

2008 GENERAL SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Historic Boston-Edison Association
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2008

OPEN TO ALL HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON RESIDENTS
Sacred Heart Seminary
(Corner of Linwood and Chicago Boulevard)
Detroit, MI 48206

MEETING AGENDA OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE!

Announcement of **Private Security Patrol** Now Available

Get the HBEA Year in Review Presentation ([Powerpoint](#) or [PDF](#) format; 2Mb each)

You asked for it and the Boston Edison board of directors has conducted thorough research into private security options for our neighborhood. A company has now been approved. A representative from Dusing Security and Surveillance will be on hand to speak about patrol specifics, 24 hour monitoring options, and answer any questions you might have.

We need 150 subscribers to get started and have 30% pledged participation to date. This is your opportunity to get more information and sign-up.

ALSO LEARN ABOUT...

- Marketing Efforts to Attract New Residents to Boston-Edison
- The Impact of the Boston-Edison Website on Attraction
- 2008 Spring Beautification Plan

INVITED GUESTS:

Kwame M. Kilpatrick, Mayor City of Detroit

Anika Goss Foster, Director - Next Detroit Initiative

THE HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON ASSOCIATION HOSTS... THE 2008 HOME PRESERVATION FAIR

Saturday, April 19, 2008, Noon to 5:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Corner of Linwood and Chicago Boulevard, Detroit MI

On Saturday, April 19, 2008, City of Detroit residents with older and historic homes will be afforded the unique opportunity to participate in one stop shopping with area home repair/preservation specialists. These pre-screened specialists with knowledge and experience of the needs of historic homes will exhibit their expertise at the 5th Home Preservation Fair presented by the Historic Boston Edison Association.

Invited home preservation specialists, have skills that include:

- Masonry repair and restoration
- Wet Plaster repair and replacement
- Painting of both exteriors and interiors
- Plumbing, heating, and cooling service
- Landscaping
- Window repair and restoration
- Roofing
- Electrical upgrades and updating
- Wood floor refinishing

ATTENTION: RESIDENTS OF DETROIT'S HISTORIC DISTRICTS

You are invited to share the names and contact information of reputable, licensed contractors for participation in the 2008 Home Preservation Fair. Please phone (313) 867-3112 or forward an email via bostonedison@gmail.com.

A representative from the Detroit Historic District Commission will be on hand to answer questions about obtaining building permits or any other matter pertaining to historic. Someone will also be available from the State of Michigan to answer questions about what you must do to get the State historic tax credit for work performed on your home. The tax credit program offers significant tax savings on major projects.

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 2008 Home Preservation Fair will be held in the expansive gymnasium of the historic Sacred Heart Seminary, 2701 Chicago Boulevard at Linwood in Detroit. Free parking is provided via the Linwood entrance. The Fair begins at 12 noon and concludes at 5:00 p.m.

Admission to the Fair is free. A registration fee is required for invited home repair/preservation specialists.

In addition to the exhibiting contractors, informational workshops and community forums on best practices will be presented. Featured topics include, "**How to Hire a Contractor**" and "**Maximizing the Benefit of the State's Historic Tax Credit Process**".

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 2008 HOME PRESERVATION FAIR

THE HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON ASSOCIATION (HBEA)

In partnership with

THE DETROIT HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS COALITION

Presents

"BEST PRACTICES" COMMUNITY FORUMS AND PRACTICAL HOMEOWNER WORKSHOPS

1:30 P.M.

Advocacy Efforts: A community forum designed to discuss effective best practices around how Detroit's historic districts may impact policies and regulations that most impact sustainability. Zoning, code enforcement, initiatives of the Detroit Historic District Commission and the State Historic Preservation Office, etc. will be presented. **Speakers: Mark Reynolds (Indian Village), Bryan Lijewski (State Historic Preservation Office) and Devan Anderson (Detroit Historic District Commission).**

Community Beautification: : A community forum designed to discuss effective best practices around organizing and mobilizing residents for comprehensive clean-up and beautification projects. Resident leaders of various districts will share their experiences of maximizing the annual Detroit Motor City Make-Over spring clean-up as a catalyst for major community renewal. Also, representatives of the Greening of Detroit will share information pertaining to initiatives and options available to organized groups . **Speakers: Ava Tinsley (Boston Edison), Dolores Paskal (Indian Village); Ken Wolfe (Rosedale Park); Rebecca Salminen Witt (Greening of Detroit) and Anjene Cheeks Evans (Neighborhood City Hall-Northend).**

