

Emails in support of Fox River House music

I am writing in support of the noise variance for the Fox River House. This is the kind of thing that keeps downtown Appleton vibrant and worth visiting. I have been in the area many times when bands were playing and most of the time; you have to walk right up to the fence to hear anything. There is no way the music is loud enough to be truly disruptive for any on the houses in the neighborhood. You forced a nearly unused bike route on the people of Mason Street and that (due to the lost street parking) was a real problem. And why, because you thought it was best for the city. Well, a welcoming enjoyable downtown is best for Appleton, too. Save the music.

I am a resident of the Old Third Ward in Appleton and am requesting that Fox River House's noise variance remain intact.

I am writing in support of Patti Coenen's noise variance for Fox River House. I am a patron and have played music at this very fine establishment. I have much respect for Patti and her community. When playing there we have been instructed to maintain acceptable noise levels and have done so. I have also observed Patti on many occasions making every effort to make the venue both viable for her patrons and her neighbors. She has tried various setups to decrease outside volume and has immediately responded to concerns. 11pm is not, in my opinion, out of bounds. The local news has barely concluded. As a gigging musician who works late I do not ask my neighbor mowing his lawn at 8a.m. to stop. Not allowing this variance will adversely affect not only Fox River House but also the bartenders who rely on tips, the musicians who rely on gigs and the patrons who rely on entertainment after their work life. Please, do not dim the vibrancy of Appleton. Respectfully, Renee Millard, Owner-Millard Music Studios

I am writing due to the story I read about Fox River House which stated someone in the neighborhood is contesting the noise variance they receive to allow outdoor summer music. I would like to support keeping the noise variance in place as my wife and I, along with many of our friends attend a number of those concerts. As a plus 45 yr old crowd we enjoy the atmosphere and the opportunity to be downtown. Thank You.

Friends and I discovered the Fox River House last year during the Mile of Music. It such a great venue for outdoor music...relaxing and enjoyable. Not a "drunkfest" you encounter on College Ave. Please support the noise variance to allow for this music venue. It brings nonresidents to downtown Appleton.

I'm writing to tell you how much I enjoy and value the outdoor music venue at Fox River House on Walnut St. This past Summer there were many nights we came down town got something to eat at Cozy Corner, Mai's Deli, Kangaroostaurant or one of the other down town eateries then headed to Fox River House to catch some great music. It's something you normally would expect in a larger, more cultured city like Madison or Milwaukee and I'm so happy to see Appleton embracing local artists at this level, making their music available to all with little to no cover charge and in a casual charming setting such as Fox River House. Thoughts of Summer evenings on their patio have kept me going during this long hard Winter. Please keep up the spirit, Appleton!

Although I am not a neighbor of the Fox River House, I am a patron and would hate to see the live music be disallowed for them this summer. It is a great draw to the community during the summer. I cannot

imagine the entertainment I've been to see at this establishment being any more of a noise issue than the other weekend ambient noises that occur in the area on a summer evening just off of College Ave. Every event I have ever been to at this establishment has been a very calm and respectful event. I hope that this popular event is not taken away from those who enjoy it. We get so few months of outdoor enjoyment in this state....

Fox River House is a beautiful place to relax. It's filled with friendly people and it is constantly the venue of very talented artists. The music outside is hardly a disturbance to even the next door neighbors. The music is kept very minimal in volume, and it seems this is maybe a personal grudge from the treatment facility near here, because they think that the world must stop for everyone else because they house an addict. I went through this treatment facility and they always badmouth the bar here and would not allow clients to go to an outside bar venue even to listen to a band they liked

Please keep the outdoor music going at Fox River House. It's the ONLY bar in town that has substantial taste in a variety of genres. It's something we look forward to every year. Patti is such a wonderful lady, she treats her customers fantastic, the musicians outstanding.

I was present last year when someone, who is assume to be the lady behind the complaints, called the police because of excessive noise. There was a gentleman playing acoustic guitar (very quietly I might add), I could barely hear him singing and I was sitting a few feet away. It's ridiculous, and the police seemed to have laughed it off as well.

On weekends I really don't think having a noise variance for 10pm Sunday - Thursday, and 11pm Friday and Saturday is "out of the question" or even out of the ordinary in most cities. Extremely reasonable. This isn't a college party that goes to 3am, its music. Simple as that. And while a neighbor or two may not care for the particular kind of music all the time, the noise is only a few hours long, it's a job creator, and it helps local business.

Think of it as the "Summer Rock Series" that is held downtown, but less noise, and more productive to our music scene as a whole. Where do you think the musicians and audience go when Corey Chisel isn't gracing us with his appearance, or when you've had it up to your eyeballs with cover bands? You go to Fox River House. It's refreshing. It's supportive. It's Appleton. Thanks for your time, and have a wonderful rest of your evening. Tyler Streeter

I am all for keeping outdoor music not only at Fox River House but all of Appleton.

I would like to see live music continue to play on patios throughout Appleton! I have always thought of Appleton as the Austin, TX of Wisconsin; being fluent in many different styles of music art and uniqueness. Please don't let that change! We love our musician's artists and poets here in Appleton! We want to see them flourish and thrive here in the heart of the Fox Valley and be there to cheer them on patios, streets, in parks, or wherever they may be. Please save outdoor Fox River House shows for the preservation of a beautiful part of our Appleton culture!

I'm writing in reference to the neighborhood surrounding Fox River House complaining about the live music. I just want to voice my opinion in support of keeping the live music rolling. Patti is extremely hands-on when booking outdoor bands. There is never offensive or even extremely genre-specific music outside. The hours are obviously limited to understandable times on weekends. This establishment has been around longer than 90% of the homes in the area. The home owners knew that they were

purchasing a home (or probably renting based on the area - I own a house on Eighth Street as well) near a tavern with an outdoor venue. The bar is quite respectable and our city already lacks in outdoor entertainment. Please don't let the unhappy few ruin it for the many that enjoy life and support local, small businesses. Thank you!

We enjoy the music when coming to downtown. We love the bar to meet with friends without being right on college ave.

