

**MAY 2014
EDITION**



Dates To Remember:

May 10, 2014

Historic Boston-Edison
Home Preservation Fair

May 17, 2014

DLB - Open House Event

May 24, 2014

HBEA Annual Meeting

June 28, 2014

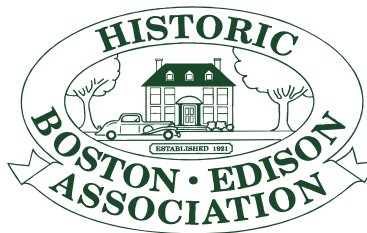
The Sounds of Music
Children's Concert
Brendon Davis

NEW Trash Pickup Dates
See details inside!



**Volunteers
Needed:**

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



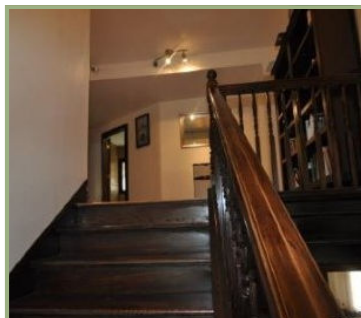
2014 Boston-Edison Home Preservation Fair

Saturday, May 10, noon until 5:00 p.m., is the date for the 2014 Boston-Edison Home Preservation Fair at Sacred Heart Seminary. The Historic Boston-Edison Association sponsors this event.

The Fair hosts pre-screened contractors who have knowledge and experience with historic homes. For this reason, the Fair is a unique opportunity for Boston-Edison residents to find expert help with their home repair and preservation issues. It's One Stop Shopping!

Specialists Attending

- ✦ 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



Hands-On Workshop - Noon to 2 p.m.

An expert in historic windows restoration will do a hands-on workshop to show you how to maintain, fix and restore windows. Learn to do just what you need. Be on time to learn the most.

Representatives of the Detroit Historic District Commission will be present to answer questions.

Other historic preservation agencies and other non-profits will attend.

The Fair will be in the gymnasium of the Sacred Heart Seminary, at the corner of Chicago and Linwood. Free parking is through the Linwood entrance.

Admission is free. For more information visit HistoricBostonEdison.org.



Your vote counts at the upcoming Annual Meeting on May 24, 2014

If you cannot attend the Meeting, an absentee ballot can be completed by every dues paying household.

Absentee ballots will be made available to dues paying members upon request to the Executive Secretary mitchell140@comcast.net (313) 867-8960- and must be returned on or before the date of the Annual Meeting.



THANK YOU

for your 2013-2014 Annual Membership Dues (Additional dues payments received since our March Newsletter publication.)

W. Boston

Erik & Judee Hill
Nathan & Alice Howard
John S. Shell

Chicago Blvd.

Darlene & James Johnson
Gregory LaMont Thomas -
PRARIE level donation

Longfellow

Myrtle & Hiram Jones -
PRARIE level donation
Kenji & Holly Lemon -
PRARIE level donation
Shirley Waller

Edison

Mr & Mrs Terrence Dixon

Annual Membership Meeting – May 24, 2014 at 7:00–7:30pm

Don't forget to VOTE! There are seven Directorships to be filled by election at the upcoming Annual Meeting. All seats are OPEN to active dues paying members of HBEA. Dues can be paid with PayPal by visiting www.historicbostonedison.org/member.shtml. The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors proposed a slate that was published in the March Newsletter. All active dues paying members can vote.

The election of five (5) Directors for Zone B (Hamilton – Rosa Parks), one (1) Director for Longfellow, Zone A (Woodward - Hamilton) and one (1) Director for Edison, Zone A (Woodward - Hamilton) will be held at the Annual Meeting on May 24, 2014.

Persons wishing to run for any of the positions may submit a completed nominating petition with at least ten (10) signatures of dues-paying members to the Executive Secretary, Marilyn Mitchell, 140 Edison Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202 **not later than May 14, 2014**. As a courtesy, we ask that you confirm delivery of your petition with a confirmation call to one of three Nominating Committee Members: Patricia Elazier 313-802-3769; Victoria Koski 313-565-4085, or Zené Gibson 313-883-4077.

