



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2018

The following is the schedule of the Edison Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meetings for 2018. All meetings begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Dates are subject to change. If a meeting does not occur, a special notice will be published in the Homes News Tribune.

<b>MARCH 20</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Julius Engel Gardens, Willard Dunham Drive, Edison</b>
<b>APRIL 17</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Robert Holmes Gardens, Reverend Carpenter Blvd. Edison</b>
<b>MAY 15</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Julius Engel Gardens, Willard Dunham Drive, Edison</b>
<b>JUNE 19</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Robert Holmes Gardens, Reverend Carpenter Blvd. Edison</b>
<b>JUNE 19</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Julius Engel Gardens, Willard Dunham Drive, Edison</b>
<b>AUGUST 21</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Robert Holmes Gardens, Reverend Carpenter Blvd. Edison</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 18</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Julius Engel Gardens, Willard Dunham Drive, Edison</b>
<b>OCTOBER 16</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Robert Holmes Gardens, Reverend Carpenter Blvd. Edison</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 20</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Julius Engel Gardens, Willard Dunham Drive, Edison</b>
<b>DECEMBER 18</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Robert Holmes Gardens, Reverend Carpenter Blvd. Edison</b>

Shopping Transportation • Hours vary  
Call the Edison Senior Center at 732-248-7345 to schedule an appointment.



### UPDATES

EHA Adopts Smoke-Free Policy

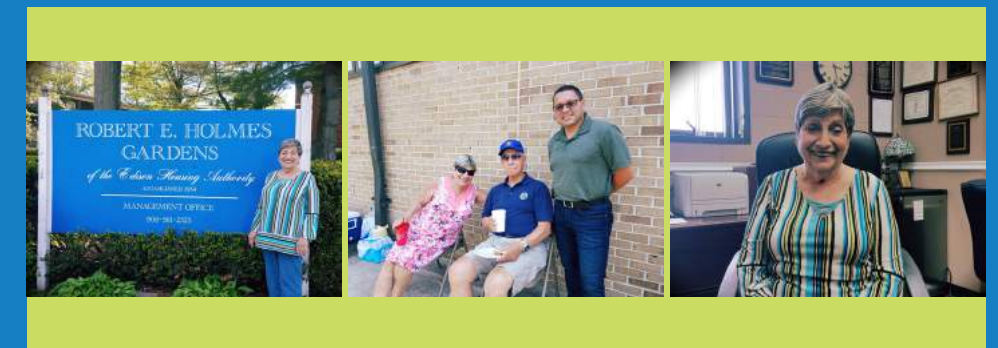
### NEW

- Housing Director Retires
- Commissioners Meet with City Officials
- New Playgrounds Coming this Spring

### BLAST FROM THE PAST

Santa Visits Children at Edison Housing Authority

### HOUSING DIRECTOR SAYS GOODBYE



Madeline Cook, a familiar face around the Edison Housing Authority, retired at the end of 2017 from her longtime position as Executive Director. Below, she says goodbye to the residents and staff she served so well.

"By now everyone knows that the time of being your Executive Director has come to end. It has been an honor and privilege to have served the entire tenancy for the past 12 years.

This is a short message of farewell to all the residents at the Edison Housing Authority and to wish you all well and happiness in your future.

The past 12 years have been my pleasure."

*Madeline Cook*

In the meantime, Tony Polcari will act as the interim executive director of the Edison Housing Authority. The board of commissioners are in the process of conducting a nationwide search to fill the position left by Madeline Cook.



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## EDISON HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICIALS MEET WITH MAYOR THOMAS LANKEY AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS



During the past few months, the board of commissioners has been meeting with housing residents to explore alternative ways to improve the overall living conditions at the Edison Housing Authority. In a show of solidarity, Chairman Carlos N. Sanchez and Commissioner Ray Koperwhats met with city officials to discuss joint efforts on how to address the needs and concerns of the community. Some of the issues discussed were security, senior services, and programs aimed to improve the lives of children residing at the EHA. Housing representatives left the meeting optimistic and hopeful after Mayor Lankey assured them that he is committed to working with the Edison Housing Authority and its residents on improving the overall living conditions of the community. Stay tuned for updates.

## A BREATH OF FRESH AIR: 2018 LAUNCHES SMOKE-FREE POLICY AT EDISON HOUSING AUTHORITY



The signs will soon be up making it official: The previously announced smoke-free policy, mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), takes effect. It prohibits smoking in all public housing living units, indoor common areas, and in the administrative offices. Smoking is also banned within 25 feet from the public housing and offices. According to HUD, all public housing authorities must have a smoke-free policy in place by July 31, 2018.

Smokers will be accommodated in designated areas including outdoor benches.

## RESIDENTS NEED TO REGISTER THEIR CARS



The parking lots at the Edison Housing Authority buildings are reserved for residents only, but often outside vehicles are found parked in spaces meant for those who live here. To safeguard these spaces, the housing administration is issuing parking stickers. Car owners should stop by the administrative office to pick one up. Proof of residency and registration are required.

## PLAYGROUNDS ARE GETTING A NEW LOOK



Children living in Robert Holmes Gardens and Julius Engel will be having fun in upgraded playgrounds this spring. There will new equipment, installed by early May, at Robert Holmes Gardens. At Julius Engels, the playground will be so much safer when the surfaces are covered with protective flooring.