

HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON ASSOCIATION 2009 SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, March 18, 2009
7:00 pm

OPEN TO ALL HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON RESIDENTS
Sacred Heart Seminary
(Corner of Linwood and Chicago Boulevard)
Detroit, MI 48206

MEETING AGENDA OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE!!!

PRESENTATION BY DETROIT LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION (LISC)

LISC and the Central Woodward Collaborative have a plan to restore 50 homes in Boston Edison to reduce the number of vacant homes and to stabilize the community.

EXPLANATION OF RECENT TAX ASSESSMENT & PROPERTY TAX NOTICE

2009 SPRING CLEAN-UP AND BEAUTIFICATION PLAN

Greening of Detroit Tree Planting - April 18, 2009

FIRST YEAR UPDATE ON DSS PRIVATE SECURITY PATROL

A representative from Dusing Security and Patrol will be on hand to provide an update on the effectiveness on the Patrol since its inception in April 2008.

DOOR PRIZES! DOOR PRIZES! DOOR PRIZES!

THE HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON ASSOCIATION HOSTS... THE 2009 HOME PRESERVATION FAIR

Saturday, April 4, 2009, Noon to 5:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Corner of Linwood and Chicago Boulevard, Detroit MI

On Saturday, April 4, 2009, City of Detroit residents with older and historic homes will be afforded the unique opportunity to participate in one stop shopping with area home repair/preservation specialists. These pre-screened specialists with knowledge and experience of the needs of historic homes will exhibit their expertise at the 6th Home Preservation Fair presented by the Historic Boston Edison Association.

Invited home preservation specialists include:

- [AAA Michigan](#)
- [Adams Construction](#)
- [Big Brush Painting](#) (email at bigbrush@comcast.net)
- [CAN ART Handworks](#) (email at cnielbock@sbcglobal.net)
- [Classic Landscape, Ltd.](#) (email at classicjeff@comcast.net)
- [Detroit Historic District Commission](#) (email at [Susan McBride](mailto:SusanMcBride) or [Danielle Lewon](mailto:DanielleLewon))
- [Detroit Historic Neighborhoods Coalition](#) (email at [Earl Smith](mailto:EarlSmith))
- [Detroit Historical Society](#)
- [Detroit Vacant Property Campaign](#)
- [Dusing Security & Surveillance](#)
- [Garden Concepts](#) (email at jbdevlin@msn.com)
- [Hall Electric Company](#) (email at hallelectric30@yahoo.com)
- [Herald Wholesale](#)
- [Italy American Construction](#)
- [It's Your Window, Inc. IYW Design](#) (email at iywdesign@sbcglobal.net)
- [Klepinger Construction LLC](#) (email at theklep1@gmail.com)
- [Martin SooHoo](#) (email at soohoolm@gmail.com)
- [Mayor's Office of Neighborhood City Hall](#)
- [National Heating & Cooling](#)
- [New Hue Painting](#) (email at info@NewHuePainting.com)
- [Preferred Hardwood Floors](#) (email at preferredhardwoodfloors@yahoo.com)
- [Preservation Wayne](#) (email at info@preservationwayne.org)
- [Renaissance Restorations](#)
- [Renewal by Andersen](#)
- [State Historic Preservation Office](#) (email at preservation@michigan.gov)
- [TP Carpentry](#) (email at tpcon@sbcglobal.net)
- [Windows Diverse Services](#) (email at fdaniels@windowsdiverseservices.com)

These individuals and companies have skills that include:

- Masonry repair and restoration
- Wet Plaster repair and replacement
- Painting of both exteriors and interiors

- Plumbing, heating, and cooling service
- Landscaping
- Window repair and restoration
- Roofing
- Electrical upgrades and updating
- Wood floor refinishing

A representative from the Detroit Historic District Commission will be on hand to answer questions about obtaining building permits or any other matter pertaining to historic. Someone will also be available from the State of Michigan to answer questions about what you must do to get the State historic tax credit for work performed on your home. The tax credit program offers significant tax savings on major projects.

Additionally, representatives of banks and lending institutions will be on hand to discuss low interest home improvement loans, lines of credit, home equity loans and mortgage refinancing.

