

# THE BALTIMORE BULLETIN



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## 2024 Holiday Market Returns

Mark your calendars! The popular Baltimore Holiday Market will be Saturday December 7 from 12 – 3 PM. It will be held at Johnson Park, 220 Summers Choice Dr. The market will feature more than 20 local vendors, offering a wide selection of baked goods, art, crafts, fashion, jewelry, woodworking, wreaths, dog treats, candles, and other fantastic gift ideas.

Liberty Union music students will be providing songs of the season at 2 PM, and carolers from the



Victoria Players Children's Theater will also be performing. Coffee Coven will be offering beverages, and the Chubby Hawaiian Grill makes their return to Baltimore with their food truck. Plan on lunch!



Firefighters from the Basil Joint Fire District will be on hand to oversee marshmallow toasting, and the All Things Amateur Radio Association will have their awesome trailer on site. Finally, story time with

Mrs. Claus will be at 1 PM, and again at 2 PM with treats for kids.

Our thanks to the Baltimore Farmers' Market Committee for organizing the event, and a big thank you to our sponsors for 2024!



- **Lew Griffin Insurance Group, Christa Grover, Baltimore Agent**
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- **The Baltimore Festival**
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## 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.



## Watch For Member and Sponsor Information for 2025

The BDRC is a volunteer 501 (c) 3 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.

More details are available on our website, or drop us an email at [baltimoredowntownrestoration@gmail.com](mailto:baltimoredowntownrestoration@gmail.com).

We will be reaching out in early 2025 with



more information, and opportunities to get your hands on our custom Baltimore merchandise – stay tuned!

## Victoria Players Children's Theater Presents *A Christmas Carol*

The Victoria Players Children's Theater has announced their next season, and it will keep you on the edge of your seat.



They will open Dec. 19 – 22 with *A Christmas Carol*, the haunting Dickens holiday classic. Tickets will be available starting Dec. 1 through our website. Don't delay – this show at the Victoria Opera House will almost certainly sell out! Here's a photo of the cast.



This will be followed by *Beetlejuice* in July 2025, and a *Goosebumps* show to wrap up October '25. It's safe to say the VPCT will be "in the spirit" over the coming months!



## Village Bicentennial Coming in 2025 – Celebrating 200 Years

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!

Need a unique Christmas gift? Until Dec. 10, you can order a commemorative or memorial brick for the new Bicentennial Park!



