

HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON ASSOCIATION 2010 SPRING GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 24, 2010
7:00 pm - 9:00pm

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

This year's Historic Boston-Edison Association Spring General Meeting is an event you really don't want to miss. This year's meeting will offer residents an opportunity to be a part of the visioning session for the entranceway into our neighborhood.

The landscape design architectural team from Hamilton Anderson will present "Imagine the Possibilities" - a visioning session of possible designs for the Woodward Avenue and Linwood Avenue gateway frontages.

Also, an update of what has occurred since residents shared their concerns at the February 18, 2010 Community Concerns Forum will also be provided.

BOSTON-EDISON MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The newly designed Boston- Edison membership cards have arrived! BoEd residents who have paid their dues from May 1, 2009 - April 30, 2010 will be the first to receive the redesigned cards when they are distributed at the March 24, 2010 Spring General Meeting.

THE HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON ASSOCIATION HOSTS... THE 2010 HOME PRESERVATION FAIR

Saturday, April 24, 2010, Noon to 5:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Corner of Linwood and Chicago Boulevard, Detroit MI
Residents of all neighborhoods are invited.

On Saturday, April 24, 2010, 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 7th Home Preservation Fair presented by the Historic Boston Edison Association.

Invited home preservation specialists 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

CONTRACTORS REGISTER NOW!

Registration for the 2010 Home Preservation Fair is only \$75.00. For more information, see our Contractor-Exhibitor Registration page.

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 2010 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.

ATTENTION:

RESIDENTS OF DETROIT'S HISTORIC DISTRICTS

You are invited to share the names and contact information of reputable, licensed contractors for participation in the 2010 Home Preservation Fair. Please phone (313) 867-3112 or forward an email via bostonedison@gmail.com.

BEST PRACTICES WORKSHOP SCHEDULE - REGISTER TODAY!

NOON - 1:00 P.M.

"THE PALMER WOODS PROCESS"

In 2008, some streets in Detroit's Palmer Woods neighborhood were blocked in a test study to determine traffic flow impact, particularly on cut-through traffic from 7 Mile and Woodward. Cut-through traffic - generally non-resident transient traffic - is often cited as an opportunity for crime and criminal activity within a community. Since the traffic study, the Palmer Woods Association has received approval from Detroit's City Council for their Neighborhood Traffic Plan. The Plan involves the closure of select streets to create new traffic patterns. Palmer Woods President, Craig Vanderburg will share the Palmer Woods Process. This best practices workshop serves as an example for every neighborhood association seeking to enact change in their respective community. Interested attendees are urged to register early for this session.

1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

"DO IT YOURSELF! SAVE IT YOURSELF!"

Do you know how to evaluate & assess your historic home project? Do you know how to decide whether or not it is in the range of your skills & abilities? Do you know how to determine what features are worth saving? Are you interested in discovering what you can do yourself? Then... out with the new, and in with the old! Boston-Edison residents David and Dawn Johnson, whose home has previously been featured h on the annual Historic Boston-Edison Association's Holiday Homes Tour, will share their personal experiences as staunch "do-it-yourself" restoration advocates.

2:00 P.M. -3:00 P.M.

"SUCCESSFUL HOME LOAN MODIFICATION"

Antoinette Gray, Housing Director of nationally recognized community development corporation (CDC), Central Detroit Christian will present the step by step process that homeowners should take in seeking to modify their existing home loan. Central Detroit Christian CDC possesses a phenomenal success rate of 73% in securing loan modifications (compared to the national average of 16%) for homeowners seeking assistance.

3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

"HOW TO MONITOR AND TRACK HOME REPAIRS TO CLAIM A STATE OF MICHIGAN HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT"

A 2008 Governor's Award for Historic Preservation recipient, Boston-Edison resident, Cynthia Reaves will share with you how to successfully prepare a major preservation tax credit report which will be well-received by the state of Michigan. Ms. Reaves will share the nuts and bolts approach a homeowner must take (and sometimes forgets to document) in preparing reports. Ms. Reaves will also identify strategies to use when people forget to take the necessary pictures to document repairs.

4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

"BEAUTIFUL AND ELEGANT CURB APPEAL ON A BUDGET"

Boston-Edison resident Leonard Xerri, of Leonard Xerri Interiors, whose home was featured on the 2009 Boston-Edison Holiday Homes Tour will share invaluable - yet affordable decorating and design tips for the exterior of your historic home. Leonard will discuss, yard care, landscaping and facade design. This is a must attend workshop for new as well as established homeowners who desire beautiful and elegant surroundings.

All workshops are free and open to the public. There is limited seating capacity, however. Please register to ensure your seat by email: bostonedison@gmail.com or by phone: 313.883.4360.

DETROIT'S HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON ASSOCIATION

83RD ANNUAL DINNER AND GENERAL MEETING

Friday, May 14, 2010

The 83rd Historic Boston Edison Association, Annual Dinner will be held on Friday, May 14, 2010, at the [Model T Automotive Heritage Complex](#), located at 461 Piquette Avenue, Detroit 48202.

Guests will see where Henry Ford developed the Model T, and where the first 12,000 Tin Lizzies were assembled. The Ford Piquette Avenue plant is mostly unchanged from its original appearance, and the exterior of the building has the original red brick, complete with the original fire escapes and windows. You will have the opportunity to view many vintage cars, which will inspire and entertain visitors of all ages.

The third floor resembles the operating plant as it ran in 1905, it is virtually unchanged, and has never been painted since Ford Motor Company left in 1910. A gift shop containing Model T memorabilia is also available.

