

THE BALTIMORE BULLETIN

FALL 2022



Plan to Join the BDRC in 2023

As a volunteer run non-profit, the BDRC depends on revenue from memberships, sponsorships, and events to operate.

Our membership committee has some great new gifts for members next year, and members receive discounts for BDRC events. If you know someone who might be interested in joining the BDRC, please have them join us for a meeting or check us out via our website:

www.baltimoredowntownrestoration.com.

Members are always welcome at our Board meetings (7 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month). Memberships are available at different levels. 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!



Plaques in the Opera House recognize sustaining members & sponsors.

In addition, sponsorships for our various programs and events are available – look for our annual membership and sponsorship information coming in early 2023.

Farmers' Market is a Busy Place

The Baltimore Farmers' Market is in full swing! Please come see us on Tuesday afternoons (4 - 7 PM) in front of Ace Hardware, on Rt.158 just north of the Village of Baltimore. We have an abundant amount of local produce & meat, jams & jellies, baked goods, bath and beauty items, as well as specialty items for your home (candles, crafted wooden items, textiles, etc.).

In addition to items sold by our friendly vendors, you may also find a food truck of your liking. This year we have added 3 new picnic tables that were sponsored by local businesses, where you can have a seat

BALTIMORE FARMERS' MARKET



TUES 4 - 7 PM

AT ACE HARDWARE

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Fairfield FISH & GAME Club



ACE
The helpful place.

and sit down to enjoy your refreshments or dinner. A big thank you to our table sponsors: *1201 Winery, Generation Farms, and Ken's Body and Chassis.*

On August 9th we are excited to be hosting a children's market. And look for our vendors' float in the Baltimore Festival Parade.

There really is something for everyone! For additional information, please contact us at BaltimoreOhioFarmersMarket@gmail.com.



BALTIMORE FARMERS MARKET
Kids Market!

Let the kids be entrepreneurs! Able to sell anything, (no MLM sales), as long as the kids are doing it.

Used books, cookies, handmade bracelets, stickers, anything the kids want to sell! Be creative! Please follow Ohio Farmers market rules when selling food items. If you need assistance, please message the Baltimore Farmers Market Facebook.

No cost to set up, must provide own table, display set up and tent if needed.

Deadline to sign up August 5th.

to sign up, contact baltimoreohiofarmersmarket@gmail.com or message the Baltimore Farmers Market Facebook

Adult must be present during the market.

May be limited spots so don't hesitate!

**August 9th
4-7pm
@ Ace Hardware**

Victoria Players Children's Theater Crushes It With Spongebob the Musical



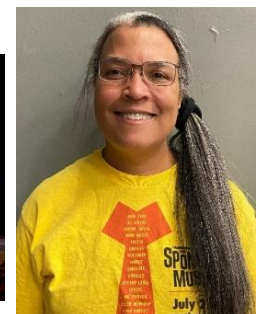
All VPCT photos courtesy of Amy Lynn Photos

The Victoria Players Children's Theater (VPCT) staged *Spongebob the Musical* in late July. The cast, crew, choreography, sets, costumes, and music were amazing! Congratulations to all who supported this great production! Special thanks to the show's sponsors:

- *Schaffner's Drive In*
- *Liberty Union VFW Post 3761*
- *Wasp Finishing & Cabinets*
- *Amy Lynn Photos*
- *Beneath the Sycamore Learning Collaborative*

Schaffner's even created a special "Pineapple Under the Sea" smoothie for the occasion! →

The show was directed by Mary Dupler, with support from the VPCT Board, many committee members, and parents. Look for information about upcoming VPCT productions soon!





Patrick (above) with the Sardines, Squidward, and Spongebob

VPCT folks also had a parade float in the Lancaster July 4 parade. On July 28, Jill Henwood and some VPCT kids taught singing, dancing, and emotion responses at the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio. Forty students participated in the "Major Arts for Minors" clinic!

Finally, look for VPCT performers at the Baltimore Festival, singing at 4 PM during the Friday Aug. 5 car show. Catch VPCT whirlwind Jill Henwood and friends after the VPCT show, performing from 5 – 7 PM.

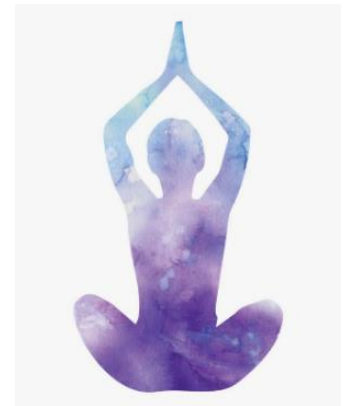


Restoration Fitness Classes Now at the Victoria Opera House

Look for details on our website!
baltimoredowntownrestoration.com



We continue to adjust our class offerings and schedules based on your feedback. Our summer sessions included Cardio Drumming, Yoga, and Boot Camp.



Yoga continues on Thursday evenings through the fall. Our expert instructor is Rachel Marie Foltz. She welcomes beginners and longtime practitioners alike. Try a class today, just \$10 at the door.



Yoga with Rachel on Thursdays – just \$10 at the Victoria

Holiday Decorations Campaign Continues Fundraising

The BDRC is raising money to purchase new lit holiday decorations for the Village to install on main thoroughfares. The Village's older lights are deceased, and only a handful of newer LED decorations are on hand. Lighting Main and Market Streets will also require some new electrical work to provide sufficient power.

This two-year project is well underway.

