

**MAY 2018**



### Dates to Remember:

**MAY 23**  
Annual Membership Meeting

**JUNE 16**  
Home Preservation Fair

**JUNE 23**  
Hops in the Alley

**JUNE 30**  
Caribbean Night

**JULY 14**  
Ice Cream Movie Night

**JULY 17**  
Membership Happy Hour

**AUGUST 4**  
Sounds of Music Concert 2

**AUGUST 11-12**  
Attic Sale

**AUGUST 25**  
Picnic in the Park

Visit [historicbostonedison.org](http://historicbostonedison.org)  
for additional event details!



### Annual Membership Meeting and Board of Directors Election

**Wednesday, May 23, 2018**

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. | Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Major Seminary

More than just an election, the annual meeting highlights the accomplishments of the Association throughout the year. Arrive early to hear candidate speeches and cast your ballot (voting closes at 8:15 p.m.). Then, stick around for our program which includes guest speakers, a recap of the goals achieved by HBEA, and our annual financial review of the Association. Stay until the end for a chance to win great raffle prizes!

All neighbors are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting, but voting is limited to dues-paying HBEA residents only. Please present identification with name and current address verifying residency within Boston-Edison to be able to vote. Additionally, as a reminder, only two votes are allowed per household. Not current on your dues? No worries- onsite payment will be available at registration, or you can pay online in advance at [www.historicbostonedison.org/join-hbea](http://www.historicbostonedison.org/join-hbea).

This election for seats on the Board of Directors includes:

- Zone A (Woodward to Hamilton): At-Large
- Zone B (Hamilton to Rosa Parks): W. Boston Blvd., Longfellow St., and Edison St.
- Zone C (Rosa Parks to Linwood): W. Boston Blvd., Chicago Blvd., Longfellow St., Edison St., and At-Large

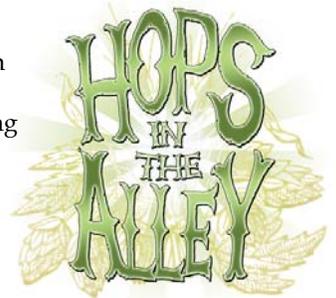
### Hops in the Alley

Hops in the Alley is just that - beer in the alley! This Beautification fundraiser is bringing awareness to our alleys and hopefully encouraging more activity in them - whether it's cleaning or having some fun. \$10 [strongly] suggested donation.

**When:** Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** Alley between Chicago and W. Boston at 14th

More details to come at [www.historicbostonedison.org](http://www.historicbostonedison.org)





Dianne Bostic Robinson  
HBEA President

## Together We Achieved More

*"People are living books. The real library of life is community." -- Bryant H. McGill*

### President's Annual Report 2017-2018

I continued to celebrate the library of life each of you bring in building our community. During this past year we continued to welcome many new neighbors who help make our community great. Thank you. During the Annual Meeting you will hear specific accomplishments from each of the Committees that also contributed to making our community what it is today.

Following is an update of the goals identified in last year's report, and their status.

1. Completed list of District priorities for District Manager.
2. Created a stronger sense of family by engaging more neighbors in the work of the Association. More neighbors engaged in at least two committees. Many more engaged in event-day activities and special events including a successful Bike Raffle.
3. Increased the number of Block Clubs. One new Block Club created, one old Block Club was reactivated.
4. Increased activities for all ages. "Hops in the Alley" and "Oktoberfest" events were created for adults and were very successful, profits benefited beautification efforts. The Pop-up Playground was new this past year, children's activities at the Picnic in the Park were enhanced.
5. Developed a means to welcome new neighbors. "New Neighbor Welcome Packet" has been drafted. On [historichostonedison.org](http://historichostonedison.org) we implemented a dedicated page for new neighbors and will continue to update.
6. Designed a unified look for the District to include new entry signs, banners and plantings. New entry signs put on hold, as we look at new branding for the District. Banner design chosen, and firm chosen for printing and installation. Contractor hired to maintain flowerbeds. Artificial garland ordered and installed for portions of the neighborhood during the holidays. Block Clubs invited to join Beautification Committee to help in developing unified and coordinated beautification efforts.
5. Finalized vision and mission statements and posted to the website.
6. Completed bylaws revisions and posted to the website.

Please join us, as our "living books," and be a part of the in the journey to create a more vibrant community.

Your Servant Leader,

Dianne Bostic Robinson  
HBEA President



## Ice Cream Movie Night in the Park

One of our favorite events, the annual Ice Cream Social, is getting a makeover! Join us in Voigt Park on Saturday, July 14 at 7 p.m. for a sweet, delicious treat, as the Membership Committee serves up ice cream with your choice of toppings. Afterward, stick around to enjoy our first ever Movie Night in the Park! The popcorn will be flowing, so don't forget to bring your favorite blanket or chair to relax and be entertained as the sun sets on a beautiful summer evening in Boston-Edison.

