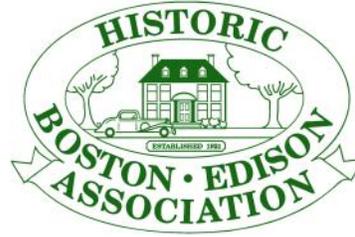


JANUARY 2016



Dates To Remember:

MARCH 16

Spring General Meeting

MAY 7

Home Preservation Fair

MAY (TBD)

HBEA Annual Meeting & Elections

2016 "SOUNDS OF MUSIC" HOUSE CONCERT SERIES

MAY 7

Classical String Trio featuring Velda Kelly, Romona Merritt and John McLaughlin Williams

AUG 6

Summer Jazz Party featuring Gospel-Jazz group Zamar

OCT 1

Folk-Rock featuring Jill Jack
Free Children's Concert TBA



Volunteers Needed:

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

41st Annual Home Tour—one for the record books!

The 2015 Holiday Home Tour, on Sunday, Dec. 13, set an unprecedented record for ticket sales, selling out in less than one day! The VIP Preview Party, held on Dec. 12, also set a ticket-selling record, with tickets gone within two days. It is inspiring to see all of the interest in Boston-Edison!

We are very grateful to our five homeowners who so graciously welcomed our many guests into their beautiful homes:

*Robert and Melissa Jasper -Boston
Mick and Melanie Veach -Boston
Sam Szabla -Longfellow
Larry and Wanda Gaines -Longfellow
Paddy Lynch -Arden Park*

The Seventh Annual Holiday Home Tour VIP Preview Party was hosted by Robert and Melissa Jasper at their home, also known as the Albert Rose residence. One hundred sixteen guests came out to enjoy a "sneak peek" of the five homes that would be on tour the next day. The evening included valet parking from Four Star Valet, a buffet provided by Ovations Dining Services, including gourmet desserts from the Whitney Restaurant and artisan cheeses from DeVries and Company, music from the Chris Canas Blues Band, and motor coach shuttle service by Great Lakes Charters. The Jasper's home was beautifully decorated, with extra holiday touches put in place by LaShee Floral Designs.

An event such as this would not have been possible without all of the wonderful volunteers, vendors and advertisers. A special thank you goes to First Merit Bank, whose generous donation helped us provide a night to remember. In addition, our thanks to: Debbie Baldwin (event chair), Michelle May, (event co-chair) Deniera Davis and her staff (setup and cleanup), Gracie Brown (docent coordinator), Tom and Bob DeLaura and Yvette Pinchem-Stewart (transportation coordinators), Four Star Valet, Cost Plus Wine, C&N Party Rental and all of the volunteer docents and tour guides.

For the Sunday tour, we would like to thank all of the volunteers, tour guides, docents, transportation coordinators, cookie bakers and refreshment providers (including monetary donations). Special thank-you to:

Gerald Polk, Jack Seavitt, Karen Seaman, Mary Konopka, Victoria Koski, Marcia Pilliciotti, Brian Cecon, Gracie Brown, Debbie Baldwin, Chris Schim, Jerald Mitchell, Michelle May, Greg Sikora, Cleo Hamilton, Tina Patterson, Rebecca Hicks, Dianne Bostic-Robinson and Michael Mowers. As always, we are grateful to Sacred Heart Seminary for allowing us to use their facility.



A heartfelt thanks

Thanks so much to everyone on the Reception Committee for the Home Tour, as well as, thanks to all of the neighbors in Boston-Edison who donated cookies and/or cash.

Everything went smoothly and, as always, we had fun. Special thanks to Mary Konopka for walking the Committee through the steps to be successful without her!

From the "Cookie Monster"





From the HBEA President *Debbie Baldwin*

Here's to looking forward to a prosperous and rewarding year.

Last year, we saw homes that had been vacant sell for significant increases over recent years and that brought new residents who are now proud homeowners here in Historic Boston-Edison. We had unprecedented ticket sales and responses to our Home Tour, VIP Party and Home Concert Series which along with dues, contribute to supporting our neighborhood (security, newsletters, beautification projects, etc.).

The success that happens is not a solo act and there are many who make it happen. So, thank you to the Historic Boston-Edison Association Board of Directors and volunteers for everything they do make us a premier and prestigious Detroit community.

