

THE BALTIMORE BULLETIN



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2024 Farmers' Market Updates

The Baltimore Farmers' Market is held every Tuesdays from 4 – 7 PM at Ace Hardware. Many favorite returning vendors are there, along with some exciting new additions, including Brewholders Coffee Trailer. For vendor information, contact us at:

BaltimoreOhioFarmersMarket@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting our local farmers and vendors. And thank you to our 2024 market sponsors! Look for their logos on the yard signs around town.

- Baltimore Ace Hardware
- Schaffner's Drive In
- The Landis Hometown Team/Key Realty
- Candy's Tax Service
- DKD Pest Control
- Fairfield Fish & Game Club
- Fox + Mulberry Bakery
- Sherry Looney and the Loon Crew/Howard Hanna Real Estate
- Radiant Focus Photography + Yoga
- The Ellas Family



There is Still Time To Support the BDRC in 2024!

The BDRC is a volunteer non-profit organization. We rely on memberships, donations, and sponsorships to keep our programs going from year to year.

We offer a range of support levels to fit almost any budget. Sponsorships are available for the VPCT Children's Theater, the Farmers' Market, the Flag Fund, the Opera House, and more.

Please consider joining us as a member or sponsor this year. More details are available on our website, or drop us an email at baltimoredowntownrestoration@gmail.com.

We have some great custom gifts available again this year! Sweatshirts, mugs, and Baltimore hats will make you the envy of your family and friends. Don't delay – get yours today!



Victoria Players Season Wraps

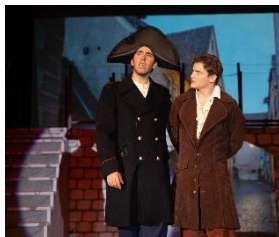
The Victoria Players Children's Theater just completed an amazing season. Younger actors presented Disney's Finding Nemo Junior in June. VPCT actors also performed in early July at the Lancaster Festival.

Older troupe members offered the challenging Les Misérables in late July with some encore performances at the Pickerington Wizard Faire in August. What a show it was! Congratulations to all the cast members, crew members, and supporters! VPCT sponsors for this year are:

- Sitterley Law LLC
- Christa Grover, Lew Griffin Insurance
- Fairfield Medical Center



Watch our website or the VPCT's Facebook page for details about the upcoming VPCT season, beginning with a holiday production to be determined. Interested in getting involved? Contact the VPCT at vpctheater@gmail.com.



Need a Venue? Rent the Opera House For Your Event



No need to wait two years for your wedding or event 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 other activities, offering flexible theater and ballroom spaces.

Restoration Fitness Yoga Thursdays at the Opera House

Have you tried yoga with instructor Rachel Foltz? Proceeds from these classes help with the ongoing restoration of the Opera House. Classes are held every week on Thursday at 6:00 PM. Sessions are \$12 with



discounts for monthly registrations. Rachel welcomes all, from beginners to experts. Come check out the class and the newly refinished ballroom floor!

Thank You Volunteers

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



The public and members are welcome at our Board meetings (7 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Victoria). Come and see what you can learn, have some fun, or maybe even help with something. Without volunteers, we are nothing! No high pressure sales pitch will occur.

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

www.balimoredowntownrestoration.com

Village Bicentennial Coming Next Year - 2025

The Village of Baltimore started as four villages, which morphed into three, which soon became two. And then, over 80 years ago, it became one town. It's a history that is

more complicated than most communities, but it's also a history that deserves celebration.

Local organizations including the BDRC have formed a Bicentennial Committee to plan for festivities in 2025. There are lots of great ideas circulating, and more will undoubtedly surface as our milestone birthday grows closer. The bicentennial committee meets monthly at the Baltimore Community Museum.



Any organization in or around town that wants to participate will be welcome to brand their new or annual event as part of the Village's birthday party. Contact us for more information or to get involved!

And this just in – you can order a commemorative or memorial brick for the new Bicentennial Park! Contact Debbie Schaffner at sticks@frontier.com, or go to thatsmybrick.com/baltimoreoh to order your custom piece of pavement for this special park project. (More details to come.)