I am writing to you in regards to the recent article I saw in the Post Crescent about the Fox River House. I moved to Appleton about a year ago and was quickly introduced to the unique bar, the Fox River House. I had never been to a bar which played live acoustic music on a regular basis...what a grand idea! I soon became a regular of the bar. During the spring and summer months my friends and I would frequent this particular bar to hear the wonderful live music it put on. I have to say I am quite saddened that there is a possibility that the music might end. The atmosphere of this place is amazing and the crowd of people is great. Never have I seen any rowdy or disruptive people. The folks who go to this bar are simply there to have a few drinks and enjoy great live music from local musicians. Not only would shutting this down hurt every customer of this bar who is looking forward to this music, but also the local musicians. There are many musicians who have been to the Fox River House multiple times. This is a fantastic way for these acts to start a fan base and to get their name out there. It brings great culture to the Appleton community and brings fans of music together. I feel as though the live music at the Fox River House is one of the best things Appleton has to offer during the spring/summer months. Losing this music would be a tremendous loss. I ask that you look at how important this music is to everyone and how much it means to so many people. It is vital to the economy and culture of the Appleton community. Please allow the Fox River House to continue with its amazing live music and fun. Sincerely, Lindsey Price

Please allow live music to still be performed at Fox River House. We need all different kinds of entertainment in our community.

I'd like to voice my support of the Fox River House and its summer music program. It is one of the few venues that books unique, live acts and it would be a shame to lose that. We love the culture and atmosphere it brings, and is one of the reasons we love this city.
Sincerely, The Mead Family

A March 5 article in the Post Crescent states that "neighbors are mounting a campaign against the Fox River House tavern and its outdoor summer music performances," on the grounds that the bands that perform live music at Fox River House are loud and that they disrupt the neighborhood around Fox River House.

As a regular patron of Fox River House, I would like to contest these claims, for several reasons:

- The musical acts that Fox River House regularly books are mellow and subdued folksy bands that play acoustic guitars

- Unlike what one would expect of a gathering which receives a noise complaint, the patrons of the live music at Fox River House do not engage in intoxicated rowdy behavior

- The risk of disruptive people doing unlawful things is greatly mitigated by the Appleton Police Station being right across the street from Fox River House

-The owner of Fox River House (Alderwoman Patti Coenen) places a great emphasis on ending live musical performances in a timely fashion and in accordance with local ordinances

Fox River House is important to the economy and culture of Appleton's downtown. Please allow them to continue providing live music outside. Cheers, Maureen Armstrong

Dear Common Council members,

I am writing to you to urge you to allow a noise variance for The Fox River House. The Fox River House has many wonderful and entertaining bands perform outside during the summer. It helps bring more patrons to the bar as well as the Appleton downtown area. I feel that preventing The Fox River House from hosting live music on weekends could affect other establishments as well. I like to see our downtown thrive with a variety of entertainment.

Thank you for your consideration. Kind regards, Brandon Kolbe

Hello-Although I am not an Appleton resident. I am sending this to support "The Fox River House". Have heard a neighbor is contesting the live music they have. My friends and I do enjoy this event. And do frequent often among other business. Its only one resident that is not in support. This resident should have considered the location they chose to purchase or rent. John Rae

I just wanted to send a quick message in regarding the neighbors of Fox River House in downtown Appleton contesting the noise variance that they receive in order to allow music to be played outdoors.

I'm from a tiny town in Minnesota. When I moved to Appleton 8 years ago, I was in awe! So much culture, ongoing events, art, music, and a lot of downtown fun. Now, as my husband and I have moved back just in the last few months after six years away, I'm so happy to know this has not changed, but gotten better. I'm now a graphic designer by profession and (still) immensely enjoy all things art and music related.

Fox River House has provided an incredibly warm, relaxing atmosphere. They are far from your typical bar scene, especially when in downtown Appleton. If you've never been, you'll find friendly bartenders and fellow patrons, a cozy atmosphere, great brews, and yes, live music in the summer.

With the rise and popularity of County USA, Rock USA, Oktoberfest, Waterfest, and more...the live music at FRH is a breath of fresh air. Often times acoustic or close to, the music played is quiet enough to be talked over, but fun enough to dance to. I haven't enjoyed local live music anywhere else in quite some time.

Residents downtown know they are in a neighborhood prone to traffic, accidents, sirens, trains, drunk people, kids, bicycles, taxis, delivery drivers, students, schools and police officers. This is just something that comes along with living in beautiful downtown Appleton. I've certainly heard louder noises downtown than at FRH. Most nights I end up downtown I hear bass from the clubs, people laughing, sirens, and cars. I can't say I've ever heard much else, or have even been able to decipher exactly where these noises are coming from. I'm certain that these noises aren't always pleasant for residents wherever they might live downtown, however, it seems that FRH has always made an attempt to follow the rules, cut the music early, and keep it low.

I hope the residents and FRH can come to a compromise. It'd be unfortunate for FRH patrons to lose such a nice summer event that has certainly drawn a more relaxed, respectful crowd. It'd also be a

shame to have others think living in downtown Appleton is not nice. Downtown Appleton is one of my favorite places in this whole state. Minnesota too. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Sincerely, Jenny Hussin

Please keep music at the Fox River House! This is literally the only bar I go to because I love the atmosphere- it's accommodating to both young and older generations. I go there because it's always a good time...you can enjoy live music and drinks without the drama and mess that comes with the hangouts all the young 21 year olds hang out in...Please save the live music!

Music at the Fox River house is one of the best parts of summer in Appleton. Continue to provide their license to do so. I'm a 32 year old family man, so I understand why you wouldn't want to have it during the week, but there's no reason that on Friday and Saturday night they can't have live music fill the air.

Appleton needs more events like the Mile of Music, and outdoor music festivals and concerts. Anything you can do to encourage this would be ideal. We leave Appleton to go to Milwaukee, Chicago, and Madison multiple times each summer to go to festivals and concerts and the more you can keep them local, the more money will be spent in our local economy

I would like you to know that I really enjoy seeing live music at Fox River house. It is tough enough as it is to find a place for local music to play. Please stop the musical ghetto from getting any smaller, by leaving the Fox River house be as it has been.