Initiatives and Resources: A community forum designed to discuss and share news about existing and proposed initiatives and funding resources to support the attractiveness, viability and sustainability of Detroit's historic districts. This forum is designed to acquaint and update attendees about such initiatives as the historic lighting plan, NEXT Detroit, LISC Neighborhoods Now and the Woodward Corridor plan and other projects. **Speakers: Jim Hamilton, (Boston Edison); LaDonna Walker Little, (East Arden Park) and Deborah Younger, (Detroit LISC).**

Unoccupied Homes: : A community forum designed to discuss effective best practices around monitoring efforts, maintenance, real estate sale promotions and open houses. Rosedale Park, University District, the Villages and Boston Edison historic districts will share experiences and strategies to stabilize and maintain property values in their areas. **Speakers: Marsha Bruhn (Rosedale Park); Sheu-Jane Gallagher, (The Villages); Brian Ceccon (Boston Edison) and Mary Jo Smith (University District).**

How to Hire a Contractor?: Historic Boston Edison resident Dave Johnson, who has been successful in many "Do it Yourself" home restoration and repair projects will share his successes and failures in hiring contractors. To prevent contractor/homeowner headaches, Dave will share fundamental tips to consider when assessing who is the right person for the work to be performed on your home.

2:30 P.M.

Security: A community forum designed to discuss effective best practices around CB Patrols, private security patrols, Neighborhood Watch, and police and fire community relations efforts. The forum will examine what works for various areas and possible programs/projects to consider for other neighborhood groups. . **Speakers: Victoria Koski (Historic Boston Edison, Zene Gibson (Historic Boston Edison) and Doug Way (Indian Village)**

Insuring Your Historic Home: Market Value vs. Replacement

Value: Walter Gardner, owner of Gardner Insurance Agency, LLC--Farmers Insurance Group will share essential tips to consider when for ensuring that your historic home with all its historic amenities and special features are adequately covered. Does your premium reflect coverage for the current market value or the actual replacement cost of your property? Have you recently made updates or renovations? This workshop may send you scrambling to review the details of your insurance policy - and you should!

Estimate the True Value of Your Home: Research its History! A community forum designed to educate residents about the process and benefits of researching one's historic home. What nuances, architectural and design styles, flooring, tile, lighting fixtures, etc. were common at the time of construction? How do these factors impact the value today? Archive Media Partners will present "How to Find Historic Photographs and Owner Histories". **Speakers: Janet Dawson (Boston Edison); Kim Schroeder (Archive Media Partners and Detroit Historic Neighborhoods Coalition) and Ellen Thackery (Historic Preservation Network)**

It's Large and it's Old. How You Can Really Save on Heating and Cooling Your Historic Home?:George Highgate, Housing Inspector, Energy Educator at Detroit's WARM Training Center, a non-profit organization that provides exceptional technical assistance to homeowners and groups building housing in repairing and maintenance of their property. Don't let another winter or summer catch you unprepared. This workshop is for any energy conscious homeowner who knows there are hundreds of dollars to be saved.

Window Replacement in Historic Homes: What's Up with Wood and Steel Replacement Windows? Jim Turner, owner of Turner Restoration will present timely information on the process involved with determining the best windows for your historic home for aesthetic as well as energy efficient reasons.

NOTE: Capacity is limited for all forums and workshops. Please pre-register by phoning the Boston Edison Hotline: 313. 883-4360 or email us at bostonedison@gmail.com.

HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON NEIGHBORHOOD APPRECIATION DAY! PICNIC IN THE PARK

Please join us
Voigt Park - April 26th, 2008

Tree planting begins along Chicago Boulevard - 10:00 am

- Rain or shine, we will be planting trees throughout the medians from Woodward to Woodrow Wilson
- Please come assist with digging, planting, spreading mulch - or to simply cheer us on!
- Check in location on Chicago and Third

Volunteers Needed! Please email us at detroitneighborhoodproject@gmail.com

CELEBRATION WILL FOLLOW IN VOIGT PARK AT 12 PM

- Food, DJ and fun!
- Everyone is welcome - even those unable to participate in beautification
- Rain date for the celebration - May 10th at 12 pm

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

- Paint a flower pot and take home a flower
- See a Detroit fire engine
- Have pictures taken in fun cut-outs
- Have your face painted

For information on The Neighborhood Project, visit www.detroitneighborhoodproject.org

Hosted by [The Neighborhood Project](#) - A University of Michigan Urban Planning Student Association, in partnership with the Historic Boston-Edison Association and [Greening of Detroit](#).

