



# WE NEED YOU!

## AUGUST 2018

### Dates to Remember:

**AUGUST 11**

Arts &amp; Crafts Fair

**AUGUST 11-12**

Attic Sale

**AUGUST 25**

Picnic in the Park

**SEPTEMBER 20**

HBEA Happy Hour

**OCTOBER 3**

Sounds of Music - Concert 3

**OCTOBER 17**

Fall Membership Meeting

**NOVEMBER 15**

HBEA Happy Hour

### HBEA Needs You: Volunteer And Help Our Big Dreams Come True!

Some neighbors bring a lot of ideas or questions about why we don't do this or that. Other neighbors remember the activities we used to have and ask why we don't do those things now. We have a lot of great ideas out there, but not enough champions to facilitate and implement them.

HBEA is asking for your help. We have the following committees that you can join and/or participate in one activity the committee is working on:

1. Under the Clean and Safe focus area we have the Beautification, Security and Zoning committees.
2. Under the Engagement focus area we have Membership activities such as the Attic Sale, Preservation Fair, Picnic, etc. as well as dues collections.
3. Under the Fund Development focus area, we have the Holiday Home Tour, VIP Twilight Tour, Sounds of Music and grants and resources.
4. Under the Operations focus area we have Finance and Public Relations.

You can participate face-to-face or via conference call. You can just do one specific activity. We have a lot of work for you, and a place for everyone. If you love to write, we need writers from time to time. We are looking to start a Welcome Wagon and will need neighbors who are friendly communicators and would love to greet new neighbors and present them with a welcome basket. We also need help setting up the HBEA tent at events, for example, or other small but important tasks.

In other areas we need graphic designers for helping us with the layout, design and production of our print and digital products; design and assistance with merchandise we sell at events; volunteers to handle the HBEA check-in table at events; and lead new activities, to name a few areas where we need your help!

If you can help in a big or small way, email our general inbox at [info@historicbostonedison.org](mailto:info@historicbostonedison.org) and we will connect you with the proper committee or chairperson. This is your neighborhood, get involved and help our Big Dreams become a reality.

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



Dianne Bostic Robinson  
*HBEA President*

### HBEA Officers for 2018-2019

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Dianne Bostic Robinson

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Michael Mowers

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**Secretary**

Tina Patterson

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Raymond Landsberg

### Dream Big 2.0

By the time you read this many of us will have attended graduation celebrations and other events where a common theme is always to DREAM BIG. Since being re-elected as your President by the Board, and as I approach a milestone birthday, I find myself being more and more reflective in so many ways and continuing to dream big about our neighborhood.

I ask myself, are our dreams for Boston-Edison being actualized as we look at our mission and vision?

#### Historic Boston Edison Association (HBEA) Mission

The mission of the Historic Boston-Edison Association is to protect the historic character and values of our homes by:

- Offering programs that support safety and community beautification;
- Hosting events that encourage a greater community bond among neighbors;
- Promoting culture and civic engagement for residents who live within the District and beyond.

#### Vision Statement

The Boston-Edison District is a historic community that is beautiful, inclusive and safe for neighbors and visitors.

As you look at the many different activities being planned and the goals of committees, such as our Membership and Beautification committees, this year promises to realize more of our big dreams.

Last year I asked you to imagine your dreams for our neighborhood, and this year I am asking you to do so again. What part will you play? Because of your involvement, will your children remember the wonderful time they had at the Picnic in the Park or the Easter Egg Hunt? Will they cherish memories of how their Boston-Edison neighbors congratulated them on their many accomplishments as they grew up in our neighborhood?

In your golden years will you have fond memories of the friends you still have from the neighborhood and the fun times had at Hops in the Alley, Caribbean Festival, or Oktoberfest?

One of my dreams continues to be neighbors talking or waving to each other as they are walking, jogging, or riding their bikes.

In the last newsletter, and at the May Annual Meeting, we were able to share with you some of the goals that were accomplished last year. I hope you will join me and the Board to see what we can accomplish this coming year. Your participation, small or great, within your block clubs and neighborhood committees will assure our dreams are accomplished and that we can continue to Dream Big for a better Boston-Edison.

Your Servant Leader,

Dianne Bostic Robinson  
*HBEA President*

### Welcome New Board Members!

Please welcome the newest board members that were voted into their positions at the Annual Membership Meeting.