I was disturbed by the article posted in the Post Crescent titled "Appleton neighbors protest alderwoman-owned bar". Patti Coenen is not asking for much. Live entertainment outside on Friday and Saturday nights is an acceptable request (especially when 11pm is the cut-off time). I do not want to see a few cranky neighbors ruin an amazing opportunity for local residents and businesses. It is truly a blessing to now have more experienced singers and songwriters want to play live in the city of Appleton. I have lived in both Minneapolis (5 years) and San Diego (6 years). Larger cities like these are normal stopping places for artists and talent. I believe Appleton can be a smaller spot on the map that begins to get recognized. With the Mile of Music in the summer and many music lovers booking bands, Appleton has a chance to thrive economically and artistically in the future. I have friends from Minnesota, California and the outreaches of Wisconsin that visit and compliment Appleton's downtown for its progressive approach to live entertainment and overall feel - and most of my friends would say the Fox River House is one of their favorite locations in downtown area. Getting rid of live music at the Fox River House would be a huge blow to Appleton's artistic community. I have met so many music lovers sitting on that porch while enjoying live music. The Fox River House is an important piece to Appleton's downtown. It is not a place where all the young rowdy drinkers go. It is a place where individuals of all ages get together. I have brought my parents, brothers, and friends to shows on the FRH's back porch. Patti Coenen has created a piece of Appleton that makes our community better. Banning live performances outside is a huge mistake. Please keep Appleton a vibrant artistic community and let Patti continue to house live music on Friday and Saturday nights.

Please do not shut down the Fox River House because of a noise variance. Rather consider helping the complaining person source either noise abatement with their residence or assist them in finding another residence.

I support the variance for Patti Coenen and the Fox River House!

To whom it may concern: The Fox River House, a true neighborhood bar and a member of the Appleton downtown community, is in jeopardy of losing its noise variance for live outdoor music in the summer. It would be a great loss to our community if this venue were to be shut down. Live music brings vibrance and culture to the area, and gives many musicians an opportunity they may have not had otherwise. As a bartender at this establishment, I have first-hand experience with the types of people who frequent this establishment, especially drawn in by the live, local music provided on summer weekends. These people are rarely raucous, and are mostly looking for a place to sit out on a patio and listen to music while supporting local musicians. This is not the kind of clientele, nor the establishment, Appleton should be worried about. Please consider renewing the Fox River House's noise variance for Summer 2014. Thank you, Laura Kasten

The Fox River House brings life and revenue to the city of Appleton. Asking them to limit live music is crazy! Please consider allowing them to proceed as usual.

I just wanted to touch base on the Fox River House concerts. I've been to quite a few over the past years and have always had a great time. I'd hate to see them lose their permits because it is a great place in the Valley for concerts. They've not only brought in some great larger acts like Kepi Ghoulie but they more importantly do a wonderful job of promoting local musicians.

Appleton, and the Fox Cities in general need more venues like this with the ability to host concerts, not less. Thanks, Tim Bieritz

I am writing in regard to the noise ordinance for the Fox River House. I have been a part of this bar from its inception and am well aware of the situations that this brings. But this is absolutely out of control that this has gotten to this point. That bar has always been way more respectful than it needed to be. Patti Coenen does not have "rock" bands there. Its alternative covers and bluegrass, non-offensive, not too loud music. This bar has done so much for the local music scene and continues to. To alter the way they get to do business now would be wrong. Patti has been operating this way for 4 years now and has only grown a cult like following ever since, because she is there for her community and patrons. These neighbors are over the top and I have experienced it first hand as a bartender for Patti the last 4 years there. This bar comes with an army that will stand up for what it's been able to do, and what better the downtown area for everyone. Music is a large part of the downtown area and only continues to grow. I think those residing within ear shot, need to realize the movement that's going on, and how it helps make the downtown, that they are living in, the place that it is. Thank you for your time.

It has come to our attention that the live music at the Fox River House may be discontinued due to neighbor complaints. This letter is in support of letting this music continue. We frequent the Fox River House often during the summer and the draw is the music. The reason we go there is that the music is not loud and affords the opportunity to visit with friends in a relaxing outdoor environment. There are certain things that make for a vibrant community and this is one of them. It is a gathering house, not just a bar. We have so few opportunities to enjoy the warm weather in our beautiful state, please do not take this away. It is what makes our downtown special; along with the other wonderful places to visit, the farmers market, Oktoberfest and Mile of Music. Restrictions on these types of activities, only tends to reduce the desire to visit downtown. We should be proud of the offerings of our

downtown business people and should be encouraging activities that bring people there instead of discouraging visitors. The more you restrict activities, the less people visit and the more downtown becomes a ghost town. A vibrant downtown is what makes Appleton special, please keep it that way. Please allow the continuation of live outdoor music at the Fox River House.

Thank you, Mike and Fran Zaharias

My friends and I enjoy the outdoor live music at the Fox River House in summer. They just invested to put in such a nice outdoor bar and patio so that they would be able to accommodate such events. It definitely attracts people to downtown Appleton and patronize the businesses there. These businesses and the local economy will be hurt if downtown establishments are forced to shut down their live music. If the live music shows are over by 11pm, then the noise is occurring at a reasonable time, especially on weekends. If you want to live in a quiet neighborhood, don't choose to live near a bar that has been there for 140 years. Please take all of this into consideration. Thanks

I support Live Music at the Fox River House. It is the perfect outlet and venue to showcase the creative, artistic, and eccentric talent that we have not only in the Fox Valley but throughout Wisconsin. I know myself and the rest of the regular clientele always look forward to the live music series to not only hear our favorites but to also discover new talent. It would be a shame not only to the Community/ Fan base of the Fox River House but also the music community if this fantastic venue were no longer available.

I am writing in support of Fox River House and live music in downtown Appleton. I think if you reject the noise variance for FRH this sets a dangerous precedent for other venues to host live music. Outdoor concerts are an important part of our summer experience and brings revenue to downtown. I encourage you to continue to support outdoor music in Appleton.

Comments/Questions: I am writing in support of Patti Coenen's noise variance for Fox River House.

I am a patron and have played music at this very fine establishment. I have much respect for Patti and her community.

When playing there we have been instructed to maintain acceptable noise levels and have done so. I have also observed Patti on many occasions making every effort to make the venue both viable for her patrons and her neighbors. She has tried various setups to decrease outside volume and has immediately responded to concerns.

11pm is not, in my opinion, out of bounds. The local news has barely concluded.