Tell a neighbor, bring two with you, and see you at the movies!

## Membership Committee Buzzing with Activities This Summer 2018

We have new events planned, as well as additions to our regular summer events to further enhance your membership experience and enjoyment. Our events are popular and appeal to a wide variety of neighbors, so there is something for everyone to enjoy.

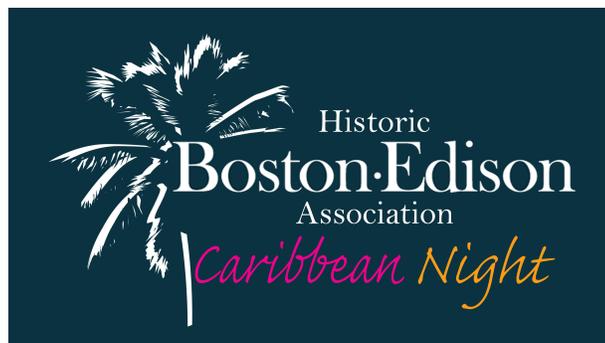
### Caribbean Destination in Boston-Edison

This summer, experience a taste of the islands with your neighbors and friends! On Saturday, June 30, the Membership Committee will be hosting a Caribbean night at 2214 Longfellow.

Treat your palate to delicious and diverse dishes including jerk chicken, cabbage, rice and peas, and succulent plantains! Dance to the captivating sounds of Caribbean music including reggae and calypso. Bask in the sunshine and company of fellow neighbors, and bring the kids out for a unique experience sure to leave the heart and stomach full.

Tickets will be available online at \$20 each, with a 10% discount to dues paid members and free admission for children under 10. Our voyage begins at 4 p.m. and comes to an end at 8 p.m.

We are excited to bring a flavor of this rich and distinct culture to the neighborhood, and we look forward to sharing this experience with you.



### Easter Egg Hunt

The Membership Committee hosted our most successful Easter Egg Hunt yet! So many children participated that the event ended within minutes, but that kept no one from leaving. Neighbors stayed hours afterward, mingling and enjoying snacks in the frigid, but sunny weather.

We are so happy and encouraged that our youngest neighbors attended and enjoyed themselves, and we take pride in hosting inclusive and family friendly events for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to the entire committee in helping to plan this activity, and of course, to all the neighbors who showed up to make this event such a huge success.





## Picnic in the Park

Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018  
Voigt Park  
1 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

## A Great Family Fun Event

Pooch Parade  
Catered Picnic Fare  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Neighbor  
Dessert Contest  
Bingo, Giant Jenga, Cornhole,  
Cards and Other Fun Games  
Fun events for children  
and young teens  
Door Prizes

To volunteer on the Picnic  
Committee or help out on  
the day of the event, contact  
Dianne Bostic Robinson at  
313-477-0264.

## Congratulations to Neighbor Pamela Hilliard Owens!

Pamela Hilliard Owens, who resides with her husband Keith Owens on Edison, traveled in March to Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Hers was one of 10 women-owned businesses selected as part of the delegation of the Michigan Association of Female Entrepreneurs. They were sponsored by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, whose mission is to help Michigan businesses successfully export their products and services overseas. These women were the only Americans participating in the 21st Global Women's Leadership Conference held every year in Dubai in conjunction with International Women's Day.

As a result, Pamela was able to sign five new clients for her businesses, the "Your Business Your Brand Creatively" group of companies.



## Junior League Newbies Plant Pansies in Boston-Edison

As the neighborhood prepared for the April 28-29 Junior League of Detroit Designers' Show House Sneak-a-Peek weekend at the Fisher Mansion, a team of members from the Junior League of Detroit caught a break from the cold-weather April weekends and planted purple and gold pansies in flower beds on Chicago and Boston boulevards. The plantings included two beds on Chicago off of the Lodge Freeway and the bed on Boston off of Woodward Avenue. The Saturday morning plantings ended with lunch hosted by Boston-Edison resident Erik Hill.

A special thank you to the Boston-Edison Beautification Committee for its coordination and support and to Sandra Davis, Boston-Edison Association second vice president and a member of the 2017-2018 Junior League of Detroit Provisional class, who wore two hats in organizing the event.



## Calling All Photographers!

Have you taken great photos of the neighborhood you want to share with the community? Let us know! The Public Relations committee would love to get your images on our social media account or even in a newsletter. Please send high resolution copies of your photos to [newsletter@historicbostonedison.org](mailto:newsletter@historicbostonedison.org) with desired photo credit title.