Also, thanks to the residents and volunteers who assisted in making our Holiday Home Tour events so successful – Paddy Lynch, Wanda & Larry Gaines, Sam Szabla, Melanie & Micheal Veach and Melissa & Robert Jasper.

Our committees also get a big thank you for the work they do year-round. If you haven't joined one, new members and ideas are always welcome.

While you're at it, consider running for a seat on the Board. All five seats in Zone A are up for election in 2016 and we hope to count your vote at our May meeting.

Stay warm and safe! I hope to see all of you at our Spring General Meeting in March!

2016 Historic Boston-Edison Association election cycle

In a few months, all of the Zone A director positions will expire. Zone A is comprised of the homes bordered from Woodward to Hamilton and Boston Blvd to Edison St. Next year, Zone B positions will expire. Therefore, it's time to consider how you might want to apply your time and talents to the mission of the Historic Boston-Edison Association. We are currently riding a wave of intense interest in Boston-Edison, and a board position is a great way to participate in leading the way forward. There is always great need for people with specific expertise in development, governance, public relations, finance, and even spectacle! There is plenty of room for creative types, behind-the-scenes people, and folks who can work a crowd.

Each position is elected for a 3-year term. Specific duties are outlined in the Bylaws, but a brief synopsis would be that the Director represents his/her 'zone' of neighbors with a goal of advancing the mission of HBEA. This includes attending monthly meetings of the Board (except July/August) and participating in the activities of the association. While we are just now trying to quantify the time requirement, it looks like most board members spend about 6 hours per month on various activities. Obviously, big events like the Holiday Home Tour takes much more especially during crunch time. Also, the Board then elects officers from its own ranks, and these positions are for 1-year terms.

Start asking your neighbors now to find out who is going to run. For a more detailed description of duties and the process involved, check out the HBEA website www.historicbostonedison.org. You can also contact Mike Morgan, Nominations Committee Chair, at 313-868-0581 or email mmorgan@historicbostonedison.org.

To bee or not to bee...

In the past, we have hosted a Garden Tour—where homeowners welcomed guests into their garden or yard for the day. Guests purchased tickets with proceeds benefiting HBEA. We would love your thoughts around resurrecting this event. We could open it up to backyards with ponds, have a tented vendor area, and/or team up with realtors hosting open houses. Send your thoughts or ideas to: kseaman@historicbostonedison.org



Your vote counts
at the upcoming Annual
Membership Meeting & Board
of Directors Election in May!



Announcing an increase in patrol hours for 2016!

The Security Committee is very excited to announce an increase in the private patrol service for 2016. We would like to send out a great big thank you to those who have teamed together to support the private patrol service here in our community.

Residents of HBEA and Atkinson pay \$35 monthly for private patrol service, which actually benefits everyone when you consider that having a patrol car circulate through our blocks deters criminal activity. For the past several months we received 60 hours a week for our subscriber count.

WE HAVE RECENTLY ADDED ENOUGH NEIGHBORS TO BOOST THAT TO 64 HOURS, and with 15 more sign-ups, we can add a full eight-hour Sunday shift. If you have been thinking about joining us, let January be the month you get involved. <http://www.historicbostonedison.org/patrol.shtml>

We would also like to thank our dedicated Boston-Edison Radio Patrol (BERP) volunteers. If you can find four hours a month to drive, observe or work as a base operator at home, they would love to have you. There is an application that has to be completed since BERP works with the Detroit Police and all volunteers require a background check. For more information go to <http://www.historicbostonedison.org/berp.shtml> or call 313-869-2757.

Lastly, we want to give recognition to HBEA for their on-going focus of supporting security efforts in our neighborhood. This is your dues money at work. HBEA provides an annual donation to BERP to assist in covering some of their costs not reimbursable by the city. HBEA also provides funding to support an increase in private security hours during times historically higher crime rates. The latest funding provided 92 additional patrol hours for the December Holiday Security Blitz.

The Security Committee will be launching another round of neighborhood walks to talk to neighbors about concerns and to engage them in some of the above activities. Watch for us when the weather breaks in the spring. Keep in mind, if you wish to contact us we have an email for all your security concerns, security@historicbostonedison.org.

Home Preservation Fair: save the date and lend a hand?

The 2016 Home Preservation Fair is set for **Saturday, May 7, 2016**. It will be held from Noon to 5pm in the gymnasium at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, located at Linwood and Chicago Blvd.

