

JULY 2015



Dates To Remember:

JULY 19

Ice Cream Social

AUGUST 1

Sounds of Music Concert
Series: Straight Ahead

AUGUST 8 & 9

Annual Attic Sale
(see insert for
information & registration)

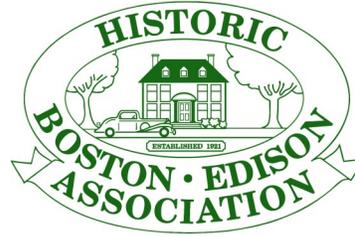
SEPTEMBER 12

Picnic in the Park



Volunteers Needed:

To assist with any of our
upcoming events:
> 313.883.4360 ext 2
bostonedison@gmail.com



From the HBEA President *Debbie Baldwin*



I'm looking forward to serving a second term as your President and working with our newly elected board members: Abdul Golden, Mike Morgan, Michael Mowers, Tina Patterson, Kimberly Williamson and Lawrence Williamson, as well as the existing directors. Together, we can make this neighborhood a premier address in the City of Detroit.

Also, I would like to thank our retiring members for their great service and the contributions they made to the Historic Boston-Edison Association Board of Directors: Pat Elaizer, Victoria Koski, Pamela Doles and Joy Rencher.

During the past six months, we have had many great people move into our neighborhood and not only do I extend a warm welcome to you, but I'm looking forward to meeting you at upcoming summer events in Boston-Edison or out and about in the neighborhood.

Lastly, if you would like to volunteer for a committee, we would love to have you join us in any of our efforts. If you have any suggestions or ideas on how we can improve our neighborhood or make this a better place to live, please let me know. And, always feel free to learn more about Boston-Edison and keep up with current events by visiting our website at www.historicbostonedison.org.

Boston-Edison Summer Ice Cream Social

Summer is finally here! Come chill out with a cool treat, meet your neighbors, learn more about membership, renew your HBEA dues, and most importantly enjoy some ice cream!
(Did we mention it's free?)



It's Sunday, July 19, at Voigt Park from 6 to 9 p.m. All ages welcome!

Also, volunteers are welcome and appreciated. Just contact committee chairs Tina Patterson (tpatterson@historicbostonedison.org) or Michael Mowers (mmowers@historicbostonedison.org). We hope to see you there!

Happy 101st Birthday Mrs. Spinks!

In May, the Longfellow TW Block Club presented longtime Boston-Edison resident and Block Club member, Mrs. Ola Spinks, with a bouquet of flowers for her 101st birthday.

Happy Birthday, Mrs. Spinks!

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON YOUR BLOCK?

Email: newsletter@historicbostonedison.org





TRIO NEO

“Sounds of Music” House Concert Series—More to Come!

The first two concerts in the 2015 “Sounds of Music” series were presented to great acclaim. The May 2 concert featured a program of classical music by Trio Neo (Tracy Kash on flute, Shannon Ford on clarinet and Doug Scott on piano) at the beautiful West Boston Boulevard home of Dr. Wanda Shurney. Guests enjoyed a sumptuous feast presented by Chef Jeff Toney, who is known not only for his celebrity clientele, but also for preparing meals for many charity endeavors. For our June 27 Children’s Concert, young jazz piano prodigy Brendon Davis performed at the Community Social Services Agency with his talented group of young musicians, including Bailey Morgan Tate on trumpet, Mitchell Cook on trombone, Jasmine Jagers on clarinet & vocals and Keith Lee on drums. Professional bassist Wil Brooks also joined the group. The ensemble, “Brendon Davis and Friends,” performed an impressive program of jazz standards and several of Brendon’s original compositions. Audience members, including many young people, enjoyed light snacks after the concert.

We would like to thank our Children’s Concert sponsor, Robinson Realty and Management Group, for its generous support of our young people.

Our next concert will feature the GRAMMY-nominated hometown favorite group Straight Ahead on Saturday, August 1 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and include a buffet dinner prepared by Chef Toney. Location address will be given to ticket holders.

Visit the Boston-Edison website at historicbostonedison.org/calendar/concert.shtml for tickets and more information.



CHILDREN’S CONCERT WITH BRENDON DAVIS



STRAIGHT AHEAD



CHEF TONEY & MICHELLE MAY

Save the Date!

The Historic Boston-Edison Association cordially invites you to spend the afternoon with neighbors and friends at:

Picnic In The Park 2015

Saturday, September 12, 2015

2:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.

Voigt Park (Longfellow at Second)

Rain Date: Sunday September 13, 2015, 2:00pm to 6:00pm

The HBEA will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and buns. Based on your LAST name, please bring the corresponding dish:

<i>A - F</i> Appetizers	<i>G - P</i> Salads or Sides	<i>Q - Z</i> Desserts
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If you are unable to make or bring something, then a monetary donation, of \$5.00 per adult would be appreciated.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact committee co-chairs:

Victoria B. Edwards (vedwards@historicbostonedison.org)
or Dianne Bostic-Robinson (dbosticrobinson@historicbostonedison.org).