Thanks to all our donors so far, including major supporters:

- *The Loon Crew*
– *Corcoran*
Global Living
- *Park National Bank.*



We are excited that the new decorations have arrived and are safely stored for now. Want to

help put Baltimore in the Christmas spirit for 2022? Contact committee chair Ken Mauger

or us!

Ken and his committee also coordinate the American flag display along Main & Market Streets. Special thanks to Kay Williamson for being our "Betsy Ross" and mending



the flags that have been damaged by the elements this year.

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 available for assorted rental events, offering auditorium and penthouse ballroom spaces.

Visit the BDRC at the Baltimore Festival Beer Garden!

The Baltimore Festival Committee puts on a great show for the community every August. This year, the BDRC will be sponsoring and operating the beer garden at the Festival on August 5 & 6. Please plan to stop by and visit for a spell during the Festival and concerts. Every quaff you take supports the BDRC's work and programs, so it's truly a win-win! And we'll also have flavored seltzer. Look for our guest bartenders and stay cool during



the Baltimore Festival in Johnson Park. We'll see you there (if you're over 21)!

Special thanks to our sponsors and helpers:

- Baltimore IGA
- Comstock Fence Company
- Weidner's Corner 2
- Baltimore Police Department
- Park National Bank



Thank You to our 2022 Sustaining Members and Sponsors

The BDRC is a volunteer organization. We could not do this without your support!

Victoria Players Children's Theater Sponsors

- Baltimore VFW Post 3761
- Schaffner's Drive In
- Beneath the Sycamore

Baltimore Farmers' Market Sponsors

- Schaffner's Drive In
- Home Grown Educational Childcare
- Beneath the Sycamore
- Ace Hardware
- The Loon Crew/Cocoran Global Living
- Fairfield Fish & Game

Victoria Opera House Sponsors

- Landis Hometown Team/Key Real Estate
- Park National Bank
- Sherry Looney & the Loon Crew - Cocoran Global Living



Victoria Opera House sponsors are recognized with plaques and pole banners in the auditorium space.

Interested in learning more? Let's talk – additional sponsorships are still available.

Sustaining BDRC Members

- Mark Gams & Jennifer Shaw Gams
- Marcia Todd
- Micah & KyeongMin McCreery
- Ed & Shirley Schaffner
- JJay Bowes & Rachel Reid
- Robert Landis & Family
- Brad & Martha Nicodemus
- Baltimore Ace Hardware
- Lily Endsley

Lily is not just our most recent sustaining member – she is also our youngest! She is entering 6th grade this year at LU, and is an active member of the Victoria Players Children's Theater (in character below left!).



Sustaining Member plaque in the Victoria Opera House foyer.



Juniper & Ivy, a delightful coffee shop at 200 N. Main Street. Stop in for a treat and visit with owners Amy Fick and Randi Hayes!

Other eagerly anticipated openings include Creno's Pizza on N. Main St., The Farmhouse Café on W. Market St., and Fox + Mulberry (a bakery) at 114 W. Mulberry St.



Creno's Pizza, coming on N. Main

New Businesses Keeping Downtown Baltimore Vibrant and Fun

You've probably noticed the signs and notices around town... several businesses "opening soon". But everything takes time. Congratulations to the first new business to open recently,



Juniper & Ivy is now open



The Farmhouse Cafe undergoing renovations on W. Market Street



The old Twin Cities building will soon be the Fox + Mulberry bakery & community market thanks to owner Beth Volpe

And don't overlook SweetTweet Photography, owned by Nikki Lynn Prickett. It is now open at 600 W. Market St. near the High School. Thank you for supporting local small businesses!

Support the BDRC Through Amazon Smile

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What Is AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile, is a portal on Amazon's site that offers the same items, prices, and benefits as Amazon.com, but with one distinct difference. When you shop on AmazonSmile, the retailer's Foundation contributes 0.5% of the price of purchases to the Baltimore Downtown Restoration Committee! There is no cost to you, just shop like normal and 100% of the donation generated from eligible purchases goes to benefit our community.

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Thanks for your support!

Tea With Mrs. Claus Coming in November

Watch our website and Facebook page for details! This holiday version of our popular Mommy & Me

Tea will put everyone in the holiday spirit! As always, tickets will be limited, so don't delay once details are announced.





Fairfield County Foundation 32 Hour Give Returns Nov. 29-30, 2022

The BDRC maintains a Victoria Opera House fund with the Fairfield County Foundation. During the 32 Hour Give, the Foundation will match any gifts contributed to this fund. Please consider giving a Christmas gift to the Opera House between Nov. 29 at 8 AM and Nov. 30 at 4 PM. Donations are tax deductible, and must be made through the Foundations website at to be eligible for the match. Thank you!

www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org

Baltimore Festival Queens Pageant Returns to the Victoria Opera House

Once upon a time (decades ago), Miss Baltimore was crowned in the Opera House. We are delighted that the tradition has been renewed. The Victoria hosted the Queens Pageant at the end of July, and all the entrants did a fantastic job. However, the winners of all three age groups are UNKNOWN as of press time. The results are announced on the first day of the Baltimore Festival. Congratulations to all who competed, and many thanks to last year's Queens and courts for all the help they have provided to the BDRC over the past year.



A full house for the pageant



Miss Baltimore candidates on stage for Q&A

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:

- info@baltimoredowntownrestoration.com
- vpctheater@gmail.com
- baltimoreohiofarmersmarket@gmail.com

BDRC members also receive the quarterly newsletter the Baltimore Bulletin.

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