<p><b>Erik Hill</b> Zone B - W. Boston Blvd. ehill@historicbostonedison.org</p>	<p><b>Felecia Pryor</b> Zone C - At Large fpryor@historicbostonedison.org</p>
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## New Activities, Summer Successes

From a Caribbean feast to ice cream and a movie in Voigt Park, the Membership Committee has had a summer filled with fun events.

### Caribbean Night

On June 30, amidst record-challenging heat, the Membership Committee held the first ever Caribbean Night at 2214 Longfellow. This event drew a crowd of young and old, children and grandchildren alike, with the fun lasting beyond sunset.

The perfect weather for a day in the islands, the food was likewise fitting of a Caribbean summer evening and was without doubt the main attraction of the night. On the menu: jerk chicken, oxtail, curry goat, rice, cabbage, and plantains. No one in attendance left with an empty or unsatisfied belly, but rather plates full of food to further enjoy at home.

Rounding out the evening were bright colored décor, fresh fruit, straw umbrellas, tropical cocktails, and reggae music to cement the island vibe, with the authenticity affirmed by a Jamaican native in attendance.

Thank you to host Tina Patterson and family and all who attended and assisted with making the event a success.



### Double Feature: Ice Cream Social and Movie Night in the Park

The initial overcast couldn't dampen the fun of the Ice Cream Social and Movie Night in the Park! While the committee has held the Ice Cream Social in Voigt Park annually, this year the event had a double feature, adding a movie screening at sunset.

The most popular and heavily attended Ice Cream Social in years, neighbors, including seniors, dogs, and dozens of kids, came out to enjoy complimentary scoops of ice cream with a diverse choice of toppings. The faithful crowd then stuck around for popcorn along with a showing of the 2017 movie version of "Jumanji," with most staying well after dark until the very end.

The event was an absolute smash hit and provided a wonderful summer evening for all to enjoy. Though ice cream and staying up late for a movie are pinnacles of summer vacation for youngsters, as one neighbor said, "The adults had just as much fun as the kids!"

A grand thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the company of fellow neighbors and made this event such a success. Thank you to the committee members and neighbors in helping to organize this event, and to our volunteers and attendees in helping us clear out of the park. The organization of this event was a true team effort, and the membership committee is proud to bring this spirit of fellowship and fun to the neighborhood.





## HBEA Annual Picnic in the Park

Join us for an afternoon filled with food, prizes, games, Pooch Parade\*, Dessert Contest, children/youth activities and of course, neighbors both new and established on Aug. 25 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The picnic will take place in Voigt Park (at Third between Longfellow and Edison). Rain or shine.

We will continue our tradition of colored beads to represent each street and to see which streets bring out the most neighbors. Let's see which street will win this year with the most neighbors attending. There will be special beads for our new neighbors, so they are easily identified, and we can give them a BIG Boston-Edison welcome.

Jackson Five Catering will again deliver a delicious offering of hamburgers, hot dogs, basic side dishes and beverages. Vegetarian options will also be available. In exchange for providing the meal, we are asking neighbors to volunteer to bring a dessert, and if you'd like, to participate in the dessert contest.

Pooch Parade will begin promptly at 1 p.m. There will be raffles every hour starting at 2 p.m. for all attendees and additional raffles for dues-paying members. There will be a lot of great raffle prizes!

### Dessert Contest

Enter your signature cake, pie, cookie or other sweet treat for a prize and bake-off bragging rights in our second annual Dessert Contest! A panel of judges will select winners for each of the categories below and picnic attendees will select Overall Best Dessert! Dessert Contest Categories include:

- Youngest Baker
- Best Dessert You Can Eat with No Teeth
- Bacon! Bacon! Bacon! Dessert
- Best Vegan Dessert
- Best Use of Fruit or Vegetable

Make sure there is enough to be divided into small portions for about 50 tasters. Winners will be featured with their dessert in the next HBEA newsletter, on our Facebook page and receive a \$25 gift card!

If you are planning to enter a dessert into the contest, let us know in your RSVP and then bring it to Voigt Park between noon and 2:30 pm.

### Wear Your HBEA Swag!

Be sure to wear your HBEA apparel! Don't have any yet? You are in luck! Boston-Edison T-shirts will be available for purchase.