The 2009 Home Preservation Fair will be held in the expansive gymnasium of the historic Sacred Heart Seminary, 2701 Chicago Boulevard at Linwood in Detroit. Free parking is provided via the Linwood entrance. The Fair begins at 12 noon and concludes at 5:00 p.m.

Admission to the Fair is free. A registration fee is required for invited home repair - /preservation specialists. In addition to the exhibiting contractors, informational workshops and community forums on best practices will be presented.

"Preserve a home and preserve a residential block. Preserve a residential block, preserve a neighborhood. Preserve a neighborhood and preserve the history, integrity and legacy of a community." ---P. Genee

MAYORAL FORUM

Saturday, April 18, 2009
4:00pm - 6:00pm

Considine Little Rock Family Center
8904 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202

Come and ask Mayor Ken Cockrel Jr. about his thoughts on the city and Boston-Edison.

CLEAN DETROIT 365

May 2nd and May 9th

HISTORIC BOSTON EDISON ASSOCIATION BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE LAUNCHES

"BEAUTIFUL BOSTON EDISON, CLEAN CURBS CAMPAIGN"

Have you noticed someone cleaning up the neighborhood? Picking up debris in Boston Edison's public areas? Who is it, you ask?

Well, it is your neighborhood dues \$\$\$\$ at work! The Boston Edison Beautification Committee has hired a contractor to go through the entire neighborhood - on all islands, berms, sidewalks, parks and the mouths of the alleys and pick up trash and litter from those areas.

Of course, we know that this trash reappears within minutes of being picked up. But that's where we as residents come in. If you see debris near or in front of your home, PLEASE pick it up. We can have a beautiful community, but each of us must "Step Up." Curb appeal is worth money to all of us. We cannot pay for cleanings throughout the year, so we have to look and remove any and all litter near our residences.

This effort compliments the Mayor's "Clean Detroit 365 Initiative" to keep our neighborhoods clean throughout the year. A clean neighborhood is a safer neighborhood!!

MAYOR COCKREL'S CLEAN DETROIT 365

May 2, 2009 East of Lodge, dumpsters located at (1) John R at Woodland and another at (2) John R at Rosedale (both near Brush) and (3) Westminster at Cameron near Oakland.

May 9, 2009 West of Lodge dumpsters located on (1) Boston & Linwood, (2) Boston & Lawton, (3) Atkinson & Woodrow Wilson and (4) Linwood & Glynn

DETROIT'S HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON ASSOCIATION 82ND ANNUAL DINNER AND GENERAL MEETING

Friday, May 15, 2009
7:00 pm Dinner
[Detroit Historical Museum](#)
5401 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202

Tickets: \$35.00 - Advance Purchase Only (Cash or Check)
Business attire, bring your walking shoes

The Streets of Old Detroit

Your 2009 Annual Dinner ticket purchase will allow you, your family and friends to enjoy a wonderful dinner, stroll through more than 300 years of metro Detroit history, including the 19th Century street scene known as The Streets of Old Detroit. You will also have the opportunity to view an authentic auto assembly line. You are encouraged to wear your walking shoes. The exhibits will inform, inspire and entertain visitors of all ages.

SCHEDULE

7:00pm	Guest arrival
7:00 to 7:30pm	Cocktails & appetizers
7:30 to 7:45pm	Program
7:45 to 9:00pm	Dinner & tour of museum



**DETROIT'S HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON
ASSOCIATION**

AT THE

NEW CENTER COUNCIL CITY FEST

Visit the Boston Edison exhibit and speak with current residents of Historic Boston Edison about living in the "Best Historic Neighborhood" in Metro Detroit. (Detroit Home Magazine, Winter 2008-2009).

FIRST ANNUAL BOSTON-EDISON GARDEN TOUR

JULY 19, 2009 FROM 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

The Historic Boston Edison Association presents the First Annual Garden Tour featuring spectacular gardens and landscapes in the neighborhood. Much like the Boston Edison Holiday Home Tour, the Garden Tour is not an event, but an experience. It's sure to be a blooming inspiration of ideas for you and your outdoor paradise. After the tour, imagine living in Boston Edison by viewing a number of Open Houses in the neighborhood. To conclude your day, visit the Voigt Park Marketplace where you can browse and shop Boston Edison's finest artists and merchants.