Blank Nominating Petitions were included with the March Newsletter. They are also available for download on the HBEA website until May 14, 2014: <http://www.historicbostonedison.org/2014Nom.pdf>.

Don't Miss Out on the HBEA Mix & Mingle Extravaganza

As we welcome the freshness of Spring, following one of the most snowy winters of the century, it's time to pull off those heavy coats and boots and come together in celebration of our rich neighborhood heritage.

This year's Annual Meeting will be followed by a Mix & Mingle Event complete with finger food, adult beverages and dancing. This is in appreciation of paid dues members who support the Historic Boston-Edison Association.

The planning is underway to make this event one to remember!

A Mix & Mingle Extravaganza
 May 24, 2014
 Time: 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
 For all 2013 -2014 Dues Paying Members
 Sacred Heart Seminary
 2701 W. Chicago Blvd., Detroit, MI 48206

Refreshments include Finger Food & Adult Beverages /
 Excellent Music / Games (Must be 21 years of age for admittance)
 Attire is business casual and you are encouraged to wear
 red, black and white.

**Must be a 2013–2014 dues paid member of
 HBEA to attend the Mix and Mingle event.**

The Building Detroit Auction is coming to Boston-Edison!

The Historic Boston-Edison Association, in partnership with The City of Detroit and The Detroit Land Bank, is hosting an open house tour of the Detroit Land Bank homes that will be available for purchase at <http://www.buildingdetroit.org> starting May 27. The Open House tour is scheduled for May 17. Stay tuned for details and visit [buildingdetroit.org](http://www.buildingdetroit.org).

Beautification News

Happy Spring! Now is the time to come outside and start sprucing up your yard and the environment around you. Sweep up the leaves on the curb and cut down the tall grass and weeds in the alley behind your home.

The City of Detroit will be checking every week and ticketing properties that are in violation so you may want to address the alley WEEKLY when you cut your grass.

If you have a lawn service that does your grass, please advise them not to blow grass clipping or leaves into someone else's yard or in the streets - especially on the medians on Boston Blvd or Chicago Blvd. If caught, there could be fines imposed. The City now has an enforcement team.

HBEA Beautification has partnered with the 10th Precinct Community Relations regarding code and ordinance enforcement. The following items could get you ticketed or your car towed.

- ⇒ Any vehicle parked on the street or in a driveway that isn't working or has an expired plate.
- ⇒ Commercial vehicles parked on any residential street or in a driveway at any time
- ⇒ Fixing your car in the street in front of your home or in any driveway

Parking Enforcement: The city department has been riding thru so be careful where you park.

- DO NOT park in front of Fire Hydrants
- DO NOT park across driveways or sidewalks

NO tires of the vehicle should be on the public sidewalk

DO NOT park any vehicle on the grass in your front yard or back yard

Advance Disposal has been announced as our neighborhood's new trash collecting company taking over on June 2, 2014. There are lots of new rules. **Please refer to The Zone article on page 5.**

FYI: Advanced Disposal hired 75 of the 121 DPW employees so many of their employees will already be familiar with the city and our neighborhood.

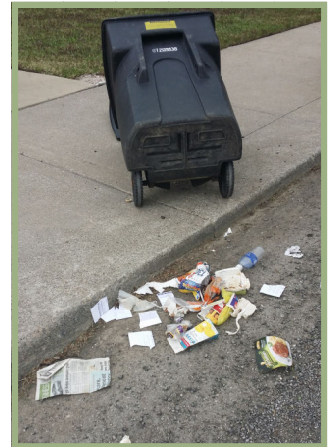
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Beautification Committee is looking for volunteers! We need people to cut the grass at vacant properties and do emergency boarding at vacant houses that are vandalized. Vacant home grass cutting pays \$10.00 per house every other week or as needed. You must use your own equipment. Boarding pays \$20.00 per board up. Boarding material and power tools are provided. Anyone interested please contact Debbie Baldwin for cutting grass at (313)980-0070 and Flora Bennett for boarding at fcb313@sbcglobal.net.

