of Music presented by Tundraland

This annual four-day music festival along College Avenue features original, handcrafted music from performers of varying styles – from folk to hip hop – in more than 900 performances. Almost every show is free to the public.

Electric City Experience

The Electric City Experience family music festival in June kicks off the summer festival season in downtown Kaukauna. It features live music, food, a vendor market, activities and fun for the whole family.

Octoberfest

Appleton's largest two-day block party starts on Friday night with License to Cruise, a car show with

about 400 classic cars. On Saturday, there is live music, an arts and crafts market and more than 100 nonprofit food booths.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Appleton Boychoir

Founded in 1979, the Appleton Boychoir has been delighting national and international audiences for many years. With a mission of enriching lives through singing, they have trained thousands of treble singers and sent them to sing in high school, college, church and community choirs.

Appleton MacDowell Male Chorus

The Appleton MacDowell Male Chorus is one of the longest continuously running male choruses in the United States. The group sings monthly in various church services throughout the Fox Valley and performs their full show in cities throughout Wisconsin between March and May.

Chaminade Women's Chorus

Founded in 1941, the Chaminade Women's Chorus holds spring concerts throughout the Fox Valley. Each concert features a new theme and guest artists, which has included Lawrence University's Appletones, Conchordance and the Baroque Ensemble.

Community Theater

The Fox Cities is home to several community theater groups, including Appleton's Attic Theatre, Kimberly's Papermaker Players, Kaukauna Community Players, Neenah's Riverside Players and more.

Fox Valleyaires Men's Barbershop Chorus

The Fox Valleyaires have been active in the Fox Valley for over 70 years. The chapter puts on several annual public performances.

The Fox Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines, Intl.

Fox Valley Chorus is a membership organization of female singers who meet regularly to practice, perform, socialize and have fun. With around 40 singers of all ages, the chorus sings at annual shows, community events and competitions.

newVoices

This semi-professional Fox Cities group formed in 1978 is an adult ensemble of mixed voices. Dedicated to performing outstanding vocal music, the choir

performs a wide range of musical styles including jazz, contemporary, classical, sacred, musical theatre, madrigals and spirituals.

MUSEUMS, GALLERIES & VENUES

Barlow Planetarium

Located at UW-Fox Valley in Menasha, this 98-seat facility, in addition to four wheelchair accessible spaces, is the only world-class planetarium in central Wisconsin and features exciting shows about stars, galaxies and planets in a three-dimensional setting. The attached Currier Science Gallery is designed to inform visitors about the latest space happenings.

Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

Located on scenic Lake Winnebago, this museum offers exciting discoveries in glass for visitors from paperweights to contemporary glass sculpture. Free general admission.

The Building for Kids Children's Museum

This museum empowers children with over 15 interactive exhibits, a da Vinci Art & Science Studio and a variety of exciting events and programs for the community.

EAA AirVenture Museum

Home of the world's largest aviation event, the EAA in Oshkosh boasts a collection of more than 200 historic airplanes and 20,000 aviation artifacts. A hands-on kids gallery, five movie theaters and a tribute to World War II aviation complement the collection. From May to October, you can schedule a plane ride out of Pioneer Airport. Visit EAA.org/museum for more information.

Feather and Bone Gallery

Located inside The Draw, this artist hub looks over Appleton's riverfront. It features works from established artists as well as up-and-coming talent and hosts events.

Fox Cities Performing Arts Center

The Fox Cities Performing Arts Center brings exceptional live experiences to the Fox Cities and surrounding communities. Home to the Kimberly-Clark Broadway Across America – Fox Cities Series, Boldt Arts Alive! Series, Bemis Company Education Series and the Fox Valley Symphony, the nonprofit arts and cultural education center is a gathering place for community events.

Lawrence University

This 88-acre nationally recognized undergraduate college of liberal arts and sciences boasts a renowned conservatory of music. Concerts, theater productions, art exhibits and world-class jazz and classical musicians grace the stages of Lawrence Memorial Chapel and the campus's theaters and galleries.

The Trout Museum of Art and Regional Artist Gallery at the Fox Cities Building for the Arts

The Fox Cities Building for the Arts lights up College Avenue with its exterior light installation created by artist Sandy Garnett. The museum features exhibits from across the country, a permanent collection and other rotating displays. The Regional Artist Gallery on the third floor showcases works created by artists from throughout the region.

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Weis Earth Science Museum

Walk through a mine tunnel, touch a dinosaur bone or make an earthquake. The official mineralogical museum of Wisconsin, located at UW Fox Valley in Menasha, features interactive exhibits with a focus on giving its visitors a hands-on science experience.