Outdoor music is offered for such a short time given our climate, I so enjoy being able to partake when it is available! Please continue to allow it happen throughout the summer months

The Fox River house and live music is what brings me to downtown!

I'm sending this in support of the noise variance allowed to the Fox River House. I believe Ms. Coenen should be allowed to continue to host the shows. Music is for the masses and I don't believe that one

person complaining should ruin it for the rest of Appleton that enjoy the time to congregate and enjoy the shows. Thank You

Please allow live, outdoor music to be played at Fox River House! Appleton NEEDS to have more live music and entertainment available! It's my biggest complaint about Downtown Appleton! We don't have a lot of months where we can take advantage of the warm summer nights. I've spent a little time down in Nashville lately and I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE the live music! I've realized how much ATW lacks in this area. It helps to support such talented artists. The calendar and time frame hours requested is not out of line. It is reasonable and should be granted. Please allow downtown to thrive in the music and entertainment biz, not just in the eating and drinking biz!! Thank you! Carie Jochman

I am writing to support Fox River House and their right to keep their live music. We come to downtown Appleton a lot to listen to her great music selections. It would be a bad financial move for Appleton to discontinue this.

Please allow outside music to continue to be played at Fox River House and other venues. Outdoor music is a pleasure, joy, and soulful way of enjoying the short, but sweet summertime we have here in Appleton. I bet you, for the sanity of our citizens, keep outdoor music alive! Especially this spring and summer. We've earned it. Sincerely, a cabin-fever struck citizen who loves outdoor music - Bill Higbee

Saw there was talk of stopping live music at the great little Fox River House downtown. I look forward to getting outside and enjoying the short summer season we have in Wisconsin and this is my #1 place to relax and listen to music with friends, the shows aren't raucous and they stick to their curfew, please don't take away the main reason I head downtown. Thank you! --Todd

I am writing to express my support for the live music at The Fox River House. I extremely value having such a close venue where I can hear excellent local musicians while supporting a business with such close ties to the community. If their music license was revoked it would be a great disservice to the downtown community, musicians, and patrons.

Fox River House has become the best place to listen to live, local music. The establishment is truly a place for all to meet and enjoy. All ages, etc. have a great bar that is not rowdy like many others on the avenue. The owners and employees are great people that maintain this positive atmosphere. Not allowing the outdoor music would limit the venues for local musicians, but also would adversely affect a strong, positive local business.

I'm contacting you about the Fox River House's outdoor concert series. I have attended concerts there multiple times and have always enjoyed the atmosphere of outdoor music in the Appleton area. It would be a travesty if this was taken away. I please hope you allow these to continue. Thank you for your time, Eric Nagle

I'm contacting about the Fox River house and current issues because of the outdoor music. Plenty of bars have outdoor music in the summer. Being located so close to downtown Fox River house needs things like this to draw more people from the main stretch. Knowingly moving into an area near downtown neighbors should know what kind of position they put themselves in. Please allow them to

have outdoor concerts in fairness alone though there are many reasons to allow the creative art of local musicians to flow through our community.

Knowing very little about Appleton, I moved here in late 2012. I have grown to really love the community that supports local businesses and artists.

The Fox River House is my favorite place to hear live music. I have learned of new bands and made new friends at this VERY welcoming bar.

Frequently, we have visitors from out of town who come to see us and experience what Appleton has to offer. Fox River House is the one place we ALWAYS take our company. Many of our family and friends have said what a great venue it is and often return with a desire to visit the Fox River House again.

ALL winter long we have been just waiting in crazed anticipation for the first show of the season. I will be crushed if they can no longer host live bands at Fox River House. It is my favorite part of living close to downtown. Thank you, Lisa Danes

I am sending this to support the noise variance requested by Alderperson Patti Coenen. This community has improved dramatically since more venues have gotten on board with hosting live music as well as the Mile of Music festival. Intimidating bar owners to not have live music would be a terrible mistake for the city to make.

I would like to speak up in favor of allowing the music at the Fox River House to continue, under the same variance conditions that have been granted in the past. The Fox River House is providing a valuable asset to the community, and helping the music/art scene here thrive.

The times I have been to their outdoor concerts in the summer, it's been nothing but respectful and well behaved people attending. The noise is done by 11:00, which for a Friday or Saturday is really not that late.

Please vote in favor of The Fox River House and keep this good thing going.

Fox River House is a historic tavern in Appleton Wisconsin with a family friendly atmosphere. It is safe and right across the street from the police station. The music there is never Loud Vic Ferrari Octoberfest type music. It attracts one of the most responsible bar crowds and anyone will be welcomed with open arms and a smile if they choose to get a drink there. If live music is banned from FOX RIVER HOUSE on Fridays and Saturdays, what will that say about Appleton's stance on live music? Will this attitude resonate to musicians who potentially look to play mile of music? Mile of Music and music in general draws countless people to the city and brings tons of money to Appleton's economy. Banning live music at Fox River House would be detrimental to the economy and the quality of life present in Appleton.

Please don't derail an economic driver of our downtown entertainment district. Support the noise variance request from Fox River House. Outdoor live music is rare and valuable, plus it draws visitors

who support other local businesses. Extending the noise by one hour is a minor request. Please support it. Thank you!

The Fox River House is hands down the best bar that Appleton has to offer for many reasons. Its patrons offer up a very "Cheers" like vibe. Secondly it has the best music venue available outdoors. It's very intimate, clean, and has the best selection of craft beers around.

Appleton has become quite the "happening" place with people understanding the quality of having live music. Mile of Music was a huge success, which is only possible because the people of this city want it. Would you take that away? Would you make this city a place that is a ghost town by 9 o'clock? Appleton is a better place because of music. Proof of that is nearly every bar has music now, as a way to stay competitive. I feel like removing live music from pubs would set us back, and not push us forward. 11 pm on a weekend is a very considerate and respectful time to make sure all bands stop playing.

Lastly, musicians are a network. If they know that the scene is receptive to having them they tell each other. Which means larger acts (more famous bands), more money for the city and ultimately happier citizens.

I would beg of you to consider the larger picture, but not without consideration of those who are so displeased.

My name is Jared Blohm, and I am a resident of the 10th ward. I am writing you regarding the noise variance at Fox River House that allows them to feature live outdoor music in the summer.

