

MARCH 2016



Dates To Remember:

MAR 16
Spring General Meeting

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MAY 7
Home Preservation Fair

MAY 7
SOUNDS OF MUSIC:
Classical String Trio

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Elections

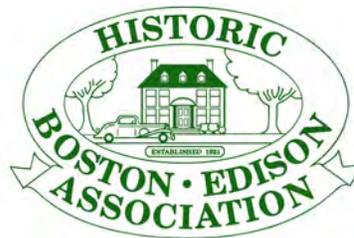
JUN 18
SOUNDS OF MUSIC:
Free Children's Concert

AUG 6
SOUNDS OF MUSIC:
Summer Jazz Party



Volunteers Needed:

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



Come one, come all...HBEA SPRING GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday, March 16, 2016

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. | Check-in begins at 6:30

Sacred Heart Major Seminary

*Linwood at Chicago Boulevard - Enter at the
guard gates on Linwood*

Working on our homes and building a stronger neighborhood!

All Boston-Edison Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Come meet, share and learn. Take part in important discussions that will help set the course for our community. Our agenda includes:

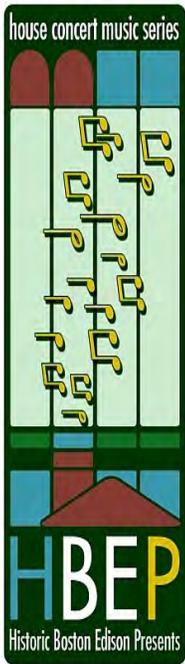
- A historic district legislative update from Preservation Detroit *plus* a Panel Discussion and Q&A with folks in the know
- An update on the M1 Rail project and what to expect in 2016 and beyond
- Information from Advanced Disposal including details about lawn and bulk pick-up
- A few words from Captain Nick Kyriacou and NPO Office Barber from the Detroit Police Department
- Details about upcoming Boston-Edison events

Let us know if you have specific questions regarding any of the above topics.

Email them to membership@historicbostonedison.org and we'll work to get them answered for you!

Light refreshments will be served and active HBEA Members (2015 dues payers) will be entered into a **BIG door prize drawing** (hint: the prize will help you with a current home improvement project)! Not paid up on your dues? No problem – you can pay at the door. There will also be a general door prize drawing for all attendees.

The Spring General Meeting is also the perfect time to connect with the HBEA Board and get engaged! If you've thought about getting involved before or if you're new and interested in volunteering, there are lots of exciting events coming up and we need YOU to help make them a huge success. We hope to see you there!



Sixth Annual “Sounds of Music” House Concert Series

Spring is finally here and what better way to celebrate than attending a wonderful musical concert in a beautiful Boston-Edison home!

The sixth annual “Sounds of Music” series kicks off with a classical concert on May 7 featuring a string instrument trio. The trio includes Velda Kelly on violin (Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Michigan Opera Theatre, and Chamber Music at the Scarab Club) GRAMMY-award winning violinist and conductor John McLaughlin Williams, and violist Romona Merritt (Detroit Symphony Orchestra). You won’t want to miss our very popular summer jazz party on August 6 featuring the jazz/gospel sounds of the Zamar Jazz Band. We will close out the series on October 1 with the folk rock sounds of the award-winning singer/songwriter, Jill Jack.

Tickets are \$45 per concert or \$40 per concert if you are purchasing all three concerts in the series. The August and October concerts start at 7:30 p.m.; the May concert will begin at 3 p.m. Home addresses will be provided with ticket purchase. Tickets will go on sale March 20.

We will also continue our tradition of having a Young People’s Concert, sponsored by the Robinson Realty and Management Group, showcasing some of the top young talent in the area. The high-energy performance of the Detroit Youth Concert Choir will inspire the audience with their expert interpretations of various styles of music. Tickets to the Children’s Concert are FREE! The Children’s Concert is June 18th from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Community Social Services, located at 9851 Hamilton (between Glynn and West Boston) with light snacks served.