For more information on these attractions, contact the Fox Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau or visit foxcitiesmagazine.com where you'll find the area's most comprehensive event calendar. For a copy of the most current Arts Guide issue, contact FOX CITIES Magazine at 733-7788 or info@foxcitiesmagazine.com.



Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

INVOLVEMENT

Appleton Area Newcomers Club

The Appleton Area Newcomers Club was founded more than 40 years ago as a social organization for couples, singles and their families who are new to the area. New members who have recently had a life-changing experience and feel the need to make new connections are welcome. Activities are organized around the interests of the club members and provide a great way to make new friends and have fun at the same time. To learn more about the organization, connect on Facebook, email info@appletonareanewcomersclub.com or visit appletonareanewcomersclub.com.



Volunteer Opportunities

The mission of Volunteer Fox Cities is to develop, coordinate and promote volunteerism to address community needs within the region. Volunteer Fox Cities also mobilizes people and resources to deliver creative solutions to community needs at local schools, churches, nonprofits and other organizations. Additionally, they assist in partnering nonprofit organizations with area businesses for volunteer projects or large group volunteer events. Watch for the Do Good Bus' next ride, coming soon. Check volunteer opportunities at volunteerfoxcities.org. For more information about Volunteer Fox Cities, please call 832-9360. You can also email info@volunteerfoxcities.org.

newcomerQ&A | Scott Jensen, Marketing & Digital Director, Wisconsin Herd



"I moved to the Fox Cities in 2011. I had visited for sporting events and concerts as a kid and I fell in love with the area. I knew this was the place for me to begin my career."

First impression of the Fox Cities?

My first impression was during a baseball tournament in 2005 and my team stayed at the Radisson. People-watching was about all I could do on College Avenue at 16 years old, but it was fascinating to feel the excitement of everyone going bar to bar and roaming the streets.

Favorite thing about the Fox Cities?

I believe the amateur sports scene is my favorite thing. Every community supports its local teams

Young Professionals

Pulse Young Professionals Network, a program of the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce, strives to foster a diverse and innovative community that enhances the vitality of the Fox Cities region, making it an attractive place for young professionals to call home. Pulse facilitates opportunities to connect, develop and inspire our community through innovative events and collaboration. To learn more, visit pulsefoxcities.com.

Philanthropy

The people of the Fox Cities show an extraordinary willingness to give to important charitable needs. Established in 1986, the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region strengthens our community for current and future generations by helping people make a difference in the lives of others. The Community Foundation receives funds from individuals, families, businesses and organizations in support of their favorite causes.

In 2018 alone, the Community Foundation awarded \$28.6 million in grants to 1251 nonprofit organizations for projects and programs in the areas of human services, education, arts, health, environment and community development. According to Amy Spreeman, communications and marketing technologist, the Community Foundation has awarded a total of \$295.6 million in grants since its founding. To find out how you can help, visit cffoxvalley.org or call 830-1290.

Another nonprofit, Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity, is a volunteer-based organization that has provided housing to more than 700 Fox Cities families in need since it started in 1993. In the 2015-16 fiscal year alone, volunteers contributed over 80,000 hours to local habitat housing projects in areas such as construction, retail, office assistant, family service and committee work. For information about how to volunteer, visit foxcitieshabitat.org or call 954-8702.

with a passion and as a coach and official it makes it a lot of fun to be involved.

Least favorite thing?

The end of summer because the Thursday night concerts and outdoor farmers market come to a close.

Must-see local sights/events?

For sights, you need to check out the museums like the Hearthstone Historic House or Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass and for events, Mile of Music.

Your advice to other newcomers?

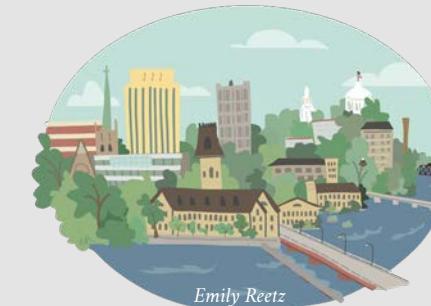
Don't fear not knowing anyone if you are presented an opportunity to go to a networking or other social event. There will be others in your same position. It's a chance to meet new people and try new things.

Favorite thing about the Fox Cities?

I believe the amateur sports scene is my favorite thing. Every community supports its local teams

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Experience local flavor with these five items



An Iconic Digital Print

Appleton artist Emily Reetz creates hand-drawn digital prints of the Fox Valley's most recognizable places and spaces, from Neenah's Riverside Park to Lawrence Memorial Chapel in downtown Appleton. Prints can be found at Blue Moon Emporium in Appleton and at emilyreetz.com.