Due to the intense interest in Boston-Edison, we expect a great turn out of a variety of vendors as well as people wanting to know more about preserving historic and older homes. Additional information will be posted on the HBEA website As soon as it is available. If you know of a vendor with expertise in areas of repair and restoration of historic homes, let us know and we will send an invitation. We are always on the lookout for experts who come well recommended.

The steering committee could use volunteers to present a fun, informative, and interesting event. Do you have a flair for design? Are you friendly and like helping at a registration desk? Are you good at typing, organizing, and following up? Contact Mike Morgan at (313) 868- 0581 or (preferred) mmorgan@historicbostonedison.org for more information.

BERP strives to put up to 7 shifts out per week. That's 14 hours of extra patrol. Think of what they could do with more volunteers!

Visit the BERP page on the Boston-Edison website!

LIGHTS ON FOR SAFETY!



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

Start Tonight!

‘Chicago Lodgers’ cap off the year with block club fun

Submitted by: Dianne Bostic Robinson, Board Member Zone B, President of the Chicago Lodgers Block Club

As the fall season brought occasions for frolic and fun, the Chicago Lodgers Block Club not only participated but invited the rest of Chicago Blvd Zone B to join. Members of Restore Church continue to be welcomed friends of the Chicago Lodgers and joined several of the activities. In October a Halloween Party was held and neighbors were invited to hand out candy either at their own homes or the home of the block club president. Several HBEA Board members attended the party and/or donated candy that was handed out. Dianne and Fred Robinson’s gigantic spider web and spider was a big hit.



In December, and in partnership with HBEA Chicago Blvd. Zone C., lampposts on Chicago from the Lodge to Linwood were decorated with a common theme of garland and bows. Under the leadership of HBEA Board members Dianne Bostic Robinson, Debbie Baldwin,

Kimberly and Lawrence Williamson, funds were collected from Zones B and C. We thank those who donated for the costs of the material, even neighbors from other streets. A special thanks to those who helped us put up the

decorations and those who removed them. Thank you to the Chicago East Block Club for always sharing their great wealth of knowledge and planning.

The Chicago Lodgers held its annual holiday party in the lovely home of Sloan Herrick and Will Kennedy. Neighbors in Zone B on Chicago Blvd were invited to participate. Also, officers and committee chairs were nominated for January’s elections.

Under the leadership of Susan Hanafee, the Chicago Lodgers were joined by members of Restore Church, to sing carols in Zone B on Chicago Blvd. and Boston Blvd. Along the way, other neighbors joined the group in caroling, especially at the homes of our seniors. Several neighbors offered us candy canes, and took pictures.



WHAT’S HAPPENING ON YOUR BLOCK? Email: newsletter@historicbostonedison.org

Longfellow ‘Christmas Crawl’

Submitted by: Larry Gaines, President of the Longfellow Block Club

One night, one block, four homes decorated to the "nines"! Yes once again it is the movable feast we here on Longfellow (between Woodward & Second) call “The Christmas Crawl”. Four of the homes volunteered from our block essentially host a one-hour party with food, drink, and good cheer. After an hour is up, the entire crowd moves down the street to the next household. The intensity (and the crowd) builds right up to the fourth and last home. The menu is divided into appetizers at the first home, salads at the second, entree at the third, and dessert at the fourth. "Beverages"

abound at each stop and a great time is had by all – residents and their guests alike!





Bulk Trash and Yard Waste—there is a difference

The City of Detroit has contracted Advanced Disposal to collect garbage, bulk items, yard waste and recycling for houses in our area. You may have noticed, traveling through the neighborhood, that there has been some confusion on collection of *bulk trash* and *yard waste*.

What is the difference between bulk trash and yard waste?

Bulk trash includes items that are too large to fit within the Courville refuse container. Examples of bulk items include furniture, appliances, air conditioners, hot water tanks, carpeting, mattresses, large toys, etc.

Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, shrubs, twigs, and branches.

Yard waste is not collected in the winter months!
Residents can be fined by the city for leaving yard waste on the curb. Read this article to find out [what to do with your yard waste now.](#)

When is bulk trash and yard waste collected?

Bulk trash is collected year-round. Bulk trash is collected every other Thursday throughout the Boston-Edison neighborhood. This year collection dates start on Thursday, Jan 14. On weeks containing holidays (New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day), collection is delayed until Friday.

