

# FRONTIER

## SUMMER 2016 NEWSLETTER

### 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2016 Frontier Association Annual Meeting took place on May 11 in the LEAF building in Frontier Park. The agenda included a) election of new directors, b) review of association financials, and c) review of projects in progress and completed. The past year has been one of our most ambitious project years thanks to the additional contributions beyond normal association dues and the many helping hands we received from neighbors. Completed projects/work for the year included:

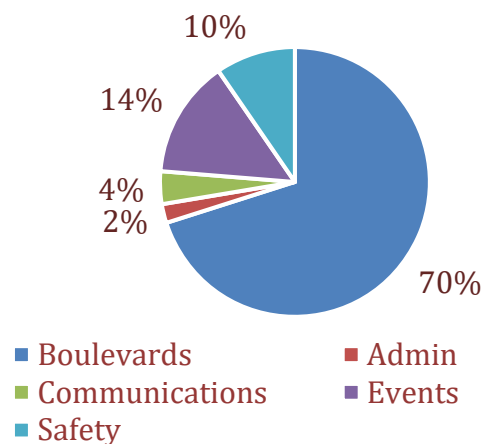
- Completion of tree trimming on tree lawn trees
- Update of the boulevard plans
- Removal of 6 large boulevard trees for increased light exposure and safety
- Planting of 27 new trees in the boulevards
- Creation and placement of 3 entry point signs
- Removal of 3 dead boulevard trees
- Completion of first phase of boulevard makeovers
- Negotiation of volume pricing for concrete work or repair

Association financials for the year can be summed up in the following charts.

### 2016 Income

Dues Paid	\$8,445
Additional contributions	\$1,970
Directory ads	\$3,040
Events	\$1,200
Grants	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,655</b>

### 2016 Expenses



**Total \$20,340**

The net overage in expenses for the year was covered by reserves from prior years held primarily to pay for the new boulevard trees and entry point signs. Given the release of these funds, we now have no reserves and must work within our budget of dues collected this year. Fortunately, we should be able to cover the remaining expenses and projects for the year including a) planting the remaining boulevard trees, b) fall cleanup, and c) flowers for the entry point signs.

The new slate of directors was put up for vote, but unfortunately we did not have sufficient attendance at the meeting to comply with the necessary number of votes per the by-laws. The additional votes were acquired via a polling process that went out on NextDoor. The new Frontier Association Directors for 2016/2017 are:

Jeff Stempora	President
Robin Mascharka	Vice President
Christina Katen	Treasurer
Joe Schember	Secretary
Joy Stempora	Director - Boulevards
Dave Glennon	Director - Safety Coordinator
Bryon Spry	Director
Mike Wyrosdick	Director

In addition to the directors, there are a number of other people that assist in many ways throughout the year to accomplish the tasks of the association.

Website	Bill Fox
Emails	Aimee Nicolia
Directory	Debbie Gross
Welcoming/Hospitality Committee	Carla Muller, Christina Katen, Faye Markovich, Becky Weiser
Block Captains	Tom Necastro, Cindi Heasley, Dave Glennon, Becky Weiser, Donna DeMarco, Carla Muller, Mary Bahn, Dale Robinson, Susan Kanonczyk, Christine Pardini, Becky Humphrey, Aimee Nicolia, Pam Davis

We would like to thank these people and the others that assist on an ad hoc basis for volunteering their time and effort toward maintaining the activities of the association.

Several issues were brought up at the annual meeting including safety of the crosswalk at Frontier and 6th Streets and presence of work trucks at homes. The Board has followed up with the city regarding the crosswalk and it has been repainted. Additional signage is being pursued for the crosswalk as well. As for work trucks (either your own or from contractors working on your home), neighbors should refrain from keeping work trucks at their homes on an ongoing basis and that work trucks as wide or wider than half the width of the street should be parked temporarily in home driveways. A number

of the ruts in the boulevards are caused by cars having to drive on the boulevard due to wide trucks being present. If temporary parking of a wide work truck on the street is unavoidable, then homeowners should have the trucks park with one wheel set on the tree lawn of the homeowner to ensure that there is adequate passage space for cars.

**JEFF STEMPORA**  
*FIA BOARD PRESIDENT*

## **ASSOCIATION PROJECT UPDATES**

### **Concrete Project**

Volume pricing has been negotiated for Frontier homeowners wishing to replace sidewalks, driveways, or for other concrete projects. Competitive bids were received from a number of vendors and we were able to get the price down to \$4.45 per square foot. Homeowners expressing interest have been notified of the procedure to move forward with their concrete projects and should be scheduling a visit with the provider by July 1 in order to get a quote for their project. If you intended to participate in the concrete project but have not been notified yet on how to move forward, please contact Jeff Stempora as soon as possible.

### **Boulevard Maintenance and Makeovers**

Spring cleaning of the boulevards was completed in April and consisted of cleaning end caps, trimming, spraying around trees, and applying pre-emergent weed control. The first phase of boulevard makeovers has also been completed on Monaca, Frontier and Cherokee streets. As part of the makeover, trees have been pruned, edged/ringed, mulched, raked, leveled where needed, and grass seed has been applied in bare spots. The final step which will be completed in June, is the trimming of the bushes on the 6th street end caps. Phase 2 and 3, covering the remainder of streets, will follow in subsequent years.

The Board would also like to send a special thanks to all who have been maintaining the boulevards and to the Wilson family for their sponsorship of the boulevard makeover on South Shore.

### **Summer Safety Reminders**

With summer (and nice weather) fast approaching, it is appropriate to be reminded of ways we can keep our neighborhood safe and secure.

1. Turn lights on! At least one light in the front and one light in the back of your house is recommended. Consider energy efficient bulbs - they last longer and use less energy.
2. Check to make sure your car doors are locked every night! Most thieves will not break a window to get in, they rely on you leaving the doors unlocked for them.
3. Close and lock the doors and windows in your home:
  - a. At least the first floor every night.
  - b. Whenever you are not home.

- c. Lock your front door / close your garage door when you are working in the back yard.
4. Use the [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) website to alert neighbors in REAL TIME, of any suspicious activity you see.
  - a. You can also call the Erie Police non-emergency line at 870-1125.
  - b. Of course, call 911, if you see a burglary in progress, or something similar.
5. Clean debris away from storm sewers near your homes. This will allow rainwater to drain appropriately, instead of pooling in our intersections. (Help a neighbor in need)
6. Trim low hanging branches from trees in front of your home. This will allow more light to shine on our sidewalks.
7. Don't post your vacation or other home vacancy information on social websites.
8. Mind the speed limit while driving in the neighborhood.
9. Keep dogs on a leash when walking them.

Stay safe, and have a terrific summer!  
**Dave Glennon**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

7/10 - ANNUAL PICNIC @ 1508 S Shore Dr.