Fresh Cheese

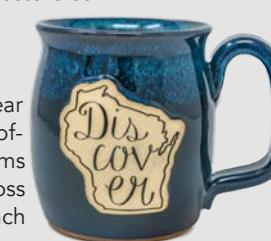
Living in the Fox Cities has its perks and one of the best is the copious amount of delicious, locally produced cheese. Simon's Speciality Cheese in Little Chute offers more than 100 different kinds of cheese at their retail store including their award-winning Masters Reserve brand. See the full line-up at simonscheese.com.

Timber Rattlers Swag

The Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, a minor league affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers, plays its home games at Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium in Grand Chute. Attending a game is a rite of passage, as is donning a jersey declaring your loyalty. Check out the Snake Pit Team Store at timberrattlers.mlbstore.com.

Handmade Stoneware

Sunset Hill Stonewear can be found at coffee houses, museums and gift shops across the country, but each one-of-a-kind piece is hand-thrown in Neenah. From mugs to bowls to dog dishes, find the perfect piece at their retail store in The Hang Up Gallery of Fine Art or at shstoneware.com.



Local Music

The Fox Cities is home to a great number of musicians, from jazz trios to rock bands to solo artists. Find your new favorite album from a local artist at Wisconsin-based record store, The Exclusive Company, which has locations in Appleton, Green Bay and Oshkosh. See more at exclusivecompany.com.

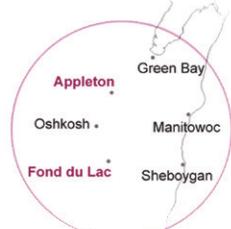


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For anyone who loves breathing in the fresh air and being active in the rustic outdoors, the Fox Cities offers a variety of outdoor recreation and sports. It is proven that the Fox Cities population takes advantage of these opportunities according to Fitbit's 2017 Fittest Cities in America rankings. Appleton was ranked the #1 city with the most steps from Fitbit users at an average of 8,208 steps a day and #2 for the overall fittest city. With the Fox River stretching 200 miles and numerous bike and hiking trails, the abundance of natural beauty provides a perfect escape from city life. Area dog parks offer quality play time with man's best friend. In addition, the Fox Cities also has opportunities for sport enthusiasts. Whether you prefer drag racing, golfing or laser tag, the sporting facilities appeal to fans of all kinds. Want the best of both worlds? Try any of the hiking trails in the Fox Cities and experience a whirlwind of organic beauty.



Heckrodt Wetland Reserve Nature Center

PARKS AND TRAILS

Avid hikers and bikers have a variety of options that weave the Fox Cities together. The Konkapot Creek Trail offers scenic views of greenery and waterways. It leads to either Horseshoe Park or the CE trail, which connects Appleton to Kaukauna. The Wiouwash State Trail stretches from Hortonville to Oshkosh for 22 miles, and Menasha's night-lit Trestle Trail bridges the Friendship state trail. The Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve has eight and a half miles of explorable territory and also offers annual special events such as Maple Syrup Saturday, a Fall Festival, annual membership gathering, workshops, hikes, summer day camps for kids, candlelight ski/snowshoe hikes, and naturalist led programs throughout the year.



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FUN FACTS ABOUT THE FOX CITIES

- At 1.21 million square feet, the Fox River Mall in Grand Chute is the largest mall in the state.
- In 2016, Money Magazine ranked Appleton as the 24th best place to live in the country and in 2015 the Appleton Metro Area was rated third by Law Street's Safest Midwest Metros survey.
- The Stormy Kromer cap, with its high crown, pull-down earband and cloth visor, was invented by Kaukauna residents George and Ida Kromer.
- Appleton is home to the nation's first hydroelectric station which opened on September 30, 1882, providing 12.5 kilowatts to light two paper mills and a local residence. The first home with electric power is now Hearthstone Historic House Museum which is open for regular tours.
- The Fox River descends about 164 feet over a 40-mile stretch – the same drop as Niagara Falls.
- Harry Houdini, escape artist and magician, moved to Appleton when he was a child for his father's job. He spent several years living in Appleton and often referred to it as his hometown.

The cities of Appleton, Neenah, Little Chute, Kaukauna and Menasha offer community programs for the whole family. With classes specifically targeting children, teens, and adults, the Parks and Recreation of the Fox Cities provides ways for families to be active and to spend time together. Regardless of which city you reside in, the Parks and Recreation of the Fox Cities helps integrate newcomers into a welcoming, safe community.

NATURE CENTERS

Other areas offer not only hiking, but also an educational experience through nature center exhibits. Heckrodt Wetland Reserve in Lake Winnebago bottomland forest displays native frogs, turtles, fish and snakes in its center, and the community can partake in a naturalist-led program while including everyone to enjoy its forest wetland, thanks to its convenient wheelchair- and stroller-checkout program. In New London, Mosquito Hill Nature Center boasts an 11,000-square-foot interpretive building featuring exhibits, a library, gift shop and meeting rooms, and 1000 Islands Environmental Center in Kaukauna features trophy mounts from North America, Africa and Asia. Visitors may stroll along the Fox River in Kaukauna or hike the nearby woods – keep an eye out for nesting bald eagles.



