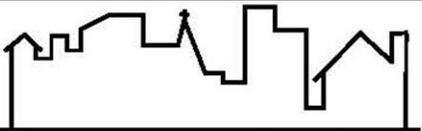


# Edison



## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### Annual Report for 2015



#### Community Events

##### **Edison Blossoms:**

1,350 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 300 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:**

Steve Dupuie 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:**

Edison collected 692 food products to help support families during the holiday season.

#### Programs

##### **Edison Tool Share Program:**

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

##### **Edison Hot Spots:**

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

**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. To date we have 455 LIKES.

##### **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 Clean-Ups:**

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

### **Edison Housing Referral:**

217 residents received housing information about home ownership, home repair, and homelessness programs in the area.

### **Edison Building Blocks:**

Edison's Building Blocks projects were hosted on Lane Boulevard. 27 households participated to accomplish 43 exterior improvements in the neighborhood and they volunteered a total of 1,948 hours to the project. Improvements include landscaping, driveway repair, window replacements, door replacements, trash removals - just to name a few of the projects completed.

### **Washington Square:**

We were able to connect with several volunteers who helped clean-up sidewalks and plant flowers. We also were able to add some flower planters, picnic tables, garbage cans, bike racks in Washington Square.

## **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 8 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:**

98 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, tax preparation, and homeownership classes.

## **Other Activities & Partnerships**

This year we had 323 volunteers donate 3,024 hours to Edison. We partnered with the City of Kalamazoo to create a user-friendly graffiti abatement ordinance with Graffiti Kits that residents can sign out. We hosted two Summer Youth Employment Groups in partnership with YOU and the City of Kalamazoo for the summer. The new KVCC Healthy Living campus is built and ready for classes. Portage and Mills Streets were milled and re-stripped with a center turn lane and side bike lanes. We helped create a new Farmers Market Plan. We've been partnering with several organizations and businesses to include weekend family fun activities in Washington Square.

It's been an amazing year for the Edison Neighborhood. So many awesome things are in the works for 2016. If you would like to share your ideas, serve on a committee or the board, volunteer at the office, please contact Tammy Taylor at 269.382.0916 or email [edison@chartermi.net](mailto:edison@chartermi.net) and find out how.