I am concerned that the noise variance is being contested. Fox River Houses' summer concerts are an ideal attraction to help bring additional people into our downtown area. The bar is an outstanding venue for local musicians and for those traveling through our area. The beautiful back patio area is the perfect setting to enjoy an evening of music. For a city that embraces music and the arts, it'd truly be a shame to lose one of our finest venues.

Please consider allowing Fox River House to continue contributing to our city's vibrant nightlife with their summer concerts.

I'm writing in response to the protestation of the noise variance in Appleton filed against Fox River House. Though I do not live in the neighborhood, live music in the downtown area is a great draw for me personally to spend time and money downtown, as well as a great reason to bring in friends from out of town to attend concerts at the Fox River house. I would be saddened greatly if this opportunity were not available for us in the city of Appleton.

The live outside music at the Fox River House are weekend events that bring this community. Please do not support the tearing down of our community. It would only have a domino effect on other live music venues.

Regarding the Fox River House and the outdoor music series during the summer months:
It would be a huge hit to the arts/music scene if this were to be shut down. Appleton has made huge strides in the past years regarding the music scene and it would be a shame to take a step backward. Appleton is such a beautiful city and it is such a treat to be able to enjoy the music and arts during the warm months outside. Please consider this decision carefully and DON'T stop the music! Thank you.

I am writing to support Patti Coenen and the Fox River House in continuing to allow live music on the outdoor patio. I agree with Patti's statement that shutting this down would set a precedent I personally don't want to see happen. Sincerely, Jeremy Rechner

I am writing to urge you to continue to allow music at the Fox River House in summer. It's a long standing tradition with my friends and co-workers to enjoy the live music there each week. Our employment is in Menasha and we travel from the various Fox Cities to Appleton for this.

With all the progress to bring Mile of Music to the area and highlight music and arts in this community, revoking the noise variance would be a step in the wrong direction.

SAVE the LIVE Music at Fox River House!!!!

I love visiting the Fox River house and various Appleton locations for live music. Fox River house is such a lovely place in the summer, sitting outdoors feeling the cool breeze while listening to some amazing music is one of the things that makes Appleton amazing! Oshkosh has nothing like that, so it's worth making the trip to Appleton for the experience.

I hope you consider keeping the live music at the Fox River House and keep giving me and my friend's reasons to come visit your lovely town.

Please leave the outdoor music venue at Fox River House alone! It is a great little bar that gives local bands a venue and draws us downtown. I haven't heard complaints from last summer's Thursday nights at Houdini or Jones Park and I can hear that way over here near Highlands

I am writing about the noise ordinance variance that the Fox River House is seeking again this summer. I don't go out a lot since I have a young family but when I do one of my favorite places to go in the summer is Fox River House. The main reason for this is that it's a great place to sit outside and listen to local bands. I am in favor of allowing the bands to play until 11pm. Summers are short and the Appleton downtown music scene is growing and drawing a lot more people. Just look at how big the Mile of Music Fest turned out to be! Places like Fox River House draw people into Appleton and the downtown. By not allowing a variance, people that might have otherwise come to see a favorite band might have to see this band at another venue in another nearby town.

I live near Johnston School and can hear Game Day music on some weekends. Would I rather just enjoy the crickets and the breeze rather than the bass of the band? Sure. But I know that there are a lot of people who are enjoying the music and that it's not going to go on all night (nor every night). Again,

Appleton has a great music scene and the Fox River House venue is one of the few that offers outdoor music. Please don't let the few complaints ruin what is a popular evening out for so many.
Sincerely, Alison Schneider

Re: Fox River House and the noise ordinance. It is important that the Fox River House and other venues that offer live, outdoor music and entertainment be allowed to play/perform until 11pm. Music is an important component of what attracts visitors to the city and downtown, thereby helping the local economy. Mile of Music is a great example of this.

The downtown is working to develop as one of the best live/original music destinations in northeast Wisconsin and the entire state. In order to achieve this, the city/downtown needs to be able to offer a variety of performance venues (indoor and outdoor) that accommodate different schedules (day and nighttime hours of performances).

Support local businesses and allow for FRH and others to have later noise variances for the summer/fall.

I enjoy live music, and it would be a shame if one of the only places that have good live music outside of Mile of Music has to stop. This would also affect Mile of Music which is the best thing to happen to Appleton in decades. Thank you for your time. Kurt K.

RE: Fox River House Outdoor Concerts. I would hate to see the performances discontinued. Music, especially outdoors, is seldom available in our area on a routine basis, and in my opinion, not a niche interest. Instead, something that I know many residents enjoy. With the different public events Appleton holds throughout the year, including Mile of Music, encouraging performances in Appleton is something that I see makes us a little more unique in the state and mid-west. Having these events within walking distance is something that my wife and I have factored into remaining in Appleton over moving to a surrounding community. If I can provide any more support to this topic, please let me know. Patrick Armstrong

Please don't stop the live music at Fox River House in Appleton. This will take away from the city in the long run. You do it to one place and then it spreads. Thanks

Please allow live music to continue at the Fox River House. It is a great thing that brings the community together and outdoor live music is one of the most enjoyable parts of living in Appleton. With the rise of Mile and Music and the continuation of Octoberfest, Art in the Park, as well as its collection of museums Appleton is becoming known for its appreciation of the arts. I would argue that the ADI concert in the park affects much of the same neighborhood that Fox River House does. I feel it would additionally be unfair to allow some bars in the city to offer outdoor live music while forbidding others. It would create an unfair competitive advantage to certain bars. Outdoor live music brings a large volume of people to the Appleton downtown area and it should be allowed to continue.

Live/original music is an important element to having a vibrant, active, and thriving downtown district and city. Music attracts--especially live music performed outdoors. ADI's summer concert series, Octoberfest, and Mile of Music are all prime examples of the power music has to draw people to our

city. Why limit this by restricting places like Fox River House and other venues? There's only a limited amount of time each year that music can be performed outdoors anyway... Keep the noise ordinance at 11pm to help the local economy and local businesses.

Please pass the ordinance to allow outdoor music until 11 pm. Mile of Music showed Appleton how much live music brings to this city and having outdoor music venues creates vibrancy to the city that indoor venues cannot. During good weather it brings people downtown who spend money and create a sense of community that no other function can. 11 pm is not an unreasonable time to stop the music. The extension will significantly improve downtown and the city of Appleton for the better. Keep the music alive!