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DOG PARKS

Dog lovers have hiking options all over the Fox Cities as well. Wiouwash Trail, five miles west of the Fox Cities, has two sections offering lots of dog-friendly trails. In the Fox Cities Trestle Trail, starting at Fritze Park in Neenah, dogs are allowed on leash throughout this converted railroad line to the lock in Menasha. High Cliff State Park has 16 miles of trails, most of which allow dogs, and has two pet picnic areas and a swimming area in the pond. For a no-leash experience, the Outagamie County Dog Park, also known as the Outagamie County Pet Exercise Area, offers a 17-acre fenced site to roam free. Kaukauna Dog Park offers three grass-covered areas for dogs of all sizes, a fenced-in small dog area, a fenced-in large communal area and a fenced-in pond for dogs to swim.



Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium

SPORTING FACILITIES

Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium
The stadium is home to the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, the Midwest League affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers. The team was honored with the 1996 Bob Freitas Award and the 2012 Larry MacPhail Award. Baseball here is an affordable family experience. The stadium, which was renovated before the 2013 season, hosts the WIAA State Baseball Tournament, and charity events and concerts.

Wisconsin International Raceway

Speedsters of all ages will be thrilled by stock car and drag racing at one of the Midwest's premier racing sites. Racers flock from all over to compete in Kaukauna. The WIR also features figure-eights, the exciting Red, White & Blue race series, and the infamous Eve of Destruction. Races are scheduled from April through October.

USA Youth Sports Complex

The USA Youth Sports Complex in Appleton is recognized as the premier youth complex in Wisconsin. All

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youths are welcome to join this community of athletes and sports lovers. The complex includes 15 soccer fields, two Little League diamonds and two Panther Baseball Club diamonds. USA Youth is responsible for the management and operations of the entire complex.

Menominee Nation Arena

This state-of-the-art facility in Oshkosh is home-court to the Wisconsin Herd, a Milwaukee Bucks affiliate, and is a venue for concerts, entertainment and community events.

Badger Sports Park

The Fox Valley's premier entertainment center is located in Appleton. With an 18-hole mini golf course, laser tag, inflatables, mini bowling, a game room, go-karts and batting cages, Badger Sports Park is a one-stop shop for family fun and entertainment.

YMCA of the Fox Cities

For nearly 130 years, the YMCA of the Fox Cities has been a unifying force in the Fox Valley. The YMCA links individuals from diverse social and economic backgrounds with an inclusive, collaborative spirit, guided by Christian principles. The YMCA positively impacts the quality of life for more than 60,000 people each year, giving children skills and values which protect the integrity of family life and neighborhoods.

SPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

The Fox Cities offers no shortage of ways to get involved in active exercise, thanks to its variety of sporting organizations. The Fox Cities YMCA offers youth sports leagues in basketball, flag football, volleyball, soccer and more under the guiding philosophy of linking individuals from diverse social and economic backgrounds with an inclusive, collaborative spirit, guided by Christian principles. Appleton Ice, Inc. operates Appleton Family Ice Center in Appleton's Memorial Park and Tri-County Ice Arena in Neenah and offers a schedule of programs, leagues and events for all ages to enjoy year-round. For boating enthusiasts, joining the Fox Valley Yakkies is a way to kayak through Fox Valley waterways with other community members, offering different trips and activities for beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels. Additionally, the Neenah Nodaway Yacht Club, has encouraged sailing for all ages through its racing and cruising for all boat types since 1864, offering community events and sponsoring the Fox Valley Sailing School. Fox Cities Parks and Recreation offer classes providing ways for families to be active and spend time together, helping newcomers into a welcoming, safe community.



GOLF COURSES

Golf enthusiasts can get their fill in the Fox Cities. Surrounded by woods and endless greenery, the public Bridgewood Golf Course in Neenah, open from April to November, has nine holes along with small, fast and elevated greens. The 18-hole Countryside Golf Club in Kaukauna offers a challenge to golfers of all levels. The public course, open April to November, features a moderately hilly terrain with elevated greens. A short drive away from the Fox Cities is the Blackwolf Run Golf Course in Kohler, one of the most highly regarded Wisconsin courses. Consisting of two courses, The River and The Meadow Valley, Blackwolf Run has a combined 36 holes. Both courses have been ranked on Golf Digest's 100 Greatest Public Courses.

