

MARCH 2017



Dates to Remember:

MAR. 16

HBEA Happy Hour

MAR. 29

Spring General Meeting

APR. 1

Home Preservation Fair

APR. 15

Easter Egg Hunt

MAY 6

Sounds of Music Concert

MAY 18

HBEA Happy Hour

MAY 31

HBEA Annual Meeting



Volunteers Needed:

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

GET ON BOARD!

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Get Involved as a Historic Boston-Edison Association Board Member

In May, the Historic Boston-Edison Association will hold elections for the Board of Directors positions for Zone B (Hamilton to Rosa Parks) to represent each of W Boston Blvd, Chicago Blvd, Longfellow St, Edison St, and At-Large, as well as for Zone A (Woodward to Hamilton) At-Large.

Here is your chance to not only volunteer, but to have direct input in the operation of the organization and outreach of your community. This is a prime opportunity to meet and collaborate with neighbors, as Board Members guide the direction of the Association and plan many events and activities to connect, inform, and engage residents of Boston-Edison and guests from around the community.

Nominating petitions will be available soon, with the nomination deadline set for April 15. Check our website, historicbostonedison.org, for more information, and look for further details via email (sign up here: historicbostonedison.org/contact.shtml). Good luck to all interested candidates!

Spring General Membership Meeting

R1 Zoning and What it Means to Live in The Historic Boston-Edison District

All Boston-Edison Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Take part in an important discussion that will help clarify often misunderstood details about our designation as an R1 zone. An expert speaker on this topic will be in attendance to participate in this discussion. Come hear answers to questions like:

- Is Airbnb allowed?
- Are renters allowed?
- Can I rent out my house for events?
- Are fraternity or sorority houses allowed?
- Can I have a fundraiser at my house?

To submit questions in advance, please send to bostonedison@gmail.com.

In addition, the agenda will include updates from HBEA Committees, upcoming event reminders, and for the first time, we will break into Zone meetings led by your Association Board/Zone Member. This will provide an opportunity to intimately discuss what is happening with HBEA and express any ideas, concerns, or offer comments on neighborhood improvements.

Light refreshments will be served. Active HBEA Members members (2016-2017 dues payers) will be entered in a BIG door prize drawing!

Finally, the Spring General Meeting is 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 many exciting events coming up, and we need YOU to help make them a huge success. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

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

Sacred Heart Major Seminary

Linwood at Chicago Boulevard

Enter at the guard gates on Linwood

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.

Jennifer Ross
(313) 224-8907
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REMINDER!

April 20th is the FIRST day for yard waste pick-up!

Please do not put your yard waste at the street until then.



A New Year Built on the Richness of our Past 90 Year History

"Every time you tear a leaf off a calendar, you present a new place for new ideas and progress"
-- Charles Kettering



The next chapter in the history of the Historic Boston-Edison Association has yet to be written and will depend on how we all come together to make impossible things possible and incredible.

There are so many ways to help, such as volunteering for neighborhood events or by participating in the Boston-Edison Radio Patrol or by working on committees that keep our neighborhood clean, safe and fun.

The best approach is to do what you can because every effort counts.

With 14 devoted board members and our dedicated volunteer committee members, we are working hard to make sure Boston-Edison continues in the rich tradition of finding new ways to make this a great community.

As we observe 90 years of the establishment of our Association, we are creating more ways for residents to participate on committees and events. Now, if you can't physically attend meetings, you can conference call in sometimes. We hope a wireless speaker phone system in the future will also make it easy for neighbors to participate in meetings.

In addition, you can always send your ideas, comments, complaints, etc. through your Board Zone representative, the Boston-Edison email bostonedison@gmail.com, or by contacting me directly at (313) 477-0264. It's with your feedback and efforts that we can turn impossible to possible.

Thank you to those who are already making that happen. And thanks to Karen Seaman, Larry Gaines, James Hamilton and their committees and volunteers who raised over \$32,000 during the Holiday Home Tour and VIP Twilight Tour.