The dinner is open to all, attire is casual, bring your walking shoes

The cost is \$35.00 per person or \$280.00 for a table of eight. For more information please contact Mary Howard 313-869-2357, or the Board Member in your zone for tickets. You may also purchase your tickets below using PayPal. Tickets must be purchased no later than Tuesday, May 11, 2010.

AGENDA

6:30 pm	Cocktail Reception – preview/bid on silent auction items
7:00 pm	Welcome – Year in Review (includes 2009 -2010 financial report)
7:10 pm	Election of Officers (Zone A and Zone C)
7:15 pm	Dinner is served
8:15 pm	Speaker – Michael Solaka, President New Center Area Council
8:30 pm	Tour of museum – Silent auction results

ATTENTION!

THE 2010 MOTOR CITY MAKEOVER IS HERE!

SATURDAY, MAY 15TH

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

BOSTON-EDISON 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 the dumpster and special pick-up areas as noted:

DUMPSTER LOCATION: Woodrow Wilson & Edison

SPECIAL PICK-UP LOCATIONS (BAGGED ITEMS ONLY)

- 14th & Boston Boulevard
- 12th (Rosa Parks) & Longfellow Street
- Lodge Service Drive & Edison Avenue
- Edison & Second Avenue (near Voigt Park)

Property owners who discard items other than areas designated will incur heavy fines.

For work gloves and trash bags for your clean up phone: 313.867.1415

EDISON AVENUE EXTREME BLOCK MAKEOVER HOSTED BY CENTRAL DETROIT CHRISTIAN CDC

Saturday, May 15, 2010

9:00 a.m.

Meet at 1493 Edison Avenue

Come and be a part of the first ever intensive one day Boston-Edison complete block makeover and beautification effort! Fellowship. Food. Fun. Beautification.

REMINDER

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Keep Detroit Beautiful Day

Watch for Details of Major Beautification Initiative in Boston-Edison!

ANNUAL BOSTON-EDISON GARDEN TOUR

MID-JUNE

The Historic Boston Edison Association's Annual Garden Tour features five 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.

This year the Garden Tour again promises to reveal enchanting and lush gardens that reflect the charm and often tucked-away hidden scenery of the Historic Boston-Edison in full bloom. A complimentary tour shuttle is provided.

To add to the excitement of the day and to preserve the privacy of our home owners, **the locations of the gardens will be kept secret and will be revealed the day of the tour.** The Garden Tour begins at Voigt Park (between Longfellow and Edison; Second and Third streets).

CHECK-IN

On the day of the Tour, check in at Voigt Park (between Longfellow and Edison; Second and Third streets) to get your Garden Tour wristband(s). **You may check in anytime between 9:00am and 4:00pm;** there are no set tour times. You may tour the gardens at your leisure.

Parking will be available around Voigt Park and in the Boston-Edison neighborhood. Shuttle bus service provided at selected stops around the Gardens.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, send us an email at bostonedison@gmail.com or call Wanda McGlown at (313) 727-1087.

2010 ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD ATTIC SALE

SATURDAY AUGUST 14 & SUNDAY AUGUST 15, 2010

10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS WELCOME!



How Much Cash Is In Your Attic?

This year's annual Boston Edison Attic Sale will be the weekend of August 14th & 15th, 2010. Now is the best opportunity to clean out your unused treasures of clothing, furniture, household items, and collectibles. Turn your \$10 registration fee into a potential \$300 cash bonus! You can do it, and we can help. For an additional \$5 you can advertise those special pieces with photos on the Boston Edison website.

Please remember that your registration fee is to cover the cost of developing signs, promotional flyers, maps, and advertising for this event. This is a not for profit event for Boston Edison and we do need everyone that participates to pay for registration in order to break even.

The deadline for registration to allow you to be published on the map is **August 10th**. If you miss the registration deadline for publication but still wish to participate in the sale we will gladly stop by your home on the day of the sale and collect the registration fee.

If you have any questions please call Rick or Michael @ 313-865-0916

TO REGISTER FOR THE ATTIC SALE

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

2254 West Boston Boulevard
Detroit, MI 48206

ATTIC SALE TIPS

PLAN AHEAD

- Look through closets, basements, attics and garages. You may be surprised at what you can find to sell.
- Talk to your family. Do they have things to sell? Will they help you on the days of the sale: Maybe the kids can get involved!!!
- Price all of your items ahead of time. This will prevent you from getting caught off guard when someone asks about the price. It is also a great way to get people in the bargaining spirit. (NOTE: You are trying to get the most you can for things you no longer want. The buyer is trying to pay the least they can for something they want. BE OPEN TO BARGAINING!!!)
- When pricing articles, the standard practice is to price an article at about 20% of its original/purchase price. If you are not selling things, you may need to lower your prices.
- Have change on hand - \$50.00 is sufficient. \$2.00 in nickels; \$3.00 in dimes; \$10.00 in quarters; and \$25 to \$35.00 in dollar bills.
- Plan your lunch and breaks ahead of time. Will you eat while selling or is there someone who can help you for a few minutes?

MAKE IT LOOK INVITING

- Presentation can be the difference between someone stopping by your sale or simply "just driving by."
- Use tables (doors on sawhorses are a good alternative) for display items.
- Hang clothes on hangers.
- Put larger more expensive items in view of the street (so drivers by can see what you have and be enticed to stop).
- Lay a blanket on the ground to better display sale items.
- Have an extension cord available for buyers to try out electric appliances or electronics.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

SEPTEMBER 2010

Family fun in Voigt Park.

2010 FALL GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 2010

A neighborhood-wide awards presentation.