DIVERSITY

The Fox Cities is a growing cultural mosaic with not only diverse ethnicity, but also language, age, religion, sexual orientation, abilities and income. The city of Appleton alone has grown from a 1 percent minority population in 1980 to a 15 percent minority population in 2010. According to the 2016 Fox Cities LIFE Study, the percentage of minority populations in the Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago all grew by a little over 2 percentage points in eight years and the number of different nationalities represented in the Fox Cities region is also increasing slightly. There are many community resources available for Fox Cities residents of diverse cultural backgrounds.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Celebrate Diversity Fox Cities (celebratediversityfoxcities.com) provides education, honest dialogue and advocacy for diversity in our community. They host events and community conversations to discuss a variety of topics throughout the year.

The City of Appleton employs a diversity coordinator who proactively addresses issues in the community that affect culturally diverse populations. Contact Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator Karen Nelson at 832-1564.

The Disproportionality Technical Assistance Network (thenetworkwi.com) is a statewide system-change initiative designed to close the achievement gap between diverse students and eliminate race as a predictor of participation in special education. For information, contact Angie Balfé at 236-0885.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

African Heritage, Inc. (africanheritageinc.org) provides a medium for educational and cultural exchanges between Africans, peoples of African descent and all people who have an interest in Black/African American issues. Contact: africanheritageincnew@gmail.com.

Casa Hispana, Inc. (casahispanawi.org) provides a gathering place for information, referral, support, advocacy, education and celebration to advance the economic, social and cultural position of Spanish speakers in the Fox Valley. Contact: Ernesto Gonzalez, info@casahispanawi.org.

The Hmong/American Partnership (hapfv.org) provides opportunity, service and partnerships to help the Fox River Valley's Hmong integrate into society's mainstream and reach their full potential. Contact: Nao Bee Yang, Executive Director at bee.yang@hapfv.org.

IndUS of the Fox Valley (indusfoxvalley.org) is dedicated to promoting Indo-American friendship and goodwill by serving the community through social, cultural, educational and charitable activities. Contact: Sridevi Buddi, sridevibuddi@yahoo.com.

UMOJA: A Black Heritage Experience offers a weekend camp for families who have adopted or are fostering African American children or children from the African continent. Contact: Director Julie Ryno, 373-0192 or jmryno@att.net.

World Relief Fox Valley welcomes refugees and immigrants who have fled their homes in order to find safety, security and a stable future for their

families. Contact: Director Tami McLaughlin, 231-3600 or tmclaughlin@wr.org.

LGBTQ RESOURCES

In 2016, the Human Rights Campaign Foundation released their Municipal Equality Index, the only nationwide rating system of LGBTQ inclusion in municipal law and policy. The Appleton area was given a 78 out of a possible 100-point score which is well above the Wisconsin average of 58.

Fair Wisconsin (fairwisconsin.com) is a statewide organization dedicated to protecting and advancing the civil rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people through education, legislative advocacy, grassroots organizing, coalition building and electoral involvement. Contact: (608) 441-0143 or info@fairwisconsin.com.

Positive Voice's (pvinc.org) mission is to support all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning individuals and their families and allies through community outreach, education, collaboration and social activities. Contact: Lynn Nash, mslynnnash@aol.com

Rainbow Over Wisconsin's (rainbowoverwisconsin.org) mission is to promote the growth and stability of the Appleton lesbian, bisexual and gay community. Contact: rainbowoverwi@gmail.com.

Diverse & Resilient works toward a future in which lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people in Wisconsin thrive, living healthy, satisfying lives in safe, supportive communities. Contact: Kathy Flores, LGBTQ Anti-Violence Program Manager, kflores@diverseandresilient.org.

Goodwill NCW operates LGBT Partnership (LGBT Partnership, Spectrum and T-Force) which is an ongoing leadership development and support group for youth ages 14-18 who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning and allied. Contact: Reiko Ramos, 968-6863.

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends. Email: pflagappleton@gmail.com, 740-8331

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GETTING AROUND

Navigating the Fox Cities is fast and efficient. When it comes to commuting, residents know no territorial boundaries. Green Bay is an easy 22 to 40 minutes via U.S. Interstate 41 and U.S. Highway 441. Oshkosh is an 18- to 35-minute trip. Main thoroughfares in the Fox Cities Region include U.S. Interstate 41, U.S. Highways 10 and 45. Secondary passages are State Highways 47, 55, 76, 96, 114, 150 and 441. On average, residents enjoy commutes of 19 minutes or less.

The Appleton International Airport (ATW) is conveniently located between Oshkosh and Green Bay and is just minutes from downtown Appleton. Visit them at ATWAirport.com. The Airport has the most nonstop destinations in Northeast Wisconsin. In summer 2018, passenger traffic at Appleton International Airport increased more than 35 percent, making it the busiest summer in airport history.