Money raised from events like that benefit the neighborhood in big ways. For instance, the board budgeted \$10,000 in membership dues to be collected this fiscal year. We budgeted \$13,214 for security blitzes and beautification projects (for example, mowing lots, vacant properties when the homeowner refuses to do so, cleaning and maintaining the beds around the HBEA signs, etc.). Just like balancing your personal budget, the Association depends on every cent to do what is necessary and more.

This year as we honor our rich past we are creating a foundation for incredible achievements for now and the future.

It is a perfect time for us to challenge one another to be a part, in any small or large way, to help write the next 90-year history of HBEA as an era of infinite possibilities.

Dianne Bostic Robinson
HBEA President

Decorating for the Holidays

Residents of the Historic Boston-Edison neighborhood really decorated their homes to help brighten the 2016 holidays. The hard work payed off as many of our guests for the Holiday Homes tour commented on the beautiful decorations.

The Chicago Lodgers Block Club held a holiday lamp post decorating and brunch activity with more than 25 neighbors volunteering to decorate lamp posts from the Lodge to the 12th Street.



The Association paid for the Boston-Edison gateway signs to be decorated and board member Kimberly Williamson and her team provided their labor to make it happen.

HBEA 90th Anniversary Gala

Join us on Friday, April 28, 2017 from 6:30 to 10 pm for an evening of cocktails, dinner, dancing and fun as the Historic Boston-Edison Association celebrates its 90th Anniversary. One of the night's events will be a silent auction featuring the fine goods and services from the Motor City's wonderful merchants and organizations. For example, we already have a commitment from one HBEA resident who is the owner of the Detroit Skate Factory! Get your ticket before they sell out!

Event Details

- Tickets cost \$65 per person - visit our website for information on how to purchase
- Location is Fellowship Banquet and Conference Center, 7707 Outer Drive, Detroit
- The evening will feature Charles Green on keyboard and the group Straight Ahead
- Special Volunteer Recognition Awards
- Special Commemorative Gift
- Silent Auction
- Photos to be taken throughout evening for later downloading

Donate, bid, win: Don't miss out on the silent auction

We are excited to announce a silent auction at the HBEA 90th Anniversary Gala. Come bid on exquisite goods and services from our local merchants and organizations, most with a Detroit theme, including but not limited to spa packages, dining experiences, theater tickets, event tickets, overnight hotel stays, and Detroit Tigers tickets, just to name a few!

Your help is also needed to ensure the success of the auction, by obtaining or donating auction items. Please contact Rebecca Hicks at (313) 662-3825 or rebeccahicks@hotmail.com to receive a silent auction packet that includes a donation form. All donations must be received by April 9.

There are so many ways to donate. When you are patronizing your favorite eatery ask the owner if they are willing to donate dinner for two. Ask the owner of your favorite car wash or nail salon for a gift certificate. Maybe you own a business and can donate an item. Remember small things can be grouped into larger packages. Whatever your donation, it all goes toward making the silent auction a fun event.

Seventh Annual "Sounds of Music" House Concert Series



SAT MAY 6

The seventh "Sounds of Music" House Concert Series continues our annual tradition of presenting top-notch musicians in the beautiful homes of Boston-Edison, with a full buffet dinner and drinks. The series begins with a classical concert on May 6 with the harp duo of **Lydia Cleaver** and **Maurice Draughn**. Our very popular summer jazz party on August 5 features the Latin Jazz sounds of **Soneo**. The season will end with a concert by the world jazz ensemble **Musique Noire** on October 7.



SAT AUGUST 5

All concerts start at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$45 per concert or \$40 per concert if you are purchasing all three concerts in the series. Ten days before each concert, ticket prices will increase to \$55 each or \$50 per concert if purchasing all three. (Note: HBEA dues-paying members are exempt from the higher price. Please contact Music Director Michelle May for more information.) Event location will be provided with ticket purchase.



SAT OCTOBER 7

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 webpage 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, please see this link at on website:

<http://www.historicbostonedison.org/calendar/concert.shtml>

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OF MUSIC



2016 Holiday Home Tour – A Success!

The 2016 Holiday Home Tour, on Sunday, Dec. 11, set an unprecedented record for fundraising for our neighborhood, netting almost double from the previous year! The Committee made some thoughtful decisions with regard to ticket prices, bus capacity and the new format of the VIP Twilight Tour that helped translate into over \$32,000 for our neighborhood! Both events sold out, and despite the heavy snow fall on Sunday's tour day, the majority of ticket holders still participated.