# Boston·Edison HOME PRESERVATION FAIR



**Saturday, June 16th | Noon - 5:00p.m.**

*"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. Genere*

On Saturday, June 16, 2018, city of Detroit residents with older and historic homes will be afforded the unique opportunity to participate in one stop shopping with area home restoration/preservation specialists. These pre-screened specialists with knowledge and experience of the needs of historic homes will exhibit their expertise at the 15th Home Preservation Fair presented by the Historic Boston- Edison Association.

Home preservation specialists targeted for this event will have skills that include:

- Brick/masonry repair and restoration
- Electrical upgrades and updating
- Historic fencing
- Landscaping
- Painting of both exteriors and interiors
- Plumbing, heating, and cooling service
- Roofing
- Tub and tile glazing
- Wet plaster repair and replacement
- Window repair and restoration
- Wood floor refinishing

Representatives from various area preservation advocacy organizations will be on hand to answer questions about planned work projects to be performed on your home. 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 2018 Home Preservation Fair will be held in the expansive gymnasium of the historic Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Boulevard at Linwood in Detroit. Free parking is provided via the Linwood entrance. The Fair begins at noon and concludes at 5:00 p.m.

The Fair is free and open to the public. A registration fee is required for home restoration/preservation specialists. In addition to the exhibiting contractors, informational workshops will be presented.

## ATTENTION!

Are you aware of reputable, licensed contractors for participation in the 2018 Home Preservation Fair?

Please share names and contact information.

Please phone (313) 867-0269 or forward an email via [hpf@historicbostonedison.org](mailto:hpf@historicbostonedison.org)

## Doing home improvements?

The Historic District Commission must pre-approve exterior work as historically appropriate.

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

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### Join the Boston-Edison Radio Patrol (BERP)

Do you like the idea of a safe neighborhood? I'm guessing you said yes! Consider volunteering for the Boston-Edison Radio Patrol (BERP). If you can spare a few hours a month, you can help make Boston-Edison safer, plus you can meet some great people while you're at it. BERP is seeking volunteers for patrol and base station command. Training is provided and mileage is reimbursed at IRS limits.

Learn more at [historicbostonedison.org](http://historicbostonedison.org) or contact BERP President Trevor Footitt at (313) 869-2757.

## Owning a Home in the Boston-Edison Historic District

One great advantage of owning a home in the Boston-Edison Historic District is the protection of the City of Detroit historic zoning restrictions, which increase and protect property values.

- The protection is that any work done on the exterior of a property must conform to historic standards. This requirement assures that all houses in the historic district will continue to have the historic look that makes them unique, interesting, and valuable. As every owner abides by the historic rules, so is the value of very other property protected.
- Since the standards apply to all houses, they are an assurance that owners of neighboring houses will not do things that degrade the historic character of the neighborhood and reduce the property value of surrounding houses.
- Before any exterior work is started, the Detroit Historic District Commission (HDC) must pre-approve that the proposed work conforms to the historic standards.

Another great advantage and protection is that Boston-Edison is zoned strictly for single-family residential uses (R-1): your neighbors always will be other families.

- R-1 zoning prohibits non-residential uses of houses. In particular, commercial uses of the houses are forbidden. No one will convert a house into a store, offices, a rooming house, a bed and breakfast, a fraternity or sorority, or anything other than a home for a single family.

Houses in Boston-Edison and other historic districts simply have higher property values than comparable homes elsewhere.

- Studies show that the additional value added by the historic district is 10 percent to 30 percent. Historic districts are prestigious addresses. The historic zoning protection keeps neighborhoods stable and makes long-term investments more secure and values more stable through market fluctuations.

Meeting the historic zoning standards generally is straightforward and not complicated.

- The main thing: keep it historic, keep it simple. Work that maintains historic architecture and materials is readily approved. Only work that proposes to change architecture or materials requires extensive and time-consuming hearings, and it may not be approved.

Home occupations are allowed. There just are limits.

- Home offices are allowed within the space of a single room or 500 square feet. Employees are not allowed, unless they live there. Some occupations are prohibited, because they would be incompatible in a residential neighborhood.
- This is a good thing. The limitations on home occupations maintains the quiet residential character of the neighborhood.

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## Historical Whatnots: The Great Detroit Renumbering of 1921

On Jan. 1, 1921, Detroit renumbered all the addresses in the city. The new arrangement ensured that streets were numbered consistently from block to block, and that parallel streets were numbered the same at each cross-street. In addition, each new block began with a new unit of 100 or, for longer blocks (like in Boston-Edison) 200.