WE HEART BIKES! •••••

The League of American Bicyclists ranked Appleton as one of 17 bicycle-friendly communities in Wisconsin, and many of the Fox Cities are taking steps to become more inviting to cyclists. Appleton alone has 14 miles of bike lanes with another nine miles in the works, including ones installed on the newly opened Oneida Street. There are an additional 17 miles of bike trails in Appleton, including the Apple Creek and Newberry trails. A bike trail opened in the summer of 2017 outside the RiverHeath development along the Fox River.

Hobby and commuter bicyclists can find a bike repair station at the Appleton Public Library. The station includes a tire air pump, tools for small bike repairs and a QR code with instructions on how to do small repairs. There is also another repair station on the CE trail in Appleton that was developed by the Outagamie County Parks Department. The Fox Cities Cycling Association is currently developing 5 additional bike repair stations throughout the area.

Source: Fox Cities Economic Development Partnership, <http://www.foxcitiesregion.com/transportation-distribution>



newcomer Q&A

Karen Nelson EMBA, Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator, The City of Appleton



"My job as the Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator reporting to The Honorable Mayor Tim Hanna of The City of Appleton brought me to the Fox Cities. I started July 17, 2017."

First impression of the Fox Cities?

Appleton is a small Midwestern town with a lot of heart. My first impression came when I attended the State of Black America in Appleton on October 29, 2015 at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. I came up from Milwaukee and was blown away by the filled-to-capacity ballroom and the diversity of the attendees.

Favorite thing about the area?

My favorite thing about Appleton, next to the progressive mindedness of the citizens, is the fact that this town has everything I need and want to enhance my quality of life: churches, schools, great neighborhoods, shopping malls, low unemployment, restaurants and the arts, all without the crime that plagues larger cities. Safety is important to me. Also, Appleton has all of the vibrancy of a large city without the traffic!

Allegiant Air flies out of ATW to warm-weather destinations. The airport also has flights to major hubs around the U.S. on Delta Air Lines and United Airlines. American Airlines began service to Appleton in 2017.

Austin Straubel International Airport in Green Bay provides additional commercial air service within 30 miles of the Fox Cities and is the third-largest airport in Wisconsin.

Public transit is provided within the Fox Cities by Valley Transit. Interregional bus service is available through Lamers Bus Lines and several charter bus services. Multiple cab companies make transit in and around the Fox Cities easy and convenient. Ride-shares such as Uber and Lyft are also readily available.

There are many reasons for seniors to relocate to the Fox Cities after retirement. The Fox Cities offer a unique combination of big city amenities with small town convenience. Seniors enjoy reliable public transportation, arts and culture, senior-specific housing options, involved government, excellent law enforcement and fire protection, and a community cohesiveness uncommon in an area this size.

Many seniors relocating to the Fox Cities were once employed in this area, appreciated their time here and moved back. Others are recent retirees who have decided to move to the area to be near family and friends.

Today's seniors seek opportunities to stay active and be involved in the community through recreational activities, part-time employment and volunteering. In addition to providing structured activities, volunteer opportunities and serving as a gathering place, the Fox Cities' senior centers and groups offer advice and can refer residents to all types of service providers and organizations.

Moving to the Fox Cities? Contact the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) in the Fox Cities. The ADRC serves adults in need of information and assistance, benefit counseling, unbiased long-term care options and enrollment counseling, financial and functional eligibility determination for publicly funded programs, health and wellness programming, volunteer opportunities and more. The Thompson Center on Lourdes, the Menasha Senior



Center and the Valley Visiting Nurse Association's (VNA's) Senior Consultation services are all here to keep you informed and educated and help make your retirement rewarding and enjoyable.

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Website(ascension.org/wisconsin)
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Aurora also operates Health Centers in Greenville and Kaukauna offering primary care physicians X-ray and laboratory services, and, in Kaukauna, a pharmacy.

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Websiteaurorahealthcare.org
Neenah Health Center(920) 720-8200
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Websitechw.org/foxvalley
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The center offers uninsured discounts based on income and family size with fees up to \$80. BadgerCare, Medicare and many other insurances also are accepted. The center offers assistance with obtaining benefits, completing medical applications, and enrolling in marketplace insurance, and it provides medical and behavioral health services at the Menasha Goodwill campus and dental services in Appleton and Oshkosh.

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Services are provided to people living in the Fox Cities through hospitals in Appleton and Neenah, a Regional Cancer Center, 12 primary care clinics, three FastCare locations and one Walk-In care location. ThedaCare is the first in Wisconsin to be a Mayo Clinic Care Network Member, providing patients a second opinion when needed, without going to a second location. ThedaCare also provides several stages of senior care, including independent living, in-home, assisted living, therapy services and skilled nursing in their Heritage and Peabody Manor facilities. They also offer occupational health services through on-site clinics at more than 100 employer locations throughout the Fox Cities.