Yard waste is collected from mid-April through the end of November. **There is no curb-side yard waste collection from December through mid-April.** During collection season, yard waste is collected every other Thursday, on the same dates as bulk trash collection.

How should *bulk trash* be prepared for curbside pickup?

Bulk items should be no more than 1,000 pounds or exceed one cubic yard in volume. Before placing items on the curb, remove doors from appliances, and remove all liquids, food, chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

Remodeling and construction debris are not considered bulk items, and will not be picked up. Household hazardous waste, such as flammables, explosives, paint, batteries, hazardous or medical wastes, fuel, oil, needles, radioactive materials, and chemicals, are also not considered bulk items.

How should *yard waste* be prepared for curbside pickup?

Place grass clippings, leaves, and small twigs (less than two inches in diameter) in biodegradable paper lawn/yard bags. **Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.**

Place larger branches and twigs (up to 4 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length) in securely tied bundles. Bundles should not weigh more than 60 pounds.

Large stumps, dirt, gravel, sod, dead animals and animal waste are not considered yard waste and will not be collected.



When and where should bulk trash or yard waste be put out?

Both bulk trash and yard waste should be at the curb by 7am on the day of collection, but no more than 24 hours beforehand. Bulk trash and yard waste should be placed at least 3 feet away from other objects, and if both are put out at the same time, they should be separated from each other.

What can be done with yard waste in the winter, when curbside pickup is unavailable?

Individual bags of yard waste may be placed inside the Courville container for weekly pickup. Do not overfill the Courville.

Residents can take yard waste (and bulk trash) to any of the five DPW drop-off locations. The closest drop-off location to Boston-Edison is the Davison Yard, located at 8221 W. Davison. The Davidson Yard is open during the winter from Tuesday – Saturday, 8:30am to 4pm (but closed from Noon to 1). Spring/summer hours start in April, and are 10:30am to 6pm (closed from 2:30 to 3:30). Residents need proper ID, and may only drop off one load per household per day, not to exceed one cubic yard or 1,000 pounds.

What if waste is put out on the curb at the wrong time?

According to the City of Detroit, leaving waste on the curb at inappropriate times is a blight violation. The city can levy a fine of \$100 to \$1,000 per day, as well as charging for the cost of collection.

Is more information available?

Advanced Disposal’s website is at: <http://tinyurl.com/DetTrash>



Did you know city ordinances require all homeowners to clear the snow from the public sidewalks adjoining their property? Removal is required within 24 hours following each snowfall. You can be ticketed by the city for failure to clear the snow. In addition, the postal carriers can refuse to deliver your mail if you do not shovel your sidewalks and/or clear your steps of snow and ice. Be a good neighbor and make our neighborhood sidewalks safe for us all.



B-E Trivia: He was born on Feb. 7, 1926, in Alabama. At age 12, his father lost his post office job and the family moved to Detroit. After attending public schools, he enrolled at Howard University at 16 but transferred after a year to the University of Michigan, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1945 and a medical degree three years later.

He trained as a psychiatrist at the Menninger Clinic in Topeka, KS, and served in the Army during the Korean War, attaining the rank of captain. Back in Detroit he established a private psychiatric practice and taught at Wayne State University. He lived at 2200 West Boston Blvd. In the mid-1960s, he was hired to run San Francisco’s Child Psychiatric Clinic. He and Dr. Price Cobbs, another black psychiatrist in the city, created the Pacific Psychotherapy Lab. It was there that they authored, "Black Rage," a study of the "psychic state of Black America." After serving as chairman of the department of psychiatry at Meharry Medical College in the early 70s, he started a psychiatric practice in San Diego. He retired in the 90s and died on Sept. 2, 2015. One of his sons is the famous Hollywood actor, David Alan. **Who was he?**
(Answer on p. 8)

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.

Jennifer Ross | (313) 224-8907 | Rossj@detroitmi.gov; Audra Dye | (313) 224-6543 | DyeA@detroitmi.gov

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

HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 02100, Detroit, MI 48202

Website: www.historicbostonedison.org | Email: bostonedison@gmail.com | Hotline: 313.883.4360

Trivia Answer: William H. Grier

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-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 (313) 883-4360 Security *Mailbox 3



Historic Boston-Edison Detroit



Instagram

[bostonedisondetroit](https://www.instagram.com/bostonedisondetroit)



[@BostonEdisonDet](https://twitter.com/BostonEdisonDet)