

Boston-Edison homes open to tour visitors

Seven beautiful homes in the historic Boston Edison area, decorated in traditional holiday dress, will be open to the public on Sunday, Dec. 19 between 1 and 5 p.m.

Advance reservations are required and may be made by sending a check to the Detroit Historical Society, 5401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202, or stopping by the Society office Tuesdays through Friday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Beginning Dec. 4, tickets will also be available in the Old Detroit Shop of the Museum on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$4 per person (children under 10 years of age \$2). Please note your preference of an early or late tour.

Parking will be available on Second Avenue and around Voigt Park and as a shuttle bus will be available it will not be necessary to walk more than a couple of blocks between houses. Also as numbers are restricted, there will be no outside waiting in line.

Homes to be visited are Rackham-Franklin; Storer; Hereford; Tilton-LaRose; Johnson-Barri; Larrore-Van Der Grienot; Dunk McBride and Moore-Kosnik. All of these houses were built in the early 1900's and the second floors may also be visited in three of the homes.

A guide will be assigned to each group who will point out interesting features and there will also be a booklet distributed for personal reference. As in the past refreshments of holiday goodies; hot gingerale and coffee will be served at the Moore-Kosnik home.

The walk is under the joint sponsorship of the Detroit Historical Society and the Boston Edison Historic Association.

The Boston Edison district is the largest historic district in the country and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the State Register and the Detroit register.

Christmas star: What was it?

Astronomers believe the famous Christmas star that led the Magi to Bethlehem could have been a comet, a nova, a grouping of planets or even a meteor. All possibilities will be explored during Cranbrook Institute of Science December planetarium demonstrations.

Holiday Skies and the Christmas Star programs will be at 4 p.m. Wednesdays; 2, 3, 4 and 5 p.m. Saturdays; and 3 and 4 p.m. Sundays during the December holiday season. Demonstrations will be at 2 and 3 p.m. Dec. 27, 28, 29 and 30.

Uncertainty over the exact date of Christ's birth, liberal scholars and historians estimate it to be between 7 B.C. and 4 B.C., makes it difficult to identify the Star of Bethlehem by astronomical records. But the various possibilities will be projected on the domed ceiling of the planetarium.

Planetarium demonstrators also will recreate the skies that were seen over Bethlehem about 2,000 years ago, discuss the winter solstice and the show the stars and planets visible this year on holiday nights.

Cranbrook Institute of Science, 500 Lone Pine Road, is a natural science museum that conducts research and offers classes for adults and children. It is a division of Cranbrook Educational Community, which also includes Cranbrook Schools and Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Oakland County Parks and Recreation NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a public hearing to discuss the second phase of a development plan for Waterford Oaks County Park.

Phase II will consist of: vehicle entry drive, parking for 140 cars, 4 lighted tennis courts, 4 lighted shuffleboard courts, 10 lighted horseshoe courts, comfort station, administrative building and landscaping.

Interested persons may appear and be heard by said Commission at 7:30 P.M., EST, November 30, 1976. Said hearing will be held at Waterford Oaks Activities Center, 2900 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford Township, November 24, 1976.

E. Frank Richardson, Chairman, Oakland County Parks & Recreation Commission

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Members of the Wayne State University Dance Workshop are: Cindy Dobleske, left front; Connie Aiken of Birmingham, right front; Eva Jablonowski, dance workshop director, left rear; and Patricia Fuchs. The group will give four performances for Royal Oak elementary school children later this month.

Cities share artists

Persons from the Birmingham and Troy areas are furnishing a good part of the artistic talent to launch a cultural arts program sponsored by the Royal Oak IFA Council.

Joy Taylor Skiba, chairperson for the project, happily reports that Connie Aiken of Birmingham is among the members of the Wayne State University Dance Workshop who will give four performances for elementary students in Kimball High School auditorium, Nov. 29 through Dec. 2.

With the help of a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts, painter Jo Anne Westerby of Troy will be artist-in-residence for the month of January. She will be the guest resource person in art classes under the direction and supervision of regular art teachers. An exhibit of paintings by Mrs. Westerby, a former Royal Oak resident, on Jan. 7, at the Royal Oak Library, ties in with her duties in the school.

Then, next March, fifth and sixth graders and junior high pupils will attend a performance of "Macbeth" by Henry K. Martin's Classic Theatre for Youth at the Michigan State Fairgrounds auditorium. Martin is a Birmingham resident who has long been active in bringing live theater to the metropolitan area, in late years, especially theater for children.

Mrs. Skiba said that another program which is two-way is the Picture Lady one in a number of Royal Oak elementary schools. The mother-volunteers for this mini-art appreciation counsel are all trained through the program sponsored by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association.

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Governor William Milliken has officially dedicated November to promoting energy conservation through increased public awareness of energy problems.

Throughout "Energy Month" everyone is encouraged to find and share new ways to conserve energy.

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Ventilate with an attic exhaust fan in hot weather to lower your air-conditioning load and operating costs.

Control heat loss through glass areas in winter with storm windows and doors. Check weatherstripping and caulking. Drapes and shades also help; they control heat gain and air-conditioner strain in summer.

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