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Websitethedacare.org
ThedaCare Regional Medical Center – Appleton:
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ThedaCare Regional Medical Center – Neenah:
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ThedaCare Regional Cancer Center – Appleton
.....(920) 364-3600
ThedaCare Primary Care(920) 830-6877
ThedaCare Orthopedic Care(920) 831-5050
ThedaCare Cardiovascular Care(920) 731-8900
ThedaCare Behavioral Health(920) 720-2300
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Mosaic Family Health provides care for all ages, including wellness and mental health counseling. They offer 24-hour on-call coverage and evening and Saturday morning appointments. It accepts Network Health Plan, UnitedHealthcare, Medicare, Medicaid and most other plans.

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Contact:

Phone(920) 832-2783
Websitemosaicfamilyhealth.org/

Rogers Memorial Hospital — Appleton

The Oconomowoc-based Rogers Behavioral Health System's Appleton location offers nationally recognized outpatient programming for adults, including partial hospitalization programs five days a week for obsessive-compulsive disorder, depression, anxiety, eating disorders, dual-diagnoses and post-traumatic stress disorder.

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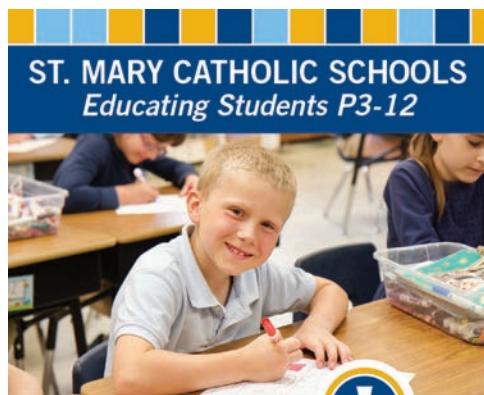
EDUCATION

Fox Cities school districts offer diverse and challenging curriculums, extracurricular opportunities and competitive sport programs. According to the Fox Cities Regional Partnership, Fox Cities school districts produce more high school graduates, with higher test scores, than both the state and national averages while collaborating with businesses on a variety of school-to-work initiatives.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Appleton, Neenah, Menasha, Kimberly, Kaukauna and Little Chute have their own school districts, serving almost 37,000 students in 82 different schools.*

A 2011 Fox Cities Leading Indicators for Excellence (LIFE) study confirmed that Fox Cities' educational quality is well above the national average. Community members ranked educational quality highly, and students in Outagamie County have consistently shown greater proficiency in math, science and reading than the state average. High school graduation rates have been higher than the state average as well.



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Many districts offer specialization programs at the high school level. For example, the Neenah Joint School District offers a Manufacturing and Engineering Academy to prepare students for STEM careers and post-secondary education. The award-winning Appleton North High School Theatre provides students with year-round opportunities to be part of fully-staged productions.

Finally, statewide organizations have recognized Fox Cities schools for Positive Behavior Intervention and Support programs that help students learn good classroom behavior.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

The Fox Cities area also has many alternatives to traditional education—Appleton Area School District alone has 13 charter schools offering brick-and-mortar and virtual programs to serve every student's needs. To accommodate the growing diversity of the Fox Cities, the district also recently hired a diversity, equity and inclusion officer.

Several elementary and middle schools offer charter schools specializing in environmental, bilingual, and gifted and talented education and programs for at-risk students. Many charter schools also promote alternative learning methods like the Montessori Method and project-based learning.

Separate public charter schools and programs serve Fox Cities high school students. Career- and manufacturing-focused schools, engineering academies and arts schools help students discover and refine new talents for post-high school success, whether they go to college or jump into the working world.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

The Fox Cities also offer private and parochial school options, some of which participate in the Wisconsin Parental Choice program. Aside from private schools, the area hosts several major parochial school systems.

Fox Valley Lutheran Schools serve 3,000 students at 26 preschool through eighth grade schools and Fox Valley Lutheran High School in the Fox Cities.

St. Mary Catholic Schools includes three elementary schools, St. Mary Catholic Middle School, and

St. Mary Catholic High School, serving nearly 900 students from preschool to 12th grade in Neenah and Menasha. New to the 2018-19 school year is the SMCS Aquinas Program. The program is for students grades 3-5, led by a teacher who is certified in gifted-and-talented education in an environment with a self-directed and interdisciplinary model of instruction. It is designed to meet the educational aspirations of students who will succeed in this type of environment. The program takes place in a multi-age classroom located within the St. Mary Elementary Campus.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System serves 1,500 pre-K-12 students at St. Francis Xavier High School, St. Francis Xavier Middle School and two St. Francis Xavier Elementary School locations.