HELP US REPORT

Beautification is still compiling a list to forward to the City of Detroit Forestry and Lighting Departments about down tree limbs and lamp posts. We are only interested in tree limbs and brush in PUBLIC places like the boulevard medians, city owned vacant lots and Voigt Park. Be sure to give a precise location. Forward this information to fcb313@sbcglobal.net. Put in the subject line Info for Forestry Dept/Lighting Dept

One reason to use a garbage bag! They will not stop and clean this up for you.



The Advance Disposal contract with the City states that they can only empty one (1) Courville container per household but they will allow two (2) containers for the first 30 days. After that residents will have to pay "extra" to get the additional container emptied.

They don't have to pick up containers that have been overfilled and the top won't close. If your container becomes too full, you may want to ask your neighbor's permission to put your overflow in their container. (You should always ask permission first since it is personal property.)

On trash day, please do not park or allow visiting guests to park too close to garbage cans, leaf bags, recycling bins or bulk items at the curb. If the garbage truck can't get access, they won't pick these items up.

LIGHTS ON FOR SAFETY!



The Police say that lights are a great way to discourage crime.

Start Tonight!

BE Watchful

BE Safe

BEcome more involved!

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON YOUR BLOCK?

Be in the HBEA Newsletter!

Email:

PRCR@historicbostonedison.org

DSS Spring Security Patrol Blitz!

With the coming of warm weather, the HBEA Board of Directors once again allocated funds for an April security blitz.

We added 32 hours per week of DSS evening patrol to the regular patrol schedule. That means in April we had 92 hours of patrol each week, including every evening until midnight, and twice until 3 a.m. (except Sunday).

There will be a second blitz scheduled around the time that school is out for the summer.

The idea behind these blitzes is to have extra patrol presence at times when more people may be moving around the neighborhood, perhaps looking for opportunities. The Detroit Police Department has told the Security Committee that blitzes are a good idea.

CAR THEFTS ARE ON THE RISE

The local news channels have reported an increase in car thefts in some areas of the Metro area. This increase is being fueled by our local pothole epidemic. There is an increase in demand for tires and rims that have been damaged by potholes. Less than reputable establishments are looking for a

cheap supply to meet this demand. A larger problem is transmission damage, broken windows and other damage is being done to the car in the process of stealing it and removing the wheels.

Here are some things you can do. Park off the street – it is best to park in your garage or in your back driveway if possible. Parking in your side drive is the next best alternative. If you must park on the street there are two things you can do to reduce the possibility of car theft. The first is to invest in a Club or other device that attaches to your steering wheel and prevents the vehicle from being driven. The second tip is to turn the wheels of the car toward the curb (this prevents the criminals from pulling up behind your car and pushing it to the nearest alley or deserted area).

Remember if you are a victim of a car theft report it to the police immediately. There is a very good chance it will be found within a half-mile radius of your home. The sooner it is found the better the chance that less damage will be done to the vehicle.

Block by Block

What is the most important thing to ensure your day to day quality of life issues? The answer is, "your block club". Yes, that small group of neighbors that live next door, across the street, and the other end of the block. They meet once a month in bad weather or good, in their own homes be they grand or humble. They do this for the sole purpose of protecting our homes and families via the principle of strength in numbers.

Historic Boston-Edison Association believes that we are only as strong as the block clubs that make up our community. We encourage and support the formation and maintenance of each block club within the neighborhood. HBEA will aid and assist in identifying if your block is already

registered with the city or still needs to do so. We will assist with print materials, logistics, and plain old leg work. Although we believe it is better to open our own homes to each other, we will assist with securing a location for your first meeting.

If you would like assistance in organizing your block contact Larry Gaines 313.613.9279 or Victoria Koski 313.585.4085. We look forward to seeing you at your next meeting!

More information can also be found on the City of Detroit's website: www.detroitmi.gov and search 'block clubs'.

Historic District Commission News

Historic Preservation Downtown. Many of the buildings being restored downtown and in Midtown are in historic districts. The Commission has had many applications related to those projects. Many of the projects are well-planned to preserve the historic character of the buildings. But not all. Recently, an owner started inappropriate window replacement without prior HDC approval. The owner had to take them out, at his loss, and start over with appropriate ones. The result will be a much higher quality building in the community.