ATTENTION HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON RESIDENTS

THE 2008 MOTOR CITY MAKEOVER IS HERE!

SATURDAY, MAY 17TH, 2008

8:30 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PEOPLE MOVERS

HOUSE BY HOUSE. BLOCK BY BLOCK. A COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP STRATEGY DESIGNED TO RETURN BEAUTY AND ELEGANCE TO "BO ED"!

- Remove litter and debris around your home from the middle of the street to the middle of the alley.
- Clean alley for overgrowth and weeds to assist Boston Edison private security firm in monitoring any activity in the rear of homes.
- Sweep curbs in front of your home and around the medians (if applicable).
- Discard trash bags and bulk items in dumpsters located in the following locations:
 - 14th & Boston Boulevard
 - 12th (Rosa Parks) & Longfellow Street
 - Byron & Chicago Boulevard
 - Edison & Second Avenue (near Voigt Park)

NOTE: Heavy fines will be levied to property owners who place trash bags, debris or bulk items other than the designated dumpsters.

Need trash bags and work gloves? Pick up at 761 Edison and register for the common area clean-ups to take place in the area.

ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD COMMON AREA CLEANUP

SATURDAY, MAY 17TH, 2008

8:30AM TO 2:00PM

May is Motor City Makeover Month. This year, more than ever, we need volunteers to help clean up and beautify the yards and alleys of unoccupied homes and the public areas. As has been our tradition in Boston-Edison, we will be meeting for a fun day of common area clean-ups (unoccupied homes, vacant lots, freeway service drives, etc) and then a barbecue lunch!

Bring a bunch of friends and, of course, kids are always welcome! Let us know how many to expect in advance by registering at www.peoplemovers.org or calling 313 865-1264.

Please register and pick up tools from the home of Keith Zendler at 671 Edison between 2nd and 3rd. Light refreshments to include a barbecue lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

For common area clean-up projects, please bring:

- Gloves
- Rakes
- Shovels
- Brooms
- Safety Glasses
- Clippers
- Pickup Trucks

We look forward to seeing you!

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS AS A DETROIT HISTORIC DISTRICT
900 DISTINCT HOMES
1905-2005**

2008 ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD ATTIC SALE

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2008
10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**



On Saturday, August 23rd and Sunday, August 24th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. the Historic Boston Edison Association (HBEA) will host its annual neighborhood wide Attic Sale. Over 50 homes will participate in the sale of furniture, clothing, art, household items and more. Located just two miles north of the New Center Area, Historic Boston Edison is a community of over 900 distinct homes.

The Attic Sale is free and open to the public. Please phone the Boston Edison Hotline at 313-883-4360 for additional information.

2008 ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

VOIGT PARK

2:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. RAIN OR SHINE

COME ON OUT!

The Association will provide main course items (grilled hot dogs and sausages, punch and chips).

Residents are asked to bring a dish to share (According to the first letter of your last name)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Food, Games, and Clean-up!
Call Mary Howard
(313) 869.2357

Letter	Dish
A-H	Chips/ Dips, Veggies & Appetizers
I-P	Assorted Salads & Picnic Sides
Q-Z	Cakes, Cookies & Favorite Desserts

Please confirm your attendance and dish to share by phoning Mary Howard (313) 869.2357 If you prefer, you can make a \$5.00 donation per family in lieu of a side dish. Thanks in advance for your participation in making this event a success

- Kid's Korner Bingo
- Meet and greet neighbors
- Smooth Jazz Sounds
- Wheelhouse Detroit Bike Tour
- 50/50 raffle drawing

EXTRA SPECIAL ATTENDANCE PRIZE DRAWING FOR HISTORIC BOSTON EDISON ASSOCIATION MEMBERS!!

Bring this coupon to enter:

Name and Address: _____

You may join the Association on the day of the event. Annual Association dues are \$40.00

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS AS THE DETROIT HISTORIC DISTRICT
WITH OVER 900 DISTINCT HOMES
1905-2005**

**FALL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

**SACRED HEART SEMINARY
(Corner of Linwood and Chicago)
OPEN TO ALL HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON RESIDENTS**

IT'S LARGE AND IT'S OLD.

HOW TO SAVE ON HEATING AND COOLING YOUR HISTORIC HOME!