*Source: National Center for Education Statistics, 2017-2018 (<https://nces.ed.gov/ccd/elsi/quickFacts.aspx>)

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Part of Appleton's academic and cultural life since 1856, Lawrence University hosts approximately 1,500 students from across the country and world. With many intellectual and cultural leaders as alumni, the school is nationally recognized for its liberal arts education and community service.

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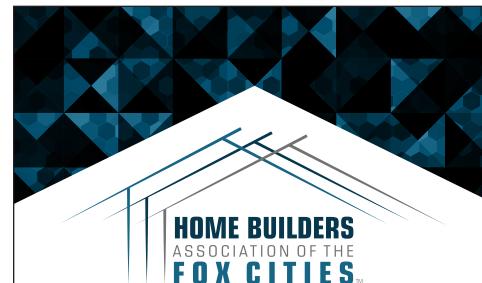
ECONOMY & EMPLOYMENT

The Fox Cities continue to show resilience and area business leaders are generally optimistic about the local economy's ability to grow and diversify.

The paper industry is no longer the stabilizing force that it once was, but Fox Cities industry has expanded to include technology, finance, the arts and transportation. The majority of the Fox Cities' 25 largest employers are manufacturers, according to the 2016 Fox Cities LIFE Study. Other industries that make up a large percent of employment include health care and social assistance, retail trade, and accommodation and food services.

Employment in the Fox Cities' region as well as wages are on the rise. The 2016 Fox Cities LIFE Study indicates that between 2005 and 2014, there was incremental growth in per capita income, alongside a small increase in median household income, which are both in line with national trends. According to the Fox Cities Regional Partnership, the mean hourly wage in the Fox Cities is \$20.09 per hour.

Perception of the Fox Cities' economy is better than the national economy. The 2016 LIFE Study revealed



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the creation of new businesses per 1,000 establishments shows encouraging growth of 2.5 percent which is slightly above the national trend. According to the 2018 Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce Economic Outlook Survey, the majority of local businesses expected the economy to remain stable or improve compared to previous years. When compared to 2016, 72 percent of Fox Cities businesses experienced an increase in gross sales in 2017 and more than 68 percent saw 2017 net profits that were ahead of 2015.

In 2018, 88 percent of the responding businesses said they anticipate their net profits to increase or remain stable. More than half projected increased local employment in 2018 and more than 74 percent of businesses surveyed anticipated sales volume to increase.

Overall, the business community is upbeat about the Fox Cities economy with 81 percent of all respondents rating the current local economic vitality as excellent or good. More than 78 percent of all respondents graded the Fox Cities as better or much better than other similar-sized communities as a place to conduct business. As a place to live, 91 percent of all businesses rate the Fox Cities as better or much better than other similar-sized communities.

Source: 2018 Economic Outlook Survey of the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Inc. and The Fox Cities Regional Partnership.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Employment (2017)

Civilian Labor Force.....	227,012
Employed	220,285
Unemployed.....	6,727

Source: Wisconsin's Workforce and Labor Market Information System for the Fox Valley Workforce Development Area, <http://worknet.wisconsin.gov/worknet/dalaus.aspx?menuselection=da>

HOUSING & TAXES

The Fox Cities boast a stable housing market that is made up of many communities and neighborhoods. In the Fox Cities region, residents enjoy lower housing costs, better home appreciation and clean neighborhoods.

According to the Fox Cities Regional Partnership, median home costs in the Fox Cities are lower than the U.S. and Wisconsin averages – \$152,100 in the Fox Cities, \$165,900 in Wisconsin and \$175,700 in the United States.

Homebuyers of every budget have options in the Fox Cities. According to the REALTORS Association of Northeast Wisconsin, the sold median price for residential properties in the City of Appleton from January 1 to October 16, 2018 was \$150,000. The City of Menasha boasts the most affordable sold median price for the same timeframe at \$131,000. The Town of Greenville and Town of Harrison saw the highest sold median prices at \$250,000. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median real estate taxes paid in the Appleton Metro Area is \$3,075 (2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates).

Homeowner's insurance rates in Wisconsin are considerably lower in comparison to other states, according to 2018 data from Insurance.com. An average homeowners insurance premium in Wisconsin is \$788, or 36 percent lower than the national average.

Wisconsin also boasts low rates for auto insurance. A 2018 study from Insure.com ranked Wisconsin in the No. 7 spot for the cheapest car insurance in the country. To put things in perspective, the highest average annual premium for car insurance was in Michigan at \$2,239 while the average annual premium in Wisconsin is \$1,084.

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