Problems and Exceptions. Historic buildings have distinctive features that define their architectural character. Generally, these features have to be retained and restored to preserve that character. Slate roofs are an example. An owner applied to replace a slate roof with asphalt shingles. The slate roof was badly deteriorated. Slate usually lasts more than 75 years, but this slate already was 100 years old. For a roof near the end of its life, extensive repair made no sense. New slate would be very expensive compared to the value of the house. Since the proposed asphalt shingle had a slate look and color, which minimized the loss of character, the Commission approved.

Another owner had heavy wooden doors on a garage that faced the street. These doors were a distinctive feature of the house. However, the doors needed a lot of repair just to open and close, and they could not be fitted with automatic openers. The owner had found an overhead garage door with a design compatible with the original look of the swinging doors. Since this minimized the loss of character, the Commission approved the doors.

However, another owner already had replaced an original overhead door without prior HDC approval. The new door did not have a design like the original, even though the door company made a door with the original design. In this case, the Commission fined the contractor for work without prior HDC approval.

Problems are avoidable. Owners get good advice, and maybe avoid a lot of trouble, by going to HDC staff early for prior approval. Some work does not need to go to the HDC, but check it out at www.historicbostonedison.org/pres5.shtml. When in doubt, call.

Jim Hamilton and Pam Miller-Malone live in Boston-Edison and serve as Commissioners. Send any questions for them to bostonedison@gmail.com or call 883-4360.

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.
Call them early when planning.

Jennifer Ross | (313) 224-8907 | Rossj@detroitmi.gov

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

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



HDC uses the *Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings* to decide if proposed work is historically appropriate, or not. See www.detroitmi.gov/historic/standards.htm

INTERESTED?

Are you interested in:

B-E Yoga Club

B-E Biking Club

B-E Walking Group

B-E Cooking Classes

If so, please send an email to:
danteew@yahoo.com

"THE ZONE"

zoning@historicbostonedison.org

**BOSTON-EDISON
COLLECTION
SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE
JUNE 2, 2014:**

**GARBAGE
WEDNESDAY**

**YARD WASTE
EVERY OTHER
THURSDAY
STARTING 6/2**

**BULK
EVERY OTHER
THURSDAY
STARTING 6/2**

**Let's all do our
part to keep
Detroit clean and
beautiful!**

**RECYCLING
REGISTRATION
BEGINS ON
JUNE 2ND
PROGRAM BEGINS
IN SEPTEMBER.
DETAILS
FORTHCOMING**

Privatization of Trash Removal Service

The City of Detroit has contracted with two firms to provide collection of garbage, bulk items, yard waste and recycling services. The Contractor selected for the west side of the City is "Advanced Disposal".

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Effective the week of June 2, 2014, garbage pickup will be on **WEDNESDAY for the entire Boston-Edison area.**

Residential customers will continue to use their existing Courville container. Only one container is authorized per household (unless the homeowner pays an extra fee.)

Garbage container must be placed curbside prior to 7 a.m. on your scheduled day of collection.

- All garbage must be bagged and placed in the container.
- Container should be placed within 4 feet of the curb, with handle facing towards the residential unit and away from the street.
- Container must be at least 3 feet away from all other objects such as cars, recycling container, etc.

DO NOT place any of these items in your refuse container:

- Yard waste
- Construction materials
- Hazardous waste (paint, solvents, gardening products, etc.)
- Large Glass panes
- Car parts (engines, batteries, fuel, motor oil or fuel)
- Large tree branches or stumps
- Home repair and cleaning products (glues, caulk, cleansers, polishes)
- Batteries
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Tires
- Unemptied aerosol cans

- Compressed gas cylinders
- Large engine parts
- Small engines container oils or fuels
- Chemicals
- Stumps
- Ammunition of any kind
- Dead animals larger than 10 lbs.
- Firearms

Questions regarding container replacement or repair, should be directed to Advanced Disposal, Customer Care Office at (844) 2-DETROIT (233-8764).