We are sending out a call for interested advertisers or sponsors! Your ad and/or sponsorship will be acknowledged during the concert, in our music concert program booklet, on our Web page and in our social media pages (Facebook, Twitter). Our rates are affordable and you can earn FREE TICKETS to the concerts!

For complete information about the concert series, including the artists’ biographies, advertising/sponsorship contract and for purchasing tickets, visit historicbostonedison.org/calendar/concert.shtml



Zamar Jazz Band



Jill Jack



Kelly, Merritt & McLaughlin Williams



Detroit Youth Concert Choir

Zone A is in the Nominations SPOTLIGHT

This Spring, all of the Director positions for Zone A (Woodward to Hamilton) will be open for nominations. Active members may run for their street, or for the at-large position. The Association depends on the expertise and enthusiasm of its members to carry out its mission. Would you like to get more involved? Would you like to make a difference? Do you have ideas or projects that you'd like to see happen? Then run for office.

Besides being current in your dues, you would commit to attending the monthly Board meetings (except for July and August), Spring and Fall General meetings, chair one major committee or event, attend the mandatory orientation (date TBA) and agreeing to our Code of Conduct. Get your nomination form off the HBEA website and start the conversation with your neighbors!

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

Upcoming Membership Events

HAPPY HOUR



Membership is hosting a Happy Hour at Mercury Burger Bar on Thursday, March 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. Come out to meet your neighbors and have a bite with the Membership Committee as we toast the end of March. First five active members get a complimentary beverage!

Mark your calendar now for the rest of 2016- HBEA Happy Hours will be the third Thursday of odd months. Let us know if you have suggestions for locations to host our happy crowd!

SLOW STROLLS

Are you tired of being stuck in your house all winter? Do you want to meet the people around you? Do you get awestruck looking around the neighborhood? Well, we have something for you! Join us for a gathering of neighbors to walk the beautiful streets of Boston-Edison. We are piloting this idea but need your participation to make it successful. Our first gathering will be Tuesday, March 22 at 6 p.m. (weather permitting). All ages welcome so bring the wagons and strollers! If you're not up for the walk, bring your lawn chairs out and we'll come say hello.! Meet at Chicago and Rosa Parks to head east, or jump in and join the group as we walk!

HOP ON DOWN

Join your neighbors for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26 at Noon in Voigt Park. Bring the kids out for this fun, free event. To be included in further email communications about this event and others, be sure to join our mailing list – see page 8 for more details.



PROUD TO "B-E" BOSTON-EDISON

The Membership Committee is looking to order new merchandise to help you show your love of our historic neighborhood. Let us know what kind of swag you'd love to sport and we'll work on getting it for you. Totes for Saturday trips to Eastern Market? Sweatshirts to keep you warm at home? What about a mug to show your BE pride at work? If you have ideas, email membership@historicbostonedison.org

MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE

Join the fun!

**Let's build a strong
neighborhood by getting
to know each other!**

People are egg-cellent!





Safety Starts with You

Recently, there have been reports of crimes in the neighborhood, where in many instances, neighbors were aware of the activity or even knew who was behind it, but did not report anything.

By reporting any suspicious activities, suspicious persons, or suspicious vehicles, you are disrupting a criminal action in progress or preventing it from occurring in the first place.

If a crime has already occurred, reporting it to the Detroit Police Department and Boston-Edison's Dusing Security puts fellow neighbors on alert to watch and to protect themselves.

Active neighbors "on the lookout" can catch a suspect in the act and report it.

As individuals, we must be responsible for ourselves, but as neighbors, we can be responsible for each other.



Interested in a Home Preservation Fair this Spring?

If so, volunteer a few hours so we can make this event a reality. HBEA stages this event every few years to introduce homeowners and tradespeople to each other so that high quality restoration can be achieved in our beautiful neighborhood. Saturday, May 7th is the target date.

