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Farmers' Market 2023

The Market Committee is already making plans for the 2023 market starting June 6. Ace Hardware is again providing the site. Look for our new sign from local woodworking shop Robbinwood. Hours will remain 4 – 7 PM. For vendor applications, food truck opportunities, or further information, email us at

BaltimoreOhioFarmersMarket@gmail.com .



Custom swag for the people!
Beanies and scarves.

Support the BDRC In 2023

As a volunteer run non-profit, the BDRC depends on revenue from memberships, sponsorships, and events to operate. This support makes all our programming and the ongoing restoration of the Victoria Opera House possible!

Members are always welcome at our Board meetings (7 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month). Memberships are available at different levels, and all new and renewing members score a Baltimore beanie and a koozie.

Anyone who contributes \$500 or more per year through membership or event sponsorship will have an annual recognition plaque hung in the Victoria Opera House! Sponsorships for the following programs and more are available!

- Farmers' Market
- Victoria Players Children's Theater
- Victoria Opera House
- Arbor Day
- Holiday Market
- Flag Fund (flags on Main & Market St.)
- Restoration Fitness at the Victoria
- Victoria Opera House
- Fall Flashlight Tour
- And more!

Our membership committee has some unique new gifts for members in 2023. These cannot be found in stores!

If you know someone who might be interested in joining the BDRC, please invite them to a meeting or check us out via our website:

www.balimoredowntownrestoration.com .

Victoria Players Children's Theater Season Underway

The Victoria Players Children's Theater (VPCT) is always in season. For the video version of their current season, visit

<https://www.facebook.com/VPCTheater/videos/775128360410014>

The season opened with the holiday classic A Christmas Story, on stage Dec. 16 – 18. It was an outstanding production that brought



holiday cheer to hundreds. Congratulations to the cast and crew, and thanks to amazing director Jill Henwood.

Look for VPCT's OCTA performance of show highlights on June 3 in Kenyon. On July 25, VPCT leaders will offer Theater for Minors class at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds.

The next VPCT production is Disney's The Little Mermaid. Auditions are April 15 & 16. Show dates will be July 27 – 30. Young performers and adult support are needed to make this show a success!



The Little Mermaid, coming July 27 – 30!

Need a Wedding or Event Venue? Rent the Opera House



No need to wait two years for your venue to be available! Make magical memories in this historic space. Contact the BDRC for wedding package options and rates. The VOH is also available for assorted parties, meetings, and rental events, offering flexible auditorium and ballroom spaces.



The Opera House can seat up to 130 people when configured for weddings.

Community Yard Sale June 8 – 10

Gather your treasures and mark your calendar! It's coming soon!





Restoration Fitness Classes Return to the Opera House

Look for details on our website!
baltimoredowntownrestoration.com

Fitness classes took a break for the winter, but will be back this spring! We continue to adjust our class offerings and schedules based on your feedback.

Yoga will be on Thursday evenings starting in May. Our expert instructor is Rachel Marie Foltz. She welcomes beginners and longtime practitioners alike. Try a class today, just \$12 at the door.



Yoga with Rachel on Thursdays – just \$12 at the Victoria this spring

Kroger Rewards Support the BDRC



Do you shop at Kroger? It's super easy to support the BDRC, VPCT, Farmers' Market, and Opera House by signing up for Kroger Community Rewards. Just go to Krogercommunityrewards.com, sign in with your Kroger Plus card, click enroll, and designate the BDRC (#KU440) as the organization you wish to support. Then Kroger sends us a quarterly check as a reward for your purchases. It could not be simpler, and after all, we all need to eat!

VPCT Hopes to Brighten Up 2023



Director Jill Henwood overlooks a dream sequence during "A Christmas Story"

The Victoria Players are fundraising this year to install modern stage lighting technology in the Opera House. The VPCT does an amazing job now with improvised equipment, but it's exciting to contemplate what they could do with actual stage lighting! Look for more details about their fundraising efforts at www.baltimoredowntownrestoration.com.

Downtown Business Meetings at the Opera House

The Victoria Opera House has hosted several informal meetings to discuss the vitality of downtown businesses and more. The meetings are initiatives of the Village of Baltimore and have been led by Mayor Brad Nicodemus.

All downtown business owners, property owners, and interested residents are encouraged to attend the next session to talk about what's going well and where there may be room for improvement and cooperation.

Last year produced some great new businesses in the Village's downtown core, including Creno's Pizza, Fox & Mulberry Bakery, The Farmhouse Café, and Juniper & Ivy Coffee House.

These popular new businesses have filled available storefronts alongside many long serving local favorites to help create a more walkable, appealing, and vibrant downtown in both the "uptown" west end and the "downtown" east end of Baltimore.



Ribbon cutting at Juniper & Ivy, 2022

The Nostalgics Return June 11

The Victoria Opera House is pleased to announce another swinging show by Lancaster's own big band, The Nostalgics.

These talented musicians will have the house jumping with their spirited renditions of big band, swing, and show classics. Don't miss this party!

Tickets are just \$5 at the door.

The music starts at 2 PM.

Proceeds support the ongoing restoration of the Opera House.



More than a horn section!

Thank You to our Opera House Sponsors for 2023

The restoration of Baltimore's historic Opera House is ongoing, and would not be happening without local support. For 2023 the BDRC would like to thank

- Park National Bank
- Sherry Looney and the Loon Crew/Howard Hanna Realty
- Schaffner's Drive In

Their ongoing support of the Victoria literally helps keep the lights on and the plumbing working! And thank you very much to the Village for the unexpected roof repairs this spring. We have more exciting repairs and improvements coming soon.

This leaves us with *space for one more* VOH sponsor banner. Who will claim the final spot? Stay tuned or drop us a line!



Bob Looney himself hangs the new Loon Crew banner in the Opera House

Elvis Sighting in Baltimore??



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Deadline June 19th

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www.toddberryonline.com/events

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH 7PM

And not just Elvis! Buddy Holly and Patsy Cline will also be taking the audience on a stroll down memory lane with a tribute concert featuring these three legends. Don't miss this engagement. For tickets to this June 24 flashback show, visit www.toddberryonline.com !

Hometown Hearts Mini Queens Pageant April 22 at the Victoria Opera House



A brand-new pageant for those from Kindergarten to 5th grade premieres at the Victoria this spring. For entry information (due April 15), contact the organizers at hometownheartsqueens@gmail.com!

Arbor Day April 30

Our annual partnership with the Baltimore Tree Commission means we'll be planting and giving away trees April 30 at 2 PM! Watch our website and social media for location and other details!





Arbor Day 2022 at the Johnson Park Pool



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Gather Your Books!

The Wands & Wizards Weekend returns to Fairfield County in August. The Opera House will be transformed into a wizards' bookshop on August 12! The shop will function like a big "little free library", and everyone is welcome to take or exchange books for free! Come and browse for a spell... Look for further information coming soon!



A Wizard's Book Shop - coming soon!

Keep Up with Us on Social Media

The BDRC and its many programs are on Facebook at:

- Baltimore Downtown Restoration
- Victoria Opera House
- Victoria Players Children's Theater – VPCT
- Baltimore Farmers Market



And of course, our website is up to speed with current events and programs.

Questions? Email us at:

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