

# TAX EDUCATION FAIR

Wed, February 6, 2008 6pm - 9pm

Sacred Heart Major Seminary

OPEN TO ALL HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON RESIDENTS

Meet With:

- The Wayne County Treasurers Office
- City of Detroit Assessors Office
- The I.R.S.
- United Community Housing Coalition
- Attorney Cynthia Reaves

If you need the Hardship Application for taxes, or if you are facing foreclosure due to taxes, come talk to the Wayne County Treasurer's Office.

If you do not understand your tax assessment, come talk to the assessors office.

Come learn how you can get your taxes filed electronically for free. Also, learn what the I.R.S. will do if your home is ever foreclosed upon for your mortgage.

Come learn how to fill out the tax abatement papers so that you can receive tax credits in the future.

# 2007 GENERAL SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2007  
OPEN TO ALL HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON RESIDENTS  
Sacred Heart Seminary  
(Corner of Linwood and Chicago Boulevard)  
Detroit, MI 48206

## **Meeting Topic: "Retaining and Increasing the Value of Your Historic Home with Do It Yourself Landscaping"**

Did you know that improving your landscaping - the layout and appearance of your lawn, sidewalk, curbs, trees, shrubs and flowers around the exterior of your home - can increase the value of your home by up to 33%? In other words, a home appraised for \$275,000 may increase in value to \$365,750 simply by improving its landscaping!!

Learn how "Do It Yourself Landscaping" that beautifies your home and enhances its curb appeal can enhance the value of your property in 2007 despite the challenges in the real estate market. The 2007 HBEA Spring General Meeting featured a panel of experts:

- Ashley Atkinson, [Greening of Detroit](#): "Lush Trees & Shrubs"
- Marcia Pilliciotti, Master Gardner - "Planting the Right Plant in the Right Place"
- Barbara Hayes, [The Detroit Garden Center](#): "The Effective Use of Perennials"
- Kevin Bingham, Arborist: "Proper Tree Pruning and Organic Tree Care"
- Robin Heller, [Local Motion](#): "Organic Lawn Care"

# HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON, ARDEN PARK-EAST BOSTON, ATKINSON AND GLYNN COURT RESIDENTS

The 2007 Motor City Makeover is Here!  
Saturday, May 12th, 2007  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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## BLOCK BY BLOCK COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP STRATEGY

- Remove litter and debris from the middle of the street to the middle of the alley
- Sweep curbs in front on your home and around medians (if applicable)
- Discard trash bags and bulk items in dumpsters located in the following locations:
  - 14th & Boston Boulevard
  - 12th (Rosa Parks) & Longfellow Street
  - Lodge Service Drive & Edison Street
  - Edison & Second Avenue (near Voigt Park)

**NOTE: Heavy fines will be levied to property owners who place trash bags , debris or bulk items other than the designated dumpsters.**

To get assistance in moving bagged items to dumpster sites or obtain work gloves, trash bags and available tools for loan to assist in your clean up call Ava Tinsley at (313) 258-8369.

**SIGN UP NOW! Download the registration form, fill it out, and mail it back to [bostonedison@gmail.com](mailto:bostonedison@gmail.com).**

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The [Motor City Makeover](#) is a yearly event that focuses on volunteers cleaning up Detroit.

This year, the Historic Boston-Edison Association is working with neighboring associations to make an impact during the Motor City Makeover. In Boston-Edison we are asking neighbors to clean from the middle of the street (or middle of the boulevard) to the middle of the alley.

HBEA has a [kickoff presentation](#) (in pdf format) which explains the thrust this year. [Contact](#)HBEA for more information.

# DETROIT'S HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON ASSOCIATION HOSTS 80TH ANNUAL DINNER

Friday, May 18, 2007

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The Historic Boston-Edison Association, the oldest continuously operating neighborhood organization in Detroit will host its 80th Annual Dinner on Friday, May 18, 2007, 6:00 p.m. at Marygrove College ([map here](#)). The celebratory event will begin with a 6:00 p.m. cocktail reception featuring pianist Fran Hanna. Dinner will be served at 7:00 with music provided by the Marvin Jones Trio.

Tickets for the dinner are \$50.00 per person. To purchase tickets or for additional information, please phone Michelle May, 80th Annual Dinner Chair at 313-865-1149. **The RSVP deadline for ticket sales is May 4th.**

The Boston-Edison Historic District consists of a 36 block area containing approximately 900 distinct homes. The District is bordered by Boston Boulevard on the north, Edison Avenue on the South, Woodward Avenue on the east and Linwood on the west. In 2005, the Boston Edison Association celebrated its first 100 years the districts existence with a Centennial Celebration in Voigt Park. Voigt Park was named after Edward W. Voigt, a prominent figure in the investment of Detroit, who began acquiring land in the Boston Edison District as early as 1884. Mr. Voigt laid out Boston and Chicago boulevards, as well as Atkinson, Edison, Longfellow and Calvert avenues and Glynn Court, comprising some of the best residential property in the city.

