

# HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON ASSOCIATION 2012 SPRING GENERAL MEETING

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2012

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

## MEETING OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE

2012 Spring Strategic Initiatives: Beautification. Security. Zoning to Increase Home Values in the Neighborhood

- Private Security Patrol (DSS) New Subscriber Incentives
- Marketing Efforts Underway to Fill the Unoccupied Homes
- 2012 Spring Beautification Plan
- 2012 Blight Amnesty Announcement - Avoid A Zoning Violation Ticket!

## SPECIAL INVITED GUESTS:

- Detroit Land Bank Authority
- Citizens Bank – Matching Grant Program

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## JUST IN TIME FOR SPRING 2012

### THE DAFFODIL PRINCIPLE

~ANONYMOUS~

Several times my daughter had telephoned to say, "Mother, you must come to see the daffodils before they are over." I wanted to go, but it was a two-hour drive from Laguna to Lake Arrowhead "I will come next Tuesday", I promised a little reluctantly on her third call.

Next Tuesday dawned cold and rainy. Still, I had promised, and reluctantly I drove there. When I finally walked into Carolyn's house I was welcomed by the joyful sounds of happy children. I delightedly hugged and greeted my grandchildren.

"Forget the daffodils, Carolyn! The road is invisible in these clouds and fog, and there is nothing in the world except you and these children that I want to see badly enough to drive another inch!"

My daughter smiled calmly and said, "We drive in this all the time, Mother." "Well, you won't get me back on the road until it clears, and then I'm heading for home!" I assured her.

"But first we're going to see the daffodils. It's just a few blocks," Carolyn said. "I'll drive. I'm used to this." "Carolyn," I said sternly, "please turn around." "It's all right, Mother, I promise. You will never forgive yourself if you miss this experience."

After about twenty minutes, we turned onto a small gravel road and I saw a small church. On the far side of the church, I saw a hand lettered sign with an arrow that read, "Daffodil Garden." We got out of the car, each took a child's hand, and I followed Carolyn down the path. Then, as we turned a corner, I looked up and gasped. Before me lay the most glorious sight.

It looked as though someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it over the mountain peak and its surrounding slopes. The flowers were planted in majestic, swirling patterns, great ribbons and swaths of deep orange, creamy white, lemon yellow, salmon pink, and saffron and butter yellow. Each different-colored variety was planted in large groups so that it swirled and flowed like its own river with its own unique hue. There were five acres of flowers.

"Who did this?" I asked Carolyn. "Just one woman," Carolyn answered. "She lives on the property. That's her home." Carolyn pointed to a well-kept A-frame house, small and modestly sitting in the midst of all that glory. We walked up to the house.

On the patio, we saw a poster. "Answers to the Questions I Know You Are Asking", was the headline. The first answer was a simple one. "50,000 bulbs," it read. The second answer was, "One at a time, by one woman. Two hands, two feet, and one brain." The third answer was, "Began in 1958."

For me, that moment was a life-changing experience. I thought of this woman whom I had never met, who, more than forty years before, had begun, one bulb at a time, to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure mountaintop. Planting one bulb at a time, year after year, this unknown woman had forever changed the world in which she lived. One day at a time, she had created something of extraordinary magnificence, beauty, and inspiration. The principle her daffodil garden taught is one of the greatest principles of celebration.

That is, learning to move toward our goals and desires one step at a time--often just one baby-step at a time--and learning to love the doing, learning to use the accumulation of time. When we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort, we too will find we can accomplish magnificent things. We can change the world.

**DETROIT'S HISTORIC BOSTON-EDISON  
ASSOCIATION  
85TH ANNUAL DINNER AND GENERAL MEETING  
"LUNCH AT THE CLUB"**

Sunday, May 20, 2012

**1:00 - 4:00 P.M. LUNCH**

**DETROIT GOLF CLUB**

**17911 HAMILTON RD**

**DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48203**

**Tickets: Advance Purchase Only \$35.00**

The Detroit Golf Club is one of America's great golf and country clubs. The beautifully wooded two hundred and nineteen acres, rambling Old-English style clubhouse and two 18-hole golf courses are a standing tribute to the prominent group of forward thinking Detroiters who formed the Club over one hundred years ago, in 1899. A warm, friendly atmosphere prevails at the Detroit Golf Club. Members and guests of all ages are almost sure to find something to their liking at this cosmopolitan club.

### **ELECTIONS**

Elections for seats on the HBEA Board in Zone C will be held at this meeting. To nominate someone for a seat, download the 2012 Nominating Petition.

**If you are a dues-paying member of the Historic Boston-Edison Association in good standing and are not attending the lunch, you may vote absentee. To do so, download, fill out and sign, the absentee ballot and return to the HBEA executive secretary (2045 Edison) by May 19.**

### **DETROIT GOLF CLUB DRESS CODE:**

- Gentlemen apparel to include at a minimum, business casual attire of slacks and a collared shirt that is tucked in.
- Ladies are permitted to wear casual/evening gowns, business suits or slacks and shirts with collar if without sleeves, and with sleeves if without collar.
- **NO DENIM ATTIRE OF ANY TYPE/STYLE WILL BE PERMITTED.** If this policy is violated, Detroit Golf Club reserves the right to ask any such guest to exit the Club's premises.

### **CONTESTS**

**"Ladies Hat's Off To Spring" Contest.** Winners will be chosen in three Hat categories – Best Vintage Hat, Most Creative Hat, and Fanciest Hat. Each awarded \$50 per category.

**"Gentlemen's Best Country-Club Inspired Look" Contest.** Whether that's a day on the green or reservations in the dining area- dress to impress. Winners will be chosen in three categories – Vintage, Creative and Fanciest outfit. Each awarded \$50 per category.

No entry required. A secret panel of judges will select the winners.

## **TICKETS**

To purchase your tickets, contact your HBEA director or order via Paypal.

**NOTE: TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED ON OR BEFORE MAY 15, 2012**

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**  
**ANNUAL HBEA NEIGHBORHOOD ATTIC SALE**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 11 & SUNDAY AUGUST 12, 2012**

**9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

**THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS WELCOME!**



Antiques, toys, books, tools, furniture, collectibles, architectural salvage items, household articles, and much more.

Neighborhood-Wide Sale! Come find us just north of Detroit's New Center Area. Obtain Official Maps at 155 Chicago Blvd at 2nd Ave. Look for the balloons at all participating Attic Sale Homes.

For more information, call the HBEA Hotline: (313) 883-4360 or contact us via email us at [bostonedison@gmail.com](mailto:bostonedison@gmail.com)

**NEIGHBORS!**

Register for the 2012 Attic Sale now! Cost to participate is only \$15.

**PICNIC IN THE PARK**

**SEPTEMBER 2012**

An afternoon of food, music, and fun with Boston-Edison neighbors.

**FALL GENERAL MEETING**

**OCTOBER 2012**

Long-term planning in the neighborhood.