### Please Register

In order to plan accordingly we would like to know how many neighbors will be attending. Please visit [www.historicbostonedison.org/B-E-Events](http://www.historicbostonedison.org/B-E-Events) and click the "Register" button for the Picnic in the Park 2018 event. Bringing friends from outside the neighborhood? We ask that those guests donate \$5 each for adults, \$3 for children over 5.

If you have any questions or would like to enter the Dessert Competition please email [picnic@historicbostonedison.org](mailto:picnic@historicbostonedison.org).

*\*We do ask that after the completion of the Pooch Parade dogs be taken back home to be mindful of your dog's tolerance with other dogs and people. We want this to be a safe and friendly event!*

## Get Involved!

The Membership Committee proudly offers a variety of events for our diverse neighborhood to enjoy by way of your \$40 membership dues, which also offers special discounts to events, such as the Attic Sale. Want to volunteer for an event or find out more about the committee? Contact us at [membership@historicbostonedison.org](mailto:membership@historicbostonedison.org).



## Attic Sale and Arts & Crafts Fair

We are halfway into summer, which means it's almost that time again! One of our most popular HBEA events, the annual Attic Sale returns on Saturday, Aug. 11 and Sunday, Aug. 12. This year, the event continues its growth, as it has maintained buzz and anticipation on social media since the 2017 sale ended!

Additionally, in line with enhancements to our other events, this year's Attic Sale features an Arts & Crafts Fair in Voigt Park on Aug. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Neighbors will be featured among the participating vendors, as well as other local artisans.

Clean out that closet to make a few bucks, venture out to score unique goods, and come out to the park to support your fellow neighbors and their talents!

For more information, visit the Events page at [www.historicbostonedison.org](http://www.historicbostonedison.org), or contact Event Chair Pierre Haden at [phaden@historicbostonedison.org](mailto:phaden@historicbostonedison.org) or [artsandcrafts@historicbostonedison.org](mailto:artsandcrafts@historicbostonedison.org).



## Neighbor Chosen for Kresge Artist Fellowship



Congratulations to our "Sounds of Music" Music Director and West Boston resident, Michelle May, who was chosen as one of 22 artists (out of over 450 applications) to receive a 2018 Kresge Artist Fellowship. The Fellowships are administered by Kresge Arts in Detroit, a program of the Kresge Foundation, and is in its 10th year. Kresge Artist Fellowships are \$25,000 "no-strings-attached" awards with professional practice opportunities for emerging and established metro Detroit artists. Fellowships are awarded based on:

- A demonstrated track record of artistic achievement and high-quality work.
- The potential to grow and advance in their artistic career.
- The potential to reflect, enhance or impact communities within metropolitan Detroit.

Michelle was recognized for her work not only as an individual artist, but also the impact she has had on the community through her teaching and presenting of concerts.

## Neighbor Receives Special Recognition

The Arab American Women's Business Council recently named Boston-Edison's Mary Zatina, of Chicago Blvd., its 2017 Arab American Business Woman of the Year. The recognition, bestowed in late 2017, is given to outstanding Arab American women who possess:

- Record of consistent professional or business accomplishment
- Leadership positions in her profession or business
- Record of community activism, involvement or leadership

Congrats Mary on your achievement!

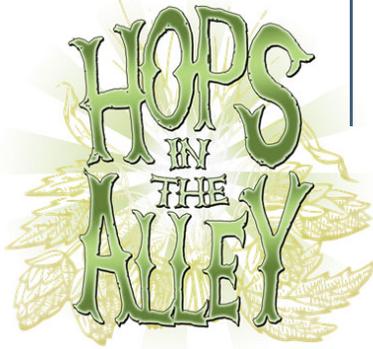
## Company is Coming!

We have several upcoming public events that will bring thousands of visitors to our community. You're invited to be a part of the "welcoming committee" that will assist in presenting our great neighborhood at its best.

Place your Courville and recycle container out of sight

Remove debris and litter  
Help with cleaning up any nearby vacant properties

Park vehicles off of the street



## Hops in the Alley: A soggy success!

Our second annual Hops in the Alley, although a bit damp, was a great success! The alley was a bit waterlogged so folks were shifted into the Mowers' backyard and garage. Even with the rain over 40 neighbors came out with their rain coats to enjoy each others company over a nice cold glass of beer and some coney dogs.

A big thank you to our hosts Pierre Haden and Michael and Greg Mowers.