Volunteers can contact Mike Morgan via email at mmorgan@historicbostonedison.org or call 313-868-0581. Potential vendors can contact Jim Hamilton, james.hamilton@wayne.edu or check out the HBEA website for more information. Help us put on a great fair in 2016.

Finance! Finance! ...Someone has to do it

The HBEA Finance Committee, since its inception almost two years ago, has been hard at work. We have been writing down and amending prior financial practices, and developing new policies and procedures. With assistance from the Finance Committee, all HBEA Committees are expected to adhere to the same consistency in planning and expending their budget, and in evaluating their budgeted projects. Monthly income and expenses are reviewed to ensure our stewardship of Association funds. We are looking for a few new members who have an expertise in investments. Also neighbors who have expertise in finance, budgeting, and accounting are invited to join us too.

Please contact Dianne Bostic Robinson at (313) 477-0264, or email dbosticrobinson@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.

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.



From the HBEA President *Debbie Baldwin*

Our neighborhood desperately needs your support. All it takes is a few minutes to send a letter to state and local officials to stop the proposed legislation that would adversely affect the Boston-Edison community and all historic districts in Michigan.

Recently, legislation has been introduced into the Michigan legislature that would severely undermine a local government's ability to protect areas of historic significance, such as Boston-Edison, from insensitive development or demolition. That means that like other historic neighborhoods, Boston-Edison would be without the protections that help preserve the distinction that helps boost our property values and makes this a desired community for existing and future homeowners.

Please take a few minutes and write a personal message explaining why this issue is important to you. To get you started, visit historicbostonedison.org for a sample letter. You can add your own personal message to it and email or mail it to Gov. Rick Snyder, your state legislator, Mayor Mike Duggan and the Detroit City Council. Together, we can save our neighborhood and our historic designation.

Introducing...Brick + Beam Detroit

Brick + Beam Detroit is a new community organization to support building rehabilitation and historic preservation in Detroit. B+B will do this by providing support to everyone at all levels who is doing the work. Check out B+B at brickandbeamdetroit.com.

The Brick + Beam web site provides support by sharing knowledge about how to do rehabilitation and preservation the right way. Besides that, B+B is forming a community of people who all are facing and solving the same problems in their building rehabilitation and preservation. By sharing stories and experiences, hosting workshops, and providing answers, the Brick + Beam community is providing the encouragement and reinforcement you need to get going or keep going. **Here are some ways you can use the B+B web site:**

Brick + Beam has a DIY Resource Library that has videos, articles, how-to's, and infographics that provide answers and that help get projects done. The site already has many resources, and these are accumulating steadily.

Ask a Question in the Q&A Forum Stuck on a challenge? Need to know what to do or how to do it? Need a contractor recommendation? Or help out others with their questions. Lend your expertise and first-hand experience.

Brick + Beam hosts helpful events B+B workshops demonstrate how to do things. B+B social events are an opportunity to meet others who are doing rehab and preservation. Share stories. Find encouragement. The web site also publicizes rehab-related events hosted by other groups.

Add your building to the "Brag your Rehab" map. Show the Brick + Beam community what you have done. This also will show where vital reinvestments are taking place across the city! Sharing your building's projects will encourage fellow rehabbers see comparable price ranges, learn from your experience, and meet neighbors.

Brick + Beam is a 2015 Knight Cities Challenge winner and is made possible by support from the Knight Foundation. The project is a collaboration among the Michigan Historic Preservation Network, Detroit Future City, and Preservation Detroit.



**Be on the lookout for
HBEA Dues Notices
Please consider
contributing a tax-
deductible \$40 to keep
this informative
newsletter and other
benefits in our
neighborhood going!**

Some Trash Isn't "Trash"

Some of our trash will not be picked up by Advanced Disposal. What kinds of "trash" won't be picked up, and more importantly: what can you do with it?

Trash that is Too Big

Most trash items that won't fit into a Courville container can be placed on the curb for bulk trash collection or yard waste collection (see the January 2016 Boston-Edison Newsletter). Advanced Disposal will pick up one cubic yard of bulk trash (about the size of a refrigerator). If you have more than that, you can put it out a little at a time.