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

Belinda Jefferson & Flora Robinson, *W Boston Blvd*

Robert Wells, *Longfellow*

Alex Alamine & Sunni Sedlacek, *Chicago Blvd*

Dorothy (Dottie) Adair, *W Boston Blvd*

Michael Fisher, *W Boston Blvd*

An event such as this would not have been possible without the 100+ volunteers - tour guides, bus coordinators, docents, reception workers, check-in staff, cookie donors and the list continues! A special thank you to Huntington Bank and Dottie Adair for their generous donations along with our program advertisers.

In addition, thanks for the countless hours dedicated by the 2016 Home Tour Committee: Karen Seaman (chair), Jim Hamilton (vice-chair), Larry Gaines (vice-chair), Dianne Bostic Robinson, Gracie Brown, Deniera Davis, Cleo Hamilton, Michael Mowers, Marcia Pilliciotti, Gerald Polk, Jack and Andrea Seavitt and Greg Sikora Mowers. Also a heartfelt thanks to Alex Alamine, Linda Almon, Katherine Brummel, Tom and Bob DeLaura, Tierney Eaton, Rebecca Hicks, Charee Johnson, Mike Morgan, Mary Konopka, Pamela Miller Malone, Tara Miller, Jerald Mitchell, Andrew Moskalik, Tina Patterson, Chris Schim, and all those that played a part in the Home Tour and VIP Twilight Tour.

And thank you to Paddy Lynch, Arden Park Blvd, who hosted our VIP Twilight Tour

The VIP Twilight Tour began at Sacred Heart Seminary where parking for our guests was free and secure. A fabulous dinner was served and tours began at 5pm for our 150 guests. The evening ended at Paddy's home where guests enjoyed a wine and dessert reception, carolers, and The Tracy Kash Trio band (coordinated by Michelle May). Special thanks to: Deniera Davis and her staff (Events on the Boulevard), Cost Plus Wine (Eastern Market), DeVries & Company (Eastern Market), Jackson's Five Star Catering, Sacred Heart Major Seminary and Trinity Coach.



Home Preservation Fair

Saturday, April 1, from 1-4 pm
Sacred Heart Seminary - Gym

Free for active (dues-paid) HBEA members, \$5.00 for non-members
Visit our website for more information.

Are you in a trade that has expertise in restoring older homes?
Apply to be a vendor. Send an email to mjmdtw@gmail.com.

Bowling with B-E

On February 16th neighbors met at Garden Bowl in Midtown and had a ball! We had some high scores and some low, some fast throws and some slow. Be sure to come and join us next time! Our trophies and certificates went as follows:

Best Youth Bowler: [Logan Merriweather](#)
 Highest Score - Female: [Arlene Golden](#)
 Highest Score - Male: [Cliff Aitch](#)
 Lowest Adult Score: [Beverly Aitch](#)
 Most Awkward Throw: [Trey Greene](#)



Have you paid your dues?

Your \$40 contribution is important and supports the work of our Association. Please pay your dues online today: www.historicbostonedison.org

Historic Boston-Edison Association Board of Directors | 2016-2017

The Historic Boston-Edison Association was founded in 1921 and is dedicated to the protection and preservation of the family residential neighborhood it serves. The geographical boundaries include West Boston and Chicago Boulevards and Longfellow and Edison Streets between Woodward and Linwood Avenues.

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 At Large
Larry Gaines 613-9279

Zone B Hamilton-Rosa Parks (12th)

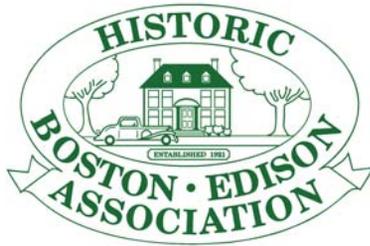
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SPRING GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 29, 2017
7:00pm at Sacred Heart Seminary

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.

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