## Neighbors Turn Out and Clean Up For Motor City Makeover

Thank you to the volunteers who came out to help clean our wonderful neighborhood. The morning air was crisp – perfect for mowing lawns, picking up garbage and trimming back bushes. The Motor City Makeover is a yearly event in which neighborhoods throughout the city participate. Pay attention for the details next spring. We would love to see an even greater turnout in the years to come!

## DUES | Have You Paid?

You might have noticed that dues notices recently went out. We send them out several times during the year. BUT, we really need dues paid at the beginning of each Association fiscal year. Our fiscal year goes from May 1 to April 30. Although dues are not prorated, we will gladly take your payment any time during the year.

As more neighbors pay, we can raise more funds for more activities and projects that benefit Boston-Edison. While we have not raised Association dues, the cost of doing business has risen, and the goals neighbors want the Association to fulfill have increased. As a result, the Board is looking to raise dues for next year. We will continue to demonstrate that we use your dollars wisely. We hope you can also see where your dues go, and if you don't know please ask me or a Board member.

Thank you to the growing number of residents who contribute more than the \$40 payment to become Glided Givers.

Again, if you have not paid your Association dues please do so now. We all benefit and appreciate when you pay, and it helps us to fulfill our shared vision for the neighborhood.

## Moms, Get Connected!

Attention Boston-Edison Moms (and Dads)! There is a Facebook group for parents in the neighborhood to connect for play dates, babysitters, mom/parent dates, and general parenting tips and advice.

Search for “BoEd Moms” on Facebook and request to join our group. You can also email Alyse Wesorick at [alyse.wesorick@gmail.com](mailto:alyse.wesorick@gmail.com) to request access to the group.

*This group is not managed by HBEA.*

## The Designer's Show House opens Sept. 15 at the Fisher Mansion

The Designers' Show House of the Junior League of Detroit will be open to the public starting Saturday, September 15 through October 7. The opening gala, Friday Sept 14th hosted by Shinola.

Tour tickets are on sale at [www.aspiremetro.com/fishermansion](http://www.aspiremetro.com/fishermansion).

The Show House designs feature 31 prominent designers and landscapers from across the country who were carefully selected to transform the interiors and gardens of the Charles T. Fisher Mansion. Design partners/sponsors include ASPIRE DESIGN AND HOME (media), Kohler, Benjamin Moore, Scavolini, and Dekton.

This will be the Junior League of Detroit's 22nd Designers' Show House. This biennial event is the JLD's largest fundraiser and is an extremely popular public event. The proceeds support the JLD's many community programs including grants, scholarships, our key initiative Project EAT (Education, Access and Tools), along with helping to support our community agencies Forgotten Harvest, Cass Community Services, Wayne State University and The Empowerment Plan.

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## Saying Goodbye to Longtime Neighbors

### Ross Lamar Fowler Jr.

CDR Ross Lamar Fowler Jr., U.S. Coast Guard Reserves (retired), a longtime neighbor of Boston Blvd, died July 12, 2018, at age 88.

Our dear neighbor was the beloved husband of B. Yvonne Fowler, father to Jennifer Greene Stevens, M.D., (Charles Stevens), L. Conrad Greene and Thomas J. Greene III (deceased); brother of David Lamar Fowler; grandfather to William Stevens and David Stevens; and uncle to Greg L. Fowler, Gary L. Fowler, Shelley M. Fowler, David M. Fowler and many other nieces and nephews.

He is remembered as a loyal and contributing member of our neighborhood for decades. He will be missed by many neighbors and Boston-Edison friends.

### Nathaniel Duff

Nate Duff, a beloved and longtime neighbor on Chicago Blvd., was also a long-time business owner, who was affectionately called 'Nate the Great' by his friends. Born April 18, 1940, he passed away Tuesday, May 8th.

In 1969, he bought Byron's Flowers in Highland Park, and became one of the first African-American members of Florist Transworld Delivery Association (FTD). He worked for over 45 years until he was forced to give up the career he loved so much due to his Alzheimer's diagnosis. Nate the Great is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 53 years, Patricia, and his three children Natasha, Damian, and Nicole.





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## PICNIC IN THE PARK

Sunday, August 26, 2018  
1:00 - 4:30 p.m. in Voigt Park

## SOUNDS OF MUSIC - CONCERT 3

Wednesday, October 3, 2018  
7:30 p.m. featuring Gerard Gibbs and RYZ

## FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, October 17, 2018  
7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Major Seminary

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