Baltimore Receives Forestry Grant – Take the Survey



The Village of Baltimore recently was awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources. The federal infrastructure funds will be used to first evaluate trees on Village property including street rights of way. The second phase of the project will include priority pruning and removal work. The final phase will be tree planting in the spring of 2025. The Baltimore Tree Commission is seeking people's input about trees in the Village. Please take a few minutes to take the Baltimore Community Tree Survey. It's just 10 questions. Scan the QR code below to begin – thank you!



Trick or Treat at the Opera House October 31, 5 – 7 PM

We'll be handing out the candy again, so plan to stop by with your little beggars!

Our Opera House Sponsors Rock

We deeply appreciate all community support. A special thanks to our Victoria Opera House sponsors for 2024. These local businesses have really stepped up, and their banners are on display in the Opera House theater throughout the year.

- Schaffner's Drive In
- Park National Bank
- Keller Family Chiropractic
- Sherry Looney and the Loon Crew/Howard Hanna Real Estate
- Baltimore VFW Post 3761
- The Landis Hometown Team/Key Realty

New Windows at the Victoria Opera House (Again)



The Village of Baltimore continued its window replacement project at the Victoria this summer. Phase II of the work included new windows in the ballroom upstairs. Phase III is planned for next year, and that will include replacement of the remainder of the old windows. Our thanks to Mayor Rick Ellas and the Village Council for supporting this project!

To Our Sustaining Members – We Love You



We are also grateful to our generous sustaining members for 2024, all of whom have a plaque in the Victoria's lobby. Thank you all!

- Mark and Jennifer Gams
- JJay Bowes and Rachel Reid
- Marcia Todd
- Chuck Keller
- Brad & Martha Nicodemus
- Michael & Susan Henwood
- Jennifer Sitterly, Sitterly Law



- Jerry & Gayle McCreery
- Liberty Union VFW Post 3761
- Micah & Kyeong-Min McCreery

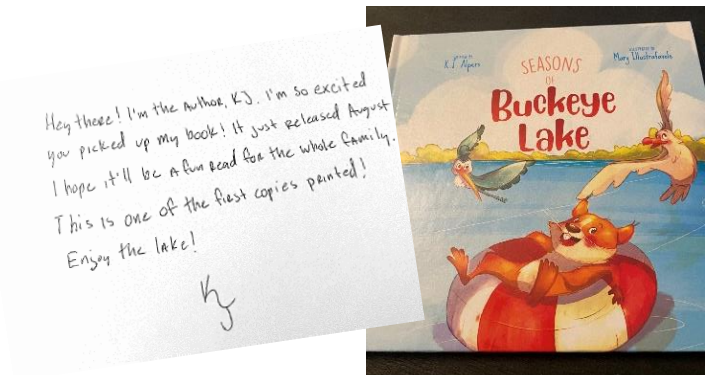
Wizardly “Flourish in Books” Shop Returned... Like Magic

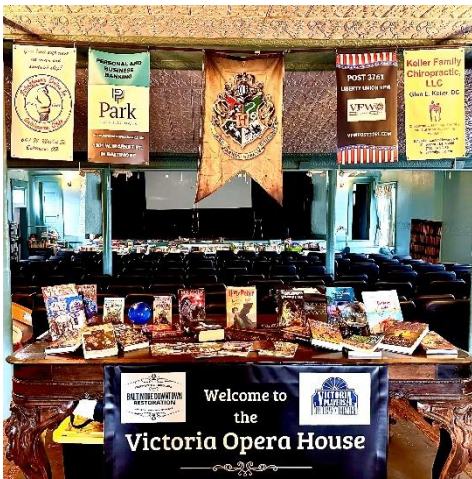
The Flourish in Books free book shop returned to the Opera House on August 10 as part of Fairfield County Wands & Wizards Weekend. Hundreds of donated



books found new homes. Thanks to all who donated, contributed books, and baked goodies to make the day an enchanting success!

We were delighted to offer a copy of the brand new children's book *Seasons of Buckeye Lake*, just released this summer. We appreciate the donation by author K. J. Alpers who autographed our copy.





Festival Wrap Up

Our thanks to the Baltimore Festival Committee for another grand weekend. The BDRC had a booth at the festival, cosponsored the 5K race, and featured the Baltimore Farmers' Market in the parade. Chris and Angi Miller of Generation Farms provided the trailer, and the farmers float's festive flingers flung fabulous candy by the



fistful. Finally, congratulations to our booth raffle winner Gayle McCreery!



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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