I am writing in support of the noise ordinance variance for the Fox River House. Though I relocated to Seattle after I graduated from Lawrence, this bar is one of the highlights of my return visits. Patti runs a first class establishment and the increased traffic brought to downtown through her summer concerts can only benefit the neighborhood and community.

I am contacting in regards to the Fox River House on Walnut St owned by Patti Coenen and its effort to continue providing great live music to the City of Appleton and all of its visitors. I am a frequent visitor along with many of my friends who all come in from areas as far out as Green Bay and Neenah for the unique experience of the Fox River House and its location in the heart of Appleton. There is not place that offers easy access in a popular area near other great bars and restaurants along with amazing service, a wide selection of beers and quality cocktails with a historic saloon feel while supporting music from up and comers and popular local groups. The loss of such a hot spot would greatly affect my interest in the area along with that of many of my friends, colleagues, and family members. I hope that you continue to not only support the Fox River House but also the great night life and rich art and music culture that it and other establishments bring to such a wonderful location as downtown Appleton. Thank you for your consideration and time.

I am writing in regards to residents' request to revoke Fox River House's summer noise variance, which allows for the establishment to host outdoor music until 11:00 PM during the summer months. Despite what some folks may think, there are not many downtown venues that host live music on a regular basis. In fact, I would argue there is a shortage of venues in Appleton. Live music brings much needed culture and revenue to our community. I believe that allowing Fox River House to host outdoor music until 11:00 PM for three months a year is more than reasonable. I urge you to reconsider any thoughts or plans to revoke Fox River House's noise variance. Thank you.

Hello, there. My name is Felicia and I am from Kimberly. I love the Fox Valley and recently moved just outside of Downtown Appleton on Atlantic Street. I live downtown whenever I can (weather permitting) and I feel I have a very valid opinion on the fate of the Fox River House's outdoor live music.

I am a frequent visitor to the Fox River House. It is one of the few places that I like to visit in Downtown Appleton at night. The crowd at the Fox River House is more relaxed and creative, and I don't have to deal with rude, drunk men making nasty comments to me. I feel safe there. Not only that, but at the Fox

River House there is LIVE MUSIC! This draws in a completely different crowd than bars like Anduzzi's or The Bar. This is why I stick to the Fox River House.

There are not many places, if any at all, where live music is offered outdoors. It gives Appleton a wonderful step toward having a greater nightlife like Downtown Green Bay, which offers many tiki bars with live music OUTSIDE. No one there complains about them to my knowledge. We only get a few months of warm weather, so please, let us enjoy the weather with live music for just that short period of time!

I also wanted to mention that I live next door to train tracks and if anyone should be complaining about noise day in and day out, it's my neighborhood. The trains that come through our street blare their horn for a solid minute. Everyone wakes up at the hours of 11 pm, 2 am, 4 am, 6 am, 9 am, etc., give or take a train or two depending on the schedule. I would much rather have live music playing than an obnoxious horn shaking my windows as a train flies through my intersection in the middle of the night. But I made the decision to move in here, so now I deal with the consequences.

Please don't stop our outdoor live music because a few neighbors made a poor decision buying a house too close to a bar. If people purchased a home near downtown, they should already expect the following: horrible traffic, late nights, college kids, and outdoor music. What do they say about Mile of Music, Oktoberfest and the Saturday Farm Market? Please continue allowing the Fox River House its right to outdoor live music! Thank you very much for your consideration. Sincerely, A Fox River House Frequenter

I am writing as a former Appletonian who still enjoys returning home for weekends. The Fox River House, with live music is just a place where you know you can relax on those wonderfully pleasant Appleton Summer nights. While I can respect home owners concerns, the fact it that FRH is a couple of blocks away from the social epicenter of Northeast Wisconsin. College Avenue brings in both people and their wallets from an ever growing radius and I think it would be a mistake to end these fun live music shows. Please do your best to work with both sides to reach a common sense compromise. Best regards, Travis Lamensky, Proud fifth generation Appletonian

Appleton's downtown scene is full of amazing opportunities-- from creative cuisine to volunteer opportunities to vibrant live music. This includes the incredible outdoor music series that is hosted at Appleton's oldest saloon- Fox River House. This music series is one of my favorite parts of downtown Appleton, and I think the city would be doing its residents and their guests a disservice by canceling it due to neighbor complaints about noise.

When people choose to live downtown, they must accept that noise comes with any downtown area. I have attended many of the outdoor concerts, and the crowd is far from rowdy or a disturbance to the neighborhood.

Additionally, if Fox River House is barred from hosting this music series, what precedent does that set

for other bars in the downtown area-- are they still allowed to have their music, just because they are a few blocks away? That hardly seems fair from a business standpoint.

I urge you to consider the economic and social impact that will come with not allowing Fox River House's music series to continue.

Good Day, I am writing to encourage you to support The Fox River House and its ability to have music and bands outside. The Fox River House is a unique attraction to downtown Appleton. We live in Greenville, therefore, I realize not a voter, but we specifically come downtown to The Fox River House. Because we are in our 40's we have "outgrown" the bar scene and many of the bars on College Avenue. But the Fox River House is different. The Fox River House attracts an eclectic group all year and visiting with friends on the outdoor patio listening to live music in the summer is one of the few things that still bring us to downtown Appleton. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Renee Ladewig-Lathrop

Please keep Live Music at the Fox River House... 11PM is a fair curfew!

I'm a huge fan of the concerts that are held at the Fox River House. An 11pm noise variance during the summer seems reasonable to me. It seems like a good way to support a local business while also respecting the people who live downtown.

In regards to the Fox River House noise variance issue - I strongly advise you to consider the positive effect that the Fox River House has on our city. It is a place that adds vibrance to our community, and is one of the most desirable places for both local and visiting musicians to play. It is an instrumental cultural site in downtown Appleton, one of the relatively few visible and popular places that truly and regularly showcase the music and culture of Appleton and Wisconsin. For these reasons, I suggest that the request to allow music on the outside stage until 11pm be granted. Thanks, Nick Allen

Please let the Fox River house have outdoor music. We enjoy the evenings there and it will be a loss for us to lose it.