HELP WANTED:

The PR Committee is seeking a tech savvy person to give our website a design facelift! We have a small amount budgeted for this. To request additional information, email: PRCR@historicbostonedison.org

Help Accurately Portray Boston-Edison on Zillow

Zillow is a frequently used website and a phone app for those searching properties across the country, whether they are looking to buy or just curious about what's happening with home prices in a given area.

If you have ever researched your Boston-Edison home on Zillow, you might have noticed that your home and neighboring properties are undervalued. That might be because of how Zillow factors data and calculates market comparisons.

According to a Zillow representative, Boston-Edison neighbors can make a difference by updating data, pictures, and perhaps adding information that refers Zillow visitors to our website, neighborhood history, boundaries, etc.

Here's why our neighborhood home values might be misrepresented: **(1)** Boston-Edison is in a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) and many homeowners receive the NEZ tax credit. Those under NEZ receive two tax assessments –

one for the property and one for the home and other structures on the property. Zillow searches only pick up the property assessment which is often around \$1,000, instead of the dwelling assessment which better reflects the true market value. **(2)** If a home has not sold in many years, there may be inaccurate or incomplete data available regarding size, number of bedrooms and baths, etc. **(3)** Pictures of the homes are aerial views often showing the back of the home or obstructed views of the property.

If you would like to know what you can do, visit historicbostonedison.org for the full version of this article and specific information on how you can alter what appears on the Zillow site to accurately portray the market conditions in our neighborhood. Let's all claim our homes on Zillow and make sure our beautiful, diverse and thriving neighborhood is reflective of it's true value!

Wood Columns Can Be Repaired: Save Them!

Columns are always a defining characteristic in the historic architecture of a building. Keeping columns in good condition is essential for historic preservation.

Columns can be maintained, repaired, and restored. If owners don't know this, they may conclude that the only solution to damaged columns is replacement. It is not.

Keeping columns dry is the principal goal of preventive maintenance: caulk, paint, vent.

If columns do deteriorate, the important thing is to know that they can be repaired and restored. If it's a **big** column, it could be a **big** repair! But it's always **possible**.

Here's How-To-Do-It!

On the Boston-Edison website, www.historicbostonedison.org/pres12.shtml, you can find how-to-do-it materials by experts, covering column maintenance, repair, and restoration. With their guidance, owners can undertake the repairs, or be able to supervise a contractor.

Dealing with contractors is more successful when you know what needs to be done and how it should be done, even if you cannot do it.

Knowledge is Power!



The Beautification Committee has started the first phase of beautifying the Boston-Edison flower beds and will continue until all beds have been completed.

OLD HOUSE KNOW HOW

Taking care of old houses is not like taking care of new ones. Visit our Boston-Edison website to learn more!

historicbostonedison.org

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

HDC must pre-approve exterior work as historically appropriate.

www.historicbostonedison.org/pres5.shtml

HDC staff can advise on appropriateness and help with pre-approval. Contact them early when planning.

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Crystal Wilson (313) 224-6543
WilsonCR@detroitmi.gov

Ask HBEA for help:
zoning@historicbostonedison.org
or (313) 883-4360 ext 4.



Knowing what to do is the key to saving columns. Large columns are the foremost feature of this well-known Boston-Edison house.



Small columns add elegance to this home.

Preventive Maintenance

Moisture is the main concern. Columns deteriorate when moisture gets trapped inside and cannot evaporate away – wood rots, paint peels or columns come apart or crack.

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B-E Trivia:

In 1854, this German-born businessman and his father moved to America and settled in Wisconsin, where his father opened a brewery. In 1864, his father closed the brewery, moved to Detroit and established another brewery, which the son later bought. The son also invested in numerous ventures including the Edison Illuminating Company of Detroit, where he hired Henry Ford. In the 1890s other properties owned included about 150 acres on Woodward, four miles from the city's center, which he developed into a subdivision. The area included Boston Blvd, Chicago Blvd, Longfellow and Edison from Woodward to Hamilton, as well as the surrounding streets of Atkinson, Calvert, and Glynn Court. He donated a large parcel to the City of Detroit which is now used as a park in Boston-Edison.

Who is he? (Answer below—no peeking!)

Trivia Answer: Edward Voigt

B-E Connected!

Are you receiving Boston-Edison Emails for neighborhood events? If not, email us and we will add you right away! Email: bostonedison@gmail.com

Care to share on the BE Discussion Google Group? (For HBEA Dues-Paying Members) Email: discussion-bostonedison@googlegroups.com to join or contact us at bostonedison@gmail.com and we will add you.

Want real-time Security Alerts? (A Security Google Group for DSS Subscribers) Contact the Security Committee for information (313) 883-4360 Security *Mailbox 3



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