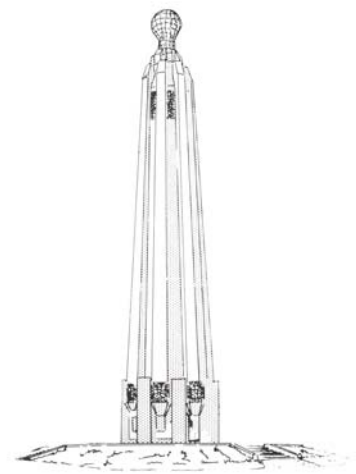


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**DILAPIDATED HOUSE AT EDISON STATE PARK DEMOLISHED
AS PART OF SITE CLEAN-UP**

EDISON, N.J.: Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the non-profit Edison Memorial Tower Corp. (EMTC), the Township of Edison, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJ DEP), the vacant house at 70 Monmouth Avenue in Edison was demolished on Monday, August 16, 2010. This structure, located a block away from the Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park, had been vacant for approximately seven years.

The Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park, located within Edison State Park, consists of the Edison Memorial Tower and a small museum devoted to the history of Thomas Alva Edison's accomplishments at his Menlo Park laboratory site.

According to EMTC President Nancy Zerbe, this project is one of several efforts to improve the Menlo Park site. Other projects underway include the first-ever renovation to the 1940s museum structure. On July 26, 2010, the renovation work began to provide new heating and central air, upgrade the lighting, install new flooring, repair and paint the interior and exterior, and provide a barrier-free entrance and restroom and a dedicated handicapped parking space to better accommodate persons with disabilities. In addition, final construction documents have been prepared for the complete restoration of the Edison Memorial Tower; the project will go out to bid this fall.

For more information, contact the Edison Memorial Tower Corp. at 732-494-4194.



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