In Boston-Edison, all houses received new, very different address numbers. If your home was built before 1921, it will have an "original" address that is different from the one it has now. A cross-reference of the new and old numbers is on the HBEA website at: [www.historicbostonedison.org/Home-History](http://www.historicbostonedison.org/Home-History).

## THE HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 7:00pm

Sacred Heart Major Seminary | 2701 W. Chicago Blvd., Detroit, MI 48206

Onsite voting ballots accepted between 6:30 – 8:15 p.m.

Candidate Speeches and Financial Review begins at 7 p.m.

### ELECTION NOTICE [ZONE A \(Woodward Avenue to Hamilton\)](#)

**List of Candidates** At Large Patricia Pickett  
Ekundayo Ojumu

### [ZONE B \(Hamilton to Rosa Parks Blvd.\)](#)

W. Boston Blvd. No Candidate

Edison No Candidate

### [ZONE C \(Hamilton to Rosa Parks Blvd.\)](#)

W. Boston Blvd. Michael Mowers

Chicago Blvd. Pierre Haden

Longfellow Tina Patterson

Edison No Candidate

At Large Felecia Pryor

### Balloting at Annual Meeting

Ballots for contested Directorships will be provided to residents upon check-in at the Annual Membership Meeting by the Nominations Committee. Each resident is validated (shows proof of residency such as government-issued ID, utility or bank statement) then receives a numbered ballot and updates are made to the Master Roster accordingly. Balloting procedures will be verbally explained to the members present at the meeting. Procedures explained will include (but are not limited to):

- Voting is limited to active members, who pay dues and live within the District
- There will be a maximum of two votes per household
- Ballots violating either of the two requirements above will be discarded
- The time and place where ballots are to be submitted (6:30-8:15 pm at the Annual Meeting)
- The identity of the inspectors who will tally the votes

Residents are given an opportunity to hear a brief 2 minute presentation from each candidate reviewing their platform. Time will be monitored. The residents then vote, folding the ballot such that the votes are hidden and only the ballot identification number is visible. The ballot is then placed in a secure receptacle, which is to be kept in plain sight at all times. The three appointed election inspectors shall take the ballot receptacle to a secure area for tallying. Ballot tabulation will be handled solely by election inspectors.

### Announcement

Balloting results will be announced at the meeting by the President as received from the election inspectors. The election results will be posted on the HBEA website within 3 days of the Historic Boston-Edison Association Annual Membership Meeting.

### Your vote counts at the upcoming Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 23, 2018

If you cannot attend the Annual Membership Meeting, an absentee ballot can be requested by every active member household. Voting shall be by individual adult members, at least 18 years of age, with a max of 2 votes per household. DO NOT DUPLICATE BALLOTS.

### Absentee Ballots and Notification

Absentee ballots will be made available to dues paying members upon request to the Executive Secretary, Marilyn Mitchell, by email [mitchell140@comcast.net](mailto:mitchell140@comcast.net) or phone 313-617-5989. The Executive Secretary will number ballots and record requesting active member households. Absentee Ballots are to be returned to the Executive Secretary at 140 Edison St. on or by 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, the day of the Annual Meeting in a sealed envelope. The name, address and unique Absentee Ballot ID should be on the OUTSIDE of the envelope for each voting member. All duplicates with the same Absentee Ballot ID will be discarded. Only ballots with unique Absentee Ballot IDs will be tabulated and must match the documentation. The Executive Secretary will deliver the Absentee Ballots to the Nominating Committee members at the Annual Meeting, along with the log of identifying information which specifies the household of origin of each Absentee Ballot. The Absentee Ballots will not be opened until the Annual Meeting, when they can be witnessed by the election inspectors. Residents who have submitted Absentee Ballots will be noted on the Master Roster used to check-in all voters to prevent dual submission.

# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Major Seminary

*\*See more details and information inside.*

## Historic Boston–Edison Association Board of Directors | 2017–2018 Directory

### Zone A | Woodward-Hamilton

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#### W. Boston Boulevard

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#### At-Large

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### Zone B | Hamilton-Rosa Parks (12<sup>th</sup>)

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#### Longfellow Street

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#### At-Large

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### Zone C | Rosa Parks (12<sup>th</sup>)-Linwood

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#### At-Large

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Are you receiving Boston-Edison emails for neighborhood events? If not, email us and we will add you right away! Email: [info@historicbostonedison.org](mailto:info@historicbostonedison.org)

Care to share on the BE Discussion Google Group? (For HBEA Dues-Paying Members) Email: [discussion-boston-edison@googlegroups.com](mailto:discussion-boston-edison@googlegroups.com) to join or contact us at [info@historicbostonedison.org](mailto:info@historicbostonedison.org) and we will add you.

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