

# FRONTIER

FALL 2017 NEWSLETTER

## ASSOCIATION PROJECT UPDATES

### Boulevard Makeover Project Complete



The last of the 2017 activities for the final phase of the boulevard makeovers are now complete, and the fall cleanup activities are now under way to prepare the boulevards for winter. The board has received a lot of positive comments regarding the enhanced presentability of the boulevards, especially immediately after the makeovers were performed, and this was discussed at the annual meeting of the association back in May of this year. It would be great if we could keep the boulevards in that freshly maintained state all the

time, but unfortunately our budget doesn't allow for it. With that in mind, the board is currently assessing whether there is support for more ongoing maintenance of the boulevards during the growing season instead of the current program which only involves maintenance in the spring and fall as limited by budget. By tending to the upkeep of the boulevards throughout the growing season, we can keep them in a more manageable state and eliminate the need to perform makeovers every few years.

The board has researched several options for increased boulevard maintenance and has sent out a survey via NextDoor to assess the level of support and preference for specific options. The plan is to collect responses, and if there is sufficient interest expressed, to bring up the matter at the next annual association meeting in March of 2018 for a vote. The options presented in the survey are as follows:

1. Keep things as they are now - no changes. In addition to professional spring and fall cleanup of end caps, homeowners will have to maintain the boulevard in front of their homes during the growing season to keep it presentable.
2. Continuous maintenance of the boulevard end caps only during the growing season for an additional \$15 per year per household. With this option we will at least be able to keep up with weeding the endcaps and replacing plantings when necessary. Includes: mulch and edge end caps as needed, weeding and weed prevention treatment, replacement of plants as needed, trimming of plants as needed, and placing stakes at the end caps over winter.
3. Continuous maintenance of the whole boulevard during the growing season for an additional \$25 per year per household. With this option we will have several maintenance visits throughout the growing season. Includes: everything from option 2 above plus ring and mulch tree bases as needed, weed treatment for grass, fill in ruts where needed, grass seeding where needed, replacement of trees as needed

We are asking all association member households to express their preference via the survey on NextDoor (www.nextdoor.com). If you are not on NextDoor, you can take the survey at the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B6V6L3B>. The survey itself is very short and only involves typing in your street name and clicking on the option you prefer. We will report out on survey results in the next newsletter.

## Tree Plantings

We have identified nine trees that need to be planted in the boulevards. Most of these are on Seminole and Shawnee with the remainder being dead tree replacements on other streets. We have approached the city again this year and are expecting to receive at least 5 trees from them with the remainder coming out of the association budget. The trees will be planted sometime this fall – hopefully before the end of October. Once these trees are planted, the boulevards will be back to a fully planted state and we will only need to replace dead trees going forward.

## Frontier Improvement Association Neighborhood Directory

2018 is a new Frontier Association directory year, and the board is busy putting together the next version. The Frontier Improvement Association neighborhood directory is funded solely by business advertisement donations. It is a resource used daily by over 200 households. Our directory is updated every other year and made available on even numbered years to dues paying neighbors. In addition to contact information for homeowners, the directory is full of information relevant to the neighborhood such as:



- History of the neighborhood
- Association by-laws
- Boulevard tree planting guidelines
- Planting permit information
- Board directors list
- Block captains list
- Babysitter, pet sitter, lawn care, and snow removal contacts
- Area business ads

Please refer to the Association Reminders section of this newsletter for additional information on ads and updates to your contact information. Also, please support our advertisers, they make the directory possible.

# ASSOCIATION REMINDERS

## Fall Leaf Collection



City leaf collection runs from October 8 through November 30. The first leaf collection will occur on the morning of Monday October 9. Leaves can be placed at the curb in open hard containers, in compostable bags, or simply by raking or blowing them to the curb for pick up along with garbage and recyclables on Sunday nights. Per the city, if you plan to use compostable bags, they should meet ASTM D6400 standards for compostability. Compost collection (grass, leaves, hedge trimmings, etc) in open hard containers will also continue until December 1.

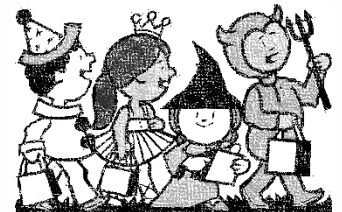
We ask that all neighbors periodically rake or blow the leaves and collect sticks or branches from the boulevard sections in front of their homes to place in their weekly leaf and compost collection.

## Wide Vehicles On Narrow Streets

Related to the upkeep of the boulevards, we have noticed a number of situations over the past few months where cars have been riding on the boulevards creating some severe ruts and damaging the grass. As a reminder, we need to be mindful of maintaining clearance for other vehicles to pass. This is especially true for Cherokee which is narrower than any of the other streets in the neighborhood. Please refrain from parking wide vehicles on Cherokee if possible. Service vehicles and trucks parked on Cherokee should be asked to put one set of tires up on the curb to create extra clearance for cars to pass.

## 17th Annual Halloween Parade

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Frontier Halloween Parade will take place on Sunday October 22 starting at 1 p.m. on the corner of S Shore Dr. and Mohawk. The parade route will follow S Shore to Cherokee and treats will be passed out along the way. At the end of the parade route, the Spry and Stachewicz families (225 & 303 Cherokee) will host a gathering where donuts and cider will be available.



Parents are welcome to walk with their children – strollers and wagons are welcome as well. Grandparents are welcome to bring grandchildren, and all are welcome to dress up in costume. Frontier residents and guests are encouraged to come out and watch the parade and join in the donuts and cider.

If you are able to help pass out candy or can donate candy, donuts or cider, please let us know. Questions or to volunteer to help or donate cider or donuts – contact Jackie at 814-504-0219 or [Jacqueline.spry@gmail.com](mailto:Jacqueline.spry@gmail.com) or via private message in Nextdoor.

## Frontier Improvement Association Directory Updates

2018 is a new association directory year, and as such we are in the process of collecting directory information updates and advertising sponsorships. Please review the current version of the directory for changes and email them to [info@frontierassociation.com](mailto:info@frontierassociation.com).

The Frontier Improvement Association neighborhood directory is funded solely by business advertisement donations. In addition to being a resource used daily by over 200 households, the directory is also distributed to new homeowners as part of our welcoming package. We welcome approximately 10 new homeowners every year. Please consider purchasing an ad for yourself or your business.

For those of you who would like to advertise in the directory or know someone who does, ad rates for the next directory are as follows:

Business card size - \$60

Half page - \$80

Full page - \$140

Full page front or back cover - \$200\*

Web/online listing – FIA listing of your logo linked to your company web page - \$80

\*Current advertisers get existing page renewal if paid by December 11

Submit business card or artwork as a .pdf file to [info@frontierassociation.com](mailto:info@frontierassociation.com) along with your business name, contact name, phone, and email.

Make checks payable to Frontier Improvement Association and mail to:

Frontier Improvement Association

c/o Joy Stempora

1508 S. Shore Dr.

Erie, PA 16505

\*\*Ads must be submitted and paid for by January 5, 2018\*\*

Directory advertisers who would like to include a coupon, business card, or other form of advertising can submit the same for inclusion in our welcome packet for new neighbors.

Please support our advertisers, they make the directory possible.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

10/22 - Halloween Parade 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. starting at corner of S Shore & Mohawk

12/17 - Christmas Gathering & Neighborhood Luminaries 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. at the LEAF Building

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