I strongly support a noise variance from the city to host outdoor live music performances until 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Note that Fox River House is one the few local venues that consistently feature and support original music artistry. Please help preserve, protect and support the positive economic and cultural impacts of our dynamic, growing live music scene in downtown Appleton and beyond. A creative economy improves quality of life for all and is an indicator of a vital community. With Mile of Music as a catalyst, Appleton has real potential to be a world-wide music destination site. Our handcrafted artisan community festival has recently been honored with the 'Ambition to Fruition' award from the Fox Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau and will be presented with the Appleton Downtown, Inc. (ADI) 'Dreamers & Doers' award this week. This would not be possible without the partnership of our valuable live music venues. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration and long term vision in regard to this issue.

Please don't stop the bands at the Fox River House. It is a wonderful place to enjoy good music and friends. Thank you.

Please, please allow the Fox River House to continue their outdoor music program. I cannot imagine summer without it! I also can't imagine how some mellow music until 11 pm is any worse than the incessant blaring of the train horn ALL NIGHT LONG!

Live music at the Fox River House is a prime reason for visiting downtown Appleton.

I have enjoyed living in Milwaukee for many years before moving back to Appleton. One of the great things about living in a larger city is the culture you are surrounded by. Appleton is working on it and I feel that shutting the door on live music is a step in the wrong direction. With the success of the mile of music, do we want to send the message that outdoor live entertainment is only permissible when there is a large event. Why is there not more outdoor live music in this city!? We should be embracing the arts and character of our neighborhoods in Appleton not push them away. Ultimately, is 11 p.m. one day a weekend really that unreasonable? or is the request to have this shut down unreasonable? This is not screaming metal or obnoxious pumping bass music. I think a majority of people find the music at Fox River House hosts to be agreeable.

I love FRH - It is a great place that draws a nice crowd and everyone is always inviting! Live music in the Appleton area is growing more than ever and FRH is a huge supporter of local bands. It would be a pretty sad day to see something that promotes community and economy growth in the area dissolve because a few individuals didn't appreciate it. I hope the complaints against FRH do not threaten all the positive that is being created there.

We support Patti Coenen at Fox River House and live music for the downtown.

Please allow downtown Appleton to thrive. I grew up in this beautiful city. Don't close its doors on me by shutting down Fox River House's amazing outdoor venue. It's a safe, comfortable place for artists and fans.

I have read your recent article "Appleton neighbors protest alderwoman-owned bar" Post-Crescent, March 5, 2014. I support the noise variance for Patti Coenen's establishment. Live outdoor music is one of few reasons why I patronize Appleton establishments, and there are very few that provide this type of entertainment. It fosters economic growth while building safe and peaceful community building. I also am a proponent of the First Amendment, free speech. I believe that stifling one business's events could lead to banning other establishments' events. This would, in fact, push Appleton's recent progress, backward. Please consider the positive impact that live outdoor music has on the business community and the quality life of for community residents and supporters alike. I urge the Appleton City Council to grant a noise variance to the Fox River House. Thank you, Nancy Biese

Please allow live music to continue to thrive at the Fox River House. This is one of the few bars in the Appleton area that actually has some culture and personality, and draws musical talent to the area. Appleton needs establishments like this where friends can enjoy outdoor seating, good friends, good beer, and tasteful music. The majority of the bars in the downtown area are tasteless meat markets bumping with pointless techno and rap music.

Fox River House is one of the best establishments and draws to downtown Appleton. Revoking their ability to host live music would be a mistake and detrimental to the city.

This is unreasonable and detrimental to the small but growing music scene that brings out of town visitors and commerce to downtown Appleton.

Please keep the noise variance in place for the Fox River House. This is one of the friendliest and most enjoyable establishments I have visited in recent years. I've seen the owner ask bands to turn down the volume even while well within the noise limits to try and not disturb the neighbors. I find it hard to believe this is an issue when you can typically carry on a conversation over the sound of the band while seated directly in front of them. I lived in the neighborhood for almost 3 years and still visit the FRH each week even though I live in Neenah now. It's the equivalent of "Cheers" but in Appleton. It's a group of friends and community members more so than a "bar". Let patrons enjoy some live music while supporting the entire community!

Please vote to save Fox River Houses live summer music. It is the only place in town we will go to for live music. The crowd there is so respectful of each other. Other venues in town have a rougher crowd which keeps us away. I think that stopping the live music would not only hurt the business of Fox River House but also impact musicians in the area. Thank you kindly for your time!

My husband and I are originally from Appleton and FRH was, and continues to be, one of our favorite summer destinations -- we always make time to stop by when we're home. The atmosphere is mellow, and the music that we have seen there is mellow as well -- nothing even close to the noise pollution that is going on in just the street a block away on College Ave. Fox River House is the gem of downtown Appleton, and the one-hour exception for which Patti is asking, is really nothing. It will allow her business to remain competitive with the other venues just a block away, and it provides a haven and alternative to the noisy bustling strip for people who want to enjoy a mellow evening at a neighborhood bar.

Regards to the issue with Fox River house. Keep the music playing! :)

I am against any noise ordinance opposed for Fox River House. I find the bands are not that loud, and the cut-off time is reasonable.

Patty Coenen runs a respectable establishment without any trouble. Thank you, Michael Strader

I am a former citizen of Appleton would like to ask you to allow the Fox River House to continue with their live music shows. Fox River House is not only a bar but a community center. They welcome all patrons with open arms and no judgment. There are MANY bars on College Avenue, only one block away, that are allowed to play music at any volume. If you would like to discourage talented people from visiting Appleton and enhancing the downtown experience, I ask you, "What do you want your town to look like?" Right now I see plenty of downtown bars blasting electronic music, littering in the street and the occasional vomit. Fox River house is an upstanding establishment whose owners take pride in their reputation. Appleton's downtown is expanding and if you let these neighbors control the

situation than you will be addressing this situation over and over again, anytime a new business moves in. Thank you for your time. Rebecca

Please keep outdoor music alive at the Fox River House. As a volunteer/supporter/attendee of Mile of Music, Houdini/Jones Park outdoor concerts, and the farmer's market, this is truly one of downtown's gems. Please allow them to continue to play music, and enrich the lives of all who enjoy it.