A Housing Inspector and Energy Educator from Detroit's [WARM Training Center](#) will share valuable tips with residents of Boston Edison about **how to save on energy costs.**

WARM is a non-profit organization that provides exceptional technical assistance to homeowners about repairing and maintaining their properties. Don't let another winter catch you unprepared. This workshop is for any energy conscious homeowner who knows there are hundreds of dollars to be saved.

If you missed this workshop at the 2008 Historic Boston Edison Home Preservation Fair, you will not want to miss this encore presentation!

**BRIEF NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY UPDATE PROVIDED.
ANNUAL ASSOCIATION DUES ARE \$40.00 PER HOUSEHOLD.**

TREE PLANTING

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 11, 2008

9:00 AM

The Greening of Detroit and the City of Detroit's Detroit's General Services Department will be planting 100 new street trees on Longfellow between the Lodge Service Drive and Linwood.

If you WOULD NOT like us to plant a tree in the area between the street and sidewalk in front of your property, please call The Greening of Detroit's Community Forester, Sal Hansen at (313) 237-8733 extension 245 by Friday Oct 10th.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON COMING OUT TO HELP PLANT TREES, PLEASE CONTACT:

Anthony Todd
AmeriCorps VISTA
Volunteer Coordinator
P. 313.237.8733 X239
anthony@greeningofdetroit.com

WHY PLANT TREES?

Find out! Top 5 Reasons Why Trees Benefit Our Environment are on the next page.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!

Please join us! Volunteers should meet at 9AM at the corner of 12th and Edison. Please park on the street. Tools will be provided. Bring gloves if you have them.

WE PLANT RAIN OR SHINE!



TOP 5 REASONS WHY TREES BENEFIT OUR ENVIRONMENT

1. ENERGY SAVER!

Trees give us shade in the summer and protect from cold winds in the winter! The US Department of Energy says that just three trees, properly placed around a house, can save between \$100 and \$250 annually in cooling and heating costs! We may rake up some leaves, but saving money on utilities is a major bonus!

2. CLEANER AIR!

Did you know that Detroit has one of the highest asthma rates in the country? Well, trees can help by reducing some of those asthma causing chemicals from the air. Trees cleanse the air by cooling the air and breathing in airborne particles, taking up such pollutants as carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrous oxide. Trees can store those chemicals in the wood of their trunk! The bonus fact is just one tree can produce enough oxygen for a family of four for one year-and we can't live without that.

3. SOAK UP RAIN WATER!

Trees are thirsty plants. The American Forests estimated that trees drank up 191 million cubic feet of water in 2005-this saves us \$382 million in managing that storm water. The more street trees means less tax money to storm water management. Also, when it rains, oil, grease and other chemicals we use in our cars runs off of parking lots and into the Detroit River where people fish, boat and swim! Trees help reduce pollution in the Detroit River by drinking rain puddles up!

4. BEAUTIFICATION!

Yes, trees are beautiful- but let's be real- trees have the power to increase the value of your house! Over 1300 real estate agents surveyed in 10 states across the USA all said that TREES are one thing that will increase your house value. Why? Because they offer beauty, privacy, help your energy bills and help the environment! Trees are a long-term investment in your home and your community.