Notable former residents of the Boston Edison community include, Sebastian S. Kresge, Charles T. Fisher, Ira Grinnell, Rabbi Leo M. Franklin, Meyer L. Prentis, Remus Robinson, M.D., James Couzens, Sidney Barthwell, Henry Ford, Joe Louis, Horace Rackham and Berry Gordy, Jr.

# DETROIT'S HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON ASSOCIATION

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS AS THE DETROIT HISTORIC DISTRICT  
WITH OVER 900 DISTINCT HOMES, 1905-2005

AND THE

ARDEN PARK EAST-BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Present

## A REALTOR COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE EVENT

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2007

SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY

2701 CHICAGO BOULEVARD (AT LINWOOD), DETROIT, MI

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Presentations on the Neighborhood  
1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Realtors' Open House of Properties for Sale

(The event is free and open to the public)

Prospective buyers who are interested in the preservation of fine historic properties are encouraged to participate in this event which will feature a number of distinctive homes available for sale in Detroit's Historic Boston Edison and Arden Park-East Boston Neighborhood Districts. The rich history of these Woodward Corridor neighborhoods located just north of Detroit's bustling Wayne State University Campus, Midtown and New Center Area communities will be shared in presentations and through the perspective of existing residents.

**Buyers:** Preregister by downloading our Buyer registration form, fill it out, and email it to [bostonedison@gmail.com](mailto:bostonedison@gmail.com) or fax it to (313) 867-0864 by June 21.  
**Realtors:** You're invited to participate! Download our Realtor registration form, fill it out, and email it to [bostonedison@gmail.com](mailto:bostonedison@gmail.com) or fax it to (313) 867-0864 by June 15.  
Questions? [Contact us!](#)

Learn why residing in the neighborhoods that Henry Ford, Sebastian S. Kresge, Charles T. Fisher, Ira Grinnell, Rabbi Leo M. Franklin, Meyer L. Prentis, Dr. Remus Robinson, James Couzens, Sidney Barthwell, Joe Louis, Horace Rackham, Berry Gordy, Jr., Fredric Fisher, John Dodge, J. L. Hudson, Dr. Dewitt Burton, Charles Diggs, Sr. and Dr. Haley Bell called home in the early and mid 20th Century may be just the place for you and your family in the 21st Century.

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ASSOCIATION  
AND THE  
ARDEN PARK EAST-BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION**

Present

**ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD ATTIC SALE  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 18 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2007  
10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**



It is time again to gather all your unwanted items (furniture, clothes, art, household items, etc.) and register to have your address included in our neighborhood-wide Attic/Garage/Yard Sale!!

*This year, residents are offered the opportunity to advertise large items with a photo on the Boston-Edison website for an additional \$5.00*

NOTE: The registration fee covers the cost of making signs, providing maps and advertising the event in local area newspapers. This is only possible with registration from all participants.

All Arden Park & Boston-Edison residents are invited to register and participate! Download, print out, and complete the registration form and return by **Wednesday, August 15, 2007**, along with your \$10.00 registration fee to:  
Historic Boston Edison Association  
P.O. Box 02244  
Detroit, MI 48202

Or drop in the mail slot at 2284 Chicago Boulevard

Please call Pam @(313) 867-3112 if you need additional information.

**HISTORIC BOSTON EDISON ASSOCIATION  
FALL GENERAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2007  
7:00 P.M.  
SACRED HEART SEMINARY  
(CORNER OF LINWOOD AND CHICAGO)**

**TOPIC:**

The Central Woodward Comprehensive Investment Strategy: The Implications for the Historic Boston Edison District

For the past two years, representatives of the Historic Boston Edison Association have participated in meetings with other stakeholders along the Woodward Corridor to discuss the priority needs of the community. Supported by several funding sources, the result has been the development of a strategic investment plan that includes the five following priority strategies:

- Expand the number of housing units available for low to moderate income persons living in the area
- Protect the investment of existing homeowners and build new mixed-income housing to attract new middle class residents to the area
- Promote the area's economic vitality and competitive advantages to attract new businesses and jobs to the area
- Create a safe environment for residents, businesses and visitors by addressing crime in new and creative ways
- Improve educational opportunities for Central Woodward children and their families

Implementation of the plan is underway. You are invited to attend the Fall General Meeting to learn the implications for the Historic Boston Edison District and how you may play an active role.