**CALLING ALL
ENTREPRENEURS,
ARTISTS AND
MERCHANTS IN THE
BOSTON-EDISON
COMMUNITY!**

Showcase your talent in the Voigt Park Marketplace! Contact us for more information

- Ticket Price: \$15-cash only, no advance sales.
- Tickets On Sale: 8:00 am on the day of the tour at Voigt Park (between Longfellow and Edison; Second and Third streets).
- Refreshments and Arts & Crafts For Purchase.
- Parking available around Voigt Park and in the Boston Edison neighborhood.

For more information please call (313) 727 1087.

2009 ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD ATTIC SALE

AUGUST 15TH & 16TH FROM 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

Looking for some vintage swag?
In the market for distinctive antiques?
Want to get a closer look at a Detroit historical district?
Then don't miss this event!

The Historic Boston Edison Association will host its Annual Neighborhood Attic Sale this August. Over 50 homes in the neighborhood will showcase furniture, clothing, art, household items and more. The Attic Sale is free and open to the public. Please phone the Boston Edison Hotline at 313-883-4360 for additional information.

Located just two miles north of the New Center Area, Historic Boston Edison is a community of over 900 distinct homes spanning 36 blocks from Woodward to Linwood and Boston to Edison. Visitors are always welcome in our neighborhood.

All Boston-Edison residents are invited to register and participate! Download, print out, and complete the registration form and return by **Monday, August 10, 2007**, along with your \$10.00 (or \$15.00 if requesting a web photo) registration fee to:

Historic Boston Edison Association
2284 Chicago Boulevard
Detroit, MI 48206

Or drop in the mail slot at 2284 Chicago Boulevard.

2008 ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

VOIGT PARK

2:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. RAIN OR SHINE

Come on out and enjoy a Sunday afternoon with friends and neighbors!

Fun activities for your and adults alike. Pooch Parade!
Bingo! Sidewalk chalk!

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Call 313.883.4360 or
email bostonedison@gmail.com

Residents are asked to bring a dish to share (According to the first letter of your last name). HBEA will supply the main course. If you are unable to bring something, a donation of \$5 is appreciated.

Letter	Dish
A-H	Chips/ Dips, Veggies & Appetizers
I-P	Assorted Salads & Picnic Sides
Q-Z	Cakes, Cookies & Desserts

Volunteers needed! Call Karen at 248.227.0892 or email at karencollc@yahoo.com

GENERAL FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, October 21, 2009
OPEN TO ALL HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON RESIDENTS

This year's Fall General Meeting will center around the presentation of the Vernon R. Davis Award for Outstanding Community Service. This award recognizes Boston-Edison residents who voluntarily initiate activities that promote positive change in the Boston-Edison Historic District. **Nominate a neighbor today!** See the nomination form below.

Summer/Fall 2009 event info and Vernon R. Davis Award nomination form below

Summer - Fall
Events 2009

Dates To

Remember:

SEPTEMBER 20

Picnic in the Park

OCTOBER 21

Vernon R. Davis

Community Award &

B&E Curb Appeal

Awards Celebration

and Fall Meeting

DECEMBER 13

35th Historic Boston-

Edison Holiday Home

Tour

Volunteers

Needed:

Help with the Picnic:

> Call Karen

248.227.0892 (cell) or

karencollc@yahoo.com



2009 PICNIC IN THE PARK

Sunday, September 20th from 2:00–6:00 pm, Voigt Park

Come enjoy a Sunday afternoon with friends and neighbors! Rain or shine, this end of summer community soiree will feature fun activities for youth and adults alike. Throughout the day we will have raffle drawings for dues paying members, a 50/50 raffle (drawing at 5:00), music, games and fun!

PICNIC ACTIVITIES

- @ 2:00 🏠 Picnic Begins: neighbors begin to gather – tent is up near West end of the park – music is on – kids begin drawing longest sidewalk chalk design!
- @ 2:15 🐕 First B-E 'Pooch Parade'! Kick off the picnic by meeting us at Third and Longfellow with your pooch on a leash and walk with us around the park (see next page).
- @ 3:00 🍔 Burgers & sausages hit the grill! Please bring a dish for the Potluck (see next page).
- @ 4:00 🎲 BINGO for adults – organized games and races for kids – New Neighbor Welcome and 'Roundtable' Discussion
- @ 6:00 🏠 Picnic Ends.