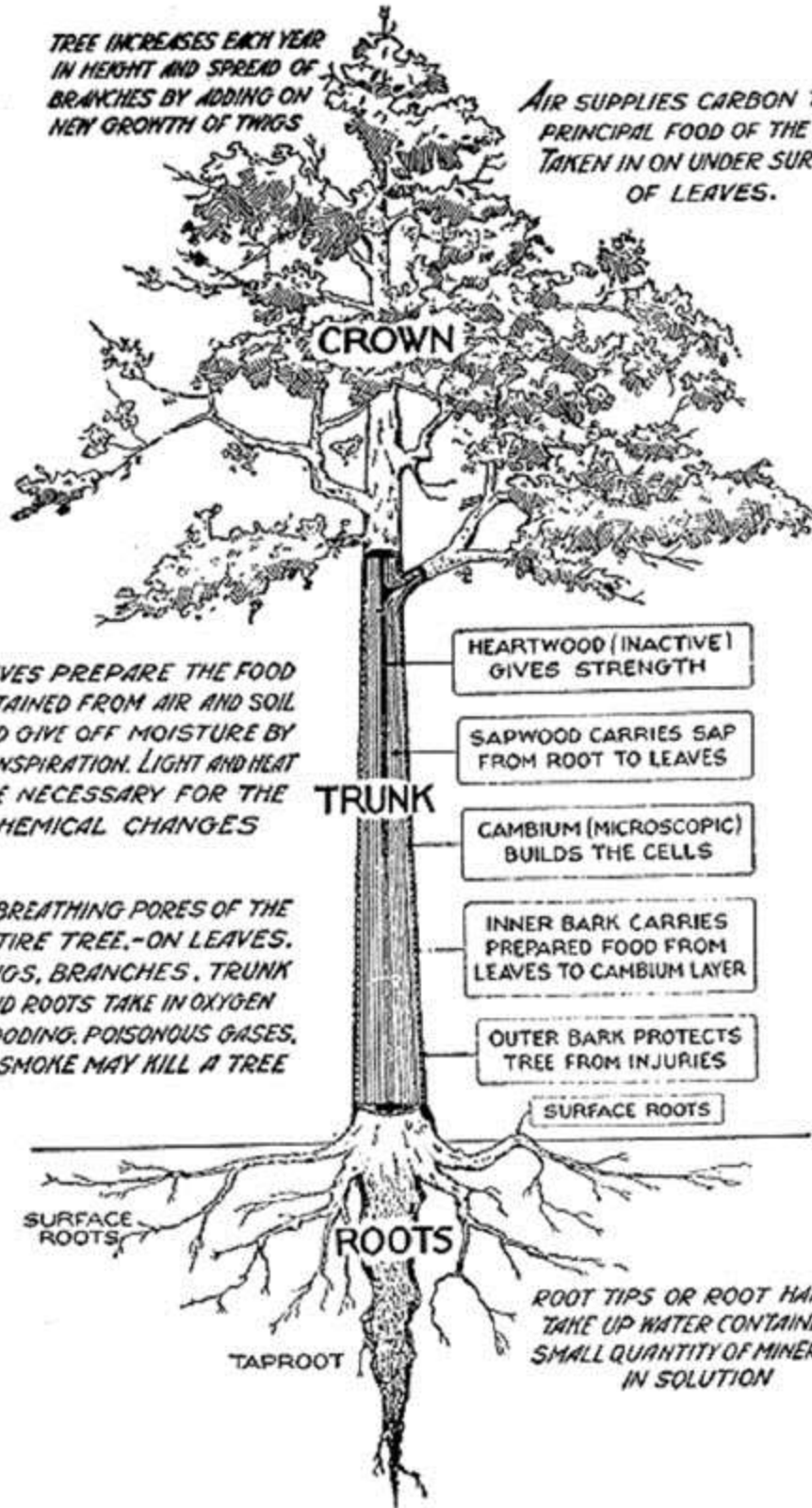
5. BIRDS, BEES AND OTHER NATURAL THINGS!

As trees grow older, they provide a home for many birds and the insects that they eat. Let's take the Red Maple for example. In the spring the buds, flowers, sap and seeds provide a healthy diet and home for the yellow-bellied sapsucker, the red-breasted grosbeak, the red-breasted nuthatch, the pine grosbeak and the evening grosbeak! And that is just one type of tree!

Brought to you by [The Greening of Detroit](#) and our partners at the [DTE Energy Foundation Community Planting Initiative](#)

TREE INCREASES EACH YEAR
IN HEIGHT AND SPREAD OF
BRANCHES BY ADDING ON
NEW GROWTH OF TWIGS

AIR SUPPLIES CARBON THE
PRINCIPAL FOOD OF THE TREE
TAKEN IN ON UNDER SURFACE
OF LEAVES.



LEAVES PREPARE THE FOOD
OBTAINED FROM AIR AND SOIL
AND GIVE OFF MOISTURE BY
TRANSPIRATION. LIGHT AND HEAT
ARE NECESSARY FOR THE
CHEMICAL CHANGES

THE BREATHING PORES OF THE
ENTIRE TREE.-ON LEAVES,
TWIGS, BRANCHES, TRUNK
AND ROOTS TAKE IN OXYGEN
FLOODING, POISONOUS GASES,
OR SMOKE MAY KILL A TREE

ROOT TIPS OR ROOT HAIRS
TAKE UP WATER CONTAINING
SMALL QUANTITY OF MINERALS
IN SOLUTION

**DETROIT'S HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON
ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER**

Friday, May 16, 2008
7:00 p.m. Dinner.

THE HISTORIC GEM & CENTURY THEATRES
333 MADISON AVENUE
DETROIT, MI 48226

Tickets: \$40.00 - Advance Purchase Only (Cash or Check)
Business Attire

Featuring Pianist Marvin Thompson, Jr.

Contact the Board Member in your zone for tickets.