



Edison Neighborhood Association

To empower the Edison Neighborhood to maximize the quality life and sense of community

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2013

Community Events



Edison Blossoms:

896 flats of flowers and vegetables were given to Edison's residents to plant in their yards, gardens and on the boulevards to make Edison a beautiful blooming place.

Edison National Night Out:

Over 100 residents attended this year's National Night Out event. Several organizations set up booths with free information and/or hosted youth activities, while everyone enjoyed viewing the police equipment, police dogs, and talking with their public safety officers. Attendees were treated to complimentary pizza.

Edison Dick Bass Award:

Gerry Hoffmann was unanimously awarded this year's Dick Bass Memorial Award in recognition of his tireless dedication and volunteer efforts supporting the Edison Neighborhood Association.

Edison Holiday Food Drive:

Businesses and residents helped by collecting over 530 food items to support families for this year's food drive.



Programs

Ashley Joyce Fire Safety Awareness:

Smoke detectors and pamphlets about fire safety were given to residents in the neighborhood at no charge in order to encourage fire safety in remembrance of Ashley Joyce, a little girl who died in a fire because fire safety precautions were not in place.

Edison Tool Share Program:

287 tools were shared for free with Edison residents, so they could do a variety of property improvement and repair projects.

Edison Hot Spots:

132 Hot Spot sheets were received from residents and forwarded to the City for resolution



Edison Building Blocks:

Edison's Building Blocks projects were hosted on Clinton Avenue. 19 households participated to accomplish 34 exterior improvements in the neighborhood and they volunteered a total of 1,548 hours to the project. Improvements include landscaping, driveway repair, window replacements, door replacements, trash removals, and new porches - just to name a few of the projects completed.

Edison Website:

edisonneighborhood.com. The Edison Neighborhood Association has a PayPal account, to make donating easier and we are now on facebook, LIKE us and tell us why you love Edison.

Edison Voice:

Six issues of the Edison Voice Newspaper were created and sent out via email this year. Are you on the email list?



Edison Post Light Program:

We installed 123 post lights this year.

Edison Go GREEN Deconstruction Program:

Six houses were deconstructed, 13 people trained, and over a ton of materials were recovered that will not be increasing our urban footprint in the landfill.

Edison Clean-Ups:

We hosted three large clean up events throughout the neighborhood this year.

Edison Housing Referral:

198 residents received housing information about home ownership, home repair,

and homelessness programs in the area.

Meetings

Edison Neighborhood Watch:

We hosted 11 Neighborhood Watch meetings this year, giving residents helpful information about crime and safety tools that can be used to make our neighborhood better.

Edison Garden Club:

During the spring, summer and fall, Edison residents met at eight different locations throughout the neighborhood to admire each other's gardens, get helpful planting/growing information, and to share garden plants with one another.

Edison Board of Trustees:

The Edison Board of Trustees met 10 times this year to discuss and vote on issues that affect the neighborhood and your association. Their tireless dedication to making this neighborhood great has been crucial to the success of all the programs, events, and initiatives administered through our organization.

Community Room:

101 people used Edison's Community Room to host family activities and several non-profit organizations used the room to host various activities such as yoga, cooking, and homeownership classes.



Other Activities & Partnerships

This year, the Edison Neighborhood Association partnered with the Kalamazoo County Landbank to host our first ever Holidays in the Square event in an attempt to generate family-friendly business in our Washington Square. We partnered with YOU to host another group of youth with the Summer Youth Employment Program. We have been working with KVCC in their creation of a new campus in the Edison Neighborhood which is scheduled to break ground in 2014. We are working with the Edison Business Association, Edison Mainstreet, Kalamazoo County Landbank and the City of Kalamazoo to create a more pedestrian/bicycle-friendly Portage Street corridor. The Edison Neighborhood Association building received some upgrades as well, including a new roof, a exterior paint job and other minor updates.

Thank You! Thank You!

The Edison Neighborhood Association couldn't do all the work we do without grants and financial donations. We would like to thank the following: All Colors Plus Painting, Barnard Building & Construction, Building Blocks of Kalamazoo, Chemical Bank, Citizens Republic Bank, Karl Freed, City of Kalamazoo, Edison Business Association, Edison Neighborhood Association Board of Trustees Members, Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, Kalamazoo Community Foundation, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, United Way, Wild Bunch.

This year we had 313 people volunteer 4,185 hours to better the Edison Neighborhood. We would like also to thank each and everyone of you. We couldn't do all that we do without your donated labor, materials, and supplies.

If you are interested in volunteering, making a financial contribution, or have a great idea for making Edison a better place. Please contact Tammy Taylor at 269.382.0916 or edison@chartermi.net.