For questions or comments please forward an email to bostonedison@gmail.com or call 313.883.4360.

Picnic in the Park – More Details

POTLUCK ☞ We are asking all picnic-goers to bring a dish to contribute to the potluck. The B-E Association will provide the main course. If you are unable to make or buy something, a monetary donation of \$5 is appreciated. To make sure we have a variety of dishes, please follow the alpha-chart below:

If your last name begins with...	Please bring...
A – H	Chips/Dips, Veggies, or Appetizers
I – P	Salads or Picnic Sides
P – Z	Cakes, Cookies or Desserts

POOCH PARADE ☞ Parade will begin promptly at 2:15. Dogs MUST be on a leash and walked by an adult. All participants will be entered into a raffle for Doggie Prizes! Awards given to: *Best Dressed* (bows, outfits), *Most Creative Trick or Talent*, and *Best Treat Catcher*. After this event, consider returning your dog back home. (Please be a responsible dog owner and be mindful of your dog's tolerance with other dogs and people. We want this to be a safe and friendly event. The Boston-Edison Association cannot be held responsible for any injuries that may occur.)

2009 Beauty and Elegance Curb Appeal Awards

The Historic Boston-Edison Association Beauty and Elegance Awards seek to recognize those homes and city blocks within the Historic Boston Edison District that exude exceptional standards of "pride of place". All blocks and residences throughout Boston Edison that meet the criterion are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Homes and blocks that are nominated will possess the following characteristics:



Criteria:

- Home exterior reflects and adheres to historic standards set by the Detroit Historic District Commission
- Litter free surroundings from the middle of the street to the middle of the alley
- Classic yet distinctive and neat landscaping from the middle of the street to the middle of the alley
- Overall appearance of the home reflects standards of excellent maintenance that serve as an example for the entire District

Awards Celebration:

The Awards will be presented during the October 21st General Meeting.

Vernon R. Davis Community Award

The Vernon R. Davis Award for Outstanding Community Service is awarded annually to recognize the contributions of Boston Edison residents who voluntarily initiate activities and projects that promote positive change and/or visual impact that preserves the historic character and quality of life within the Historic Boston-Edison District. From now through October 2, we are asking for YOUR NOMINATION of a neighbor that exemplifies this type of dedication.

Background:

The late Vernon R. Davis (1949-2008) exemplified the philosophy of "The Power of One", the impact that one individual action may have upon the whole. Mr. Davis was never compensated. Never requested funding. Never requested the support of a committee. He saw a need in the community and took action. The action, perhaps simple in nature- the daily removal of litter, debris and overgrowth from the common areas of Chicago Boulevard from Bryon to Woodrow Wilson - was witnessed by residents within the 36 block area that defines Boston Edison and mere passersby. Mr. Davis was seen frequently ensuring that a standard of cleanliness and neatness was maintained in the community.

To honor the legacy of Mr. Davis as a consistent and dedicated volunteer for the pristine maintenance of Boston Edison's main thoroughfare Chicago Boulevard between Byron and Woodrow Wilson from 1995 to 2008, the Outstanding Community Service Award was created in his name.

Criteria:

- Self-motivated resident project/ activity that does not threaten property values nor the integrity of the HBED as a historic district, but that enhances the quality of life in the area
- The project/ activity is conducted independently without financial support from the Historic Boston Edison Association
- The project/ activity has long-term potential for benefiting the community at large

Award Celebration:

The Award will be presented during the October 21st General Meeting.



Vernon R. Davis Community Award | Nomination Form

Nominated by (your name):

Address:

Phone:

Email:

I nominate (name):

(optional) Address:

(optional) Phone:

Email:

For the following reasons (refer to criteria on page 3):

PLEASE SUBMIT BY OCTOBER 2nd TO AVA TINSLEY AT 2512 W. BOSTON BLVD.

2009 Beauty and Elegance Curb Appeal Award | Nomination Form

Nominated by (your name):

Address:

Phone:

Email:

I nominate (name of person OR block):

Address:

(optional) Phone:

Email:

For the following reasons (refer to criteria on page 2):

PLEASE SUBMIT BY OCTOBER 2nd TO AVA TINSLEY AT 2512 W. BOSTON BLVD.