Otherwise, you can take these large items to one of the Detroit DPW drop-off locations. There is no charge for residents with proper identification. The closest one to Boston-Edison is the Davison Yard, located at 8221 W. Davison (near I-96). The Davison Yard is open Tuesday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – noon and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. through the end of March. Summer hours, beginning in March, are 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Construction/Remodeling Debris and Large Tree Stumps

Advanced Disposal will not pickup construction/demolition debris or large tree stumps, and the Davison Yard will not accept these either. You will have to take these items to a landfill. The closest two are both near I-275 at Michigan Avenue:

Republic Services Sauk Trail Hills Development Landfill (Republic Services), 5011 S. Lilley Rd. – 734-397-2790

Woodland Meadows Recycling and Disposal Facility (Waste Management), 5900 Hannan Rd. – 734-326-0993

Call these facilities for hours and prices.

If you are not able to take large items to the Davison yard or to the Wayne County landfill, you can find local companies that will haul it for you.

Hazardous Trash

Trash that is classified as hazardous cannot to go into Courville containers or into bulk trash. The list of prohibited items includes:

- Household hazardous waste (paint, solvents, fertilizers, pesticides, etc.)
- Automotive waste (engines, batteries, fuel, motor oil or fuel)
- Home repair and cleaning products (glues, caulk, cleansers, polishes)
- Mercury thermometers
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Batteries
- Ammunition and explosives
- Smoke detectors

You can take most hazardous items directly to the City of Detroit Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Receiving Facility at 2000 E. Ferry Street (near the I-75 and I-94 freeways).

For Detroit residents, there is no charge. The HHW facility is open year-round, but only Monday through Friday, and only from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To make an appointment, call (313) 923-2240. See <http://tinyurl.com/DetroitHazard> for more information. The HHW facility accepts all hazardous waste listed above except ammunition/explosives and smoke detectors.

For other kinds of hazardous waste, disposal gets more complicated. Wayne County's Department of Public Services publishes a guide to disposal or recycling of all kinds of hazardous and household waste. These include the waste listed already, as well as

- Ammunition
- Asbestos
- Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs or Freon) from refrigerators and air conditioners
- Medical waste
- Smoke detectors
- Tires

The guide also includes information on places to recycle specialized items. See the Wayne County guide at <http://tinyurl.com/WayneWaste>.

For further detailed information on specific hazardous waste removal, the Michigan DEQ has detailed information on its website at <http://tinyurl.com/MichHazard>.



Speaking of Trash...

In response to the concerns shared at our Fall General Meeting regarding litter throughout the neighborhood, the HBEA Beautification Committee will be purchasing a few trash receptacles that can be distributed through the neighborhood. If you are interested in adopting (emptying) a bin for your street or corner please contact Kimberly Williamson @ 313.747.6811.



B-E Trivia: He was born in 1870 and ordained in 1892 by the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio. He served as rabbi of Congregation Temple Israel from 1892 to 1899, where he gained a reputation as an eloquent and idealistic preacher. In 1899, he began his career as rabbi of Temple Beth El, Michigan's first Jewish congregation. He is credited with inspiring congregational participation and turning the small temple into a thriving organization. He organized the children's choir, the children's Sabbath morning service, Torah studies for young people, a women's auxiliary, a Young People's Society, and the publication of a regular Temple Bulletin.

He was the community's Jewish Ambassador. His philosophy reflected the goals of classical Reform Judaism: to integrate Jews into the American community, so that they might be considered as Americans who believe and practice the Jewish faith. He was a good friend of his neighbor Henry Ford, who earlier in life had been anti-Semitic, and greatly influenced Ford's thinking. He lived at 26 Edison from the early 1910s until his death in 1948.

Who was he? (Answer on p. 8)

LIGHTS ON FOR SAFETY!



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

Start Tonight!

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Trivia Answer: Rabbi Leo M. Franklin

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



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