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Pickup will be every other week on THURSDAY starting the week of June 2, 2014, for a maximum period of thirty two (32) weeks per calendar year. Yard waste must be placed curbside prior to 7 a.m. on your scheduled day of collection. Yard waste must be bagged in biodegradable bags or bundles no larger than 4' in length and 2" in diameter. **PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

Items accepted as yard waste pickup include:

- Vegetative matter resulting from landscaping maintenance
- Leaves
- Grass clippings
- Tree branches and twigs (bundled)
- Christmas tree pickup is during the first two weeks in January. Trees must not contain any decorations made of non-organic materials.

Items NOT accepted:

- garbage
- large tree debris
- stumps

Privatization of Trash Removal Service (continued)

BULK WASTE COLLECTION

This information replaces the 2014 Bulk Waste pickup dates we received from the City of Detroit.

Under the Advanced Disposal contract, Bulk Waste Collection will occur on a bi-weekly basis, starting the week of June 2, 2014. Pickup is every other week on our scheduled collection day (THURSDAY). Bulk waste must be placed curbside prior to 7 a.m. on the scheduled day of collection.

Items accepted for pickup includes items that otherwise will not fit within an empty refuse container such as:

- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Appliances – All liquids, foods, PCB's, CFC's and unacceptable waste must be removed from appliances
- Carpet (up to 1 cubic yard only)
- Items NOT accepted:
- construction and debris material
- hazardous waste
- other unacceptable waste materials

Holiday Schedule

Service will be pushed back by one day following a holiday. The affected holidays are:

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|----------------|------------------------|
| New Year's Day | Martin Luther King Day |
| Memorial Day | Independence Day |
| Labor Day | Thanksgiving Day |
| Christmas Day | |

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

The City of Detroit encourages recycling and presently provides opportunities for all residents to recycle. Beginning June 2nd, registration for Curbside Recycling will be available to Boston-Edison residents. There is a one time fee of \$25.00 per household. The program details are dependent on how many people sign up for this voluntary recycling program.

Residents can register to receive this optional

service at the Advanced Disposal website by visiting www.AdvancedDisposal.com/DetroitResidential or by calling the Advanced Disposal Customer Care Office at (844) 2-DETROIT (233-8764).

- Recyclables must be placed curbside the night before, or prior to 7 a.m. on the scheduled day of collection.
- Place all materials in new the Recycle Container – Sorting is not required.
- Recycle Container must be placed within 4 feet of the curb with handle facing towards the residential unit and away from the street.
- Recycle Container must be placed at least 3 feet away from all other objects such as cars, yard waste, etc.

Items accepted for recycling include:

- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum cans and foil
- Steel and bi-metal cans and containers
- Scrap metal not exceeding 3' in any dimension
- Plastic materials made from PET and HDPE (Plastics #1 and #2)
- Corrugated paper
- Newspaper

In addition, all participants have the option to register online for the "Rewards for Recycling Incentive Program", which offers discounts and coupons from local businesses.

Every residential household will receive a notification of ALL of these changes from the City of Detroit prior to the June implementation date.

B-E Trivia



She was born in 1874, the middle daughter of Mark Twain. She traveled

to Vienna as a young woman to study piano and voice, meeting future husband Ossip Gabrilowitsch, a concert pianist and conductor, in the city. When she returned to New York to continue her studies, the two began a long-distance relationship. She began performing, and eventually invited Ossip to America in 1909. The two were soon married and sailed for Europe, but returned within a few months as her father fell ill and passed away. In 1918, Ossip became the director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and the couple moved to 611 W. Boston Boulevard. Later in life, she wrote biographies of her father (My Father, Mark Twain) and husband (My Husband Gabrilowitsch).

Who was she?

(Answer on Page 8)

HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON ASSOCIATION

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Trivia Answer: Clara Clemens Gabrilowitsch

B-E Connected!

Are you receiving Boston-Edison Emails for neighborhood events?

If not, email us your information 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-boston-edison@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 about joining Dusing Security and

Surveillance. (313) 883-4360 Security *Mailbox 3



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