I am emailing in regards to the notice ordinance. As a musician in the valley I appreciate being able to play outside. I don't feel that 11 at night is too late to play music.

It would be a travesty if The Fox River House would lose their outdoor music. The owners are very friendly and extremely courteous to others. We have been going there since they opened and have come to know the owners well, it's time that the city looks after the working people that are trying to help out the city of Appleton.

The music at Fox River House is appropriate and fun. Patti is respectful of the neighbors and neighborhood but has a right to offer music which stops at a reasonable hour. I support the fox river house!

Looking very much forward to the Live outdoor music this summer at Fox River House. The financial and cultural impact is primarily very positive for Downtown Appleton, particularly during our wonderful new tradition of the "Mile of Music". Please let us keep Appleton with supporting the arts and live music. This is such an important cultural dynamic. Our city needs this desperately.

Please keep live outdoor music at Fox River House

A March 5 article in the Post Crescent states that "neighbors are mounting a campaign against the Fox River House tavern and its outdoor summer music performances," on the grounds that the bands that perform live music at Fox River House are loud and that they disrupt the neighborhood around Fox River House.

As a regular patron of Fox River House, I would like to contest these claims, for several reasons:

- The musical acts that Fox River House regularly books are mellow and subdued folksy bands that play acoustic guitars
 - Unlike what one would expect of a gathering which receives a noise complaint, the patrons of the live music at Fox River House do not engage in intoxicated rowdy behavior
 - The risk of disruptive people doing unlawful things is greatly mitigated by the Appleton Police Station being right across the street from Fox River House
 - The owner of Fox River House (Alderman Patti Coenen) places a great emphasis on ending live musical performances in a timely fashion and in accordance with local ordinances
- Fox River house is important to the economy and culture of Appleton's downtown. Please allow them to continue providing live music.

Cheers,
Andy

Regarding the Fox River House summer music: It is one of the most fun, easy listening places to be in Appleton. I think it is crazy to ban music at just that one establishment. The 11 pm end time is a respectable time on weekend nights, and I look forward to spending my hard earned money there this summer while enjoying local music. Thank you for your considerations.

I was deeply distressed to read the article in the Post Crescent concerning live music at the Fox River House. Enjoying quality live, original music on a beautiful spring/summer night beneath the stars at the Fox River House has brought me considerable joy over the past few years. The newspaper stated that there are neighbors (plural) leading the fight against this while only one neighbor is mentioned. It makes me wonder if this is a case of one person or household with some kind of axe to grind. I recall heading to the Fox River House one night last summer expecting live music and was disappointed to not hear any as I walked north on Walnut Street. It wasn't until I was past the Outagamie Parole building, and less than 50 feet from the front door, that I could hear the live music coming from out back at all. Yet, a short time later, an officer came into the bar on a loud music complaint. HOW RIDICULOUS! Unless the complaineer was in an apartment above the Fox River House, I can't imagine anyone could have heard it in any other surrounding residence. (Are there apartments in the police station?) I would hate to think that one or two people with some kind of bone to pick could deprive the dozens and dozens of people like myself who come to downtown Appleton on summer nights of the privilege of enjoying the music on the patio at the Fox River House. Thank you for your time.

Fox River House is a great bar, one of the best things about downtown. They should be allowed to have music Fri and Sat during the warm months. 11pm is not late!

I am writing to you today in regards to the complaint(s) that were received from the music being played at The Fox River House. Please consider making the music happen until 11pm. By a collective no decision to not allow music to be played until 11pm within the downtown area you should all ask yourselves what an impact that would mean for Mile of Music? We all know the success that festival has had and they will grow. What kind of impact would a no decision mean for their growth plans to larger outdoor venues? What kind of impact would a no decision mean for the economic impact of the festival and subsequently the downtown business as a whole mean? We as a community should come together to embrace the arts. Those arts have such a positive impact on our community that can be shared for years to come. By limiting the time that these arts can be enjoyed only dampens the community's spirit and radiates bad publicity in those circles and resulting in loss of tourism and business dollars. A community with outdoor live music playing until 11pm only negatively affects a few, but a community without live music playing until 11pm negatively affects many. Please consider allowing music to be played outdoors until 11pm at not only The Fox River House but all establishments that wish to have this art be displayed going forward. Thank you for your time and service to our amazing city.

Ian M. Thomson

Just a quick note to respectfully ask all of you to allow live music to be performed at outdoor venues/beer gardens in the downtown Appleton area until 11 pm on Fridays and Saturdays. As near downtown residents we support such live music entertainment opportunities and believe they are vital to a thriving downtown community. The music is a delight and in no way disturbing to the neighborhood and we live only a few blocks from such music venues. I think 11 pm on Fridays and Saturdays is fair. Thank you for your consideration.

I would like to ask you all too please continue giving the Fox River House a temporary noise variance each summer. Fox River House is basically a city landmark. It is a local establishment that has been in

service to our community for 140 years. If you deny them the right to continue a summer tradition of live music downtown, it could very possibly be the end for them. Live music is a huge draw to our downtown and it is one of the staples that Downtown Appleton thrives on. I would be greatly disappointed to see such a wonderful local business and tradition cease to exist. Thank you for your time and consideration.

After recently moving into the Appleton area my girlfriend and I discovered the Fox River House. One of our favorite things about going there is the Live music they offer in the Beer Garden. Whenever we have guests visit us we make sure to take them to The Fox River House and love to show off the Beer Garden. We have been waiting for them to open it again all winter and it is discouraging to hear that they may take away the live music option. It has always been a much more laid back option when compared to the offerings downtown and stopping at 11 pm on a weekend is very reasonable in my opinion. Thank you for taking the time to read my email and I hope you allow the Live music to continue.

I am just writing to show my support for the Fox River House downtown. This is one of the best bars in Appleton. I have heard that their noise variance is being contested so they cannot have live music outside on their patio. I think this would be a disgrace if they are not allowed to continue this. My wife and I have gone there numerous times to listen to local music and never once have I seen it get too loud or out of control. It is very laid back and relaxing.

I support the music at the Fox River House. I do not spend a lot of nights out but enjoy this place very much. It is a well-run place to take people to relax in the summer. I admit that the bluegrass and country are my favorites. If you stopped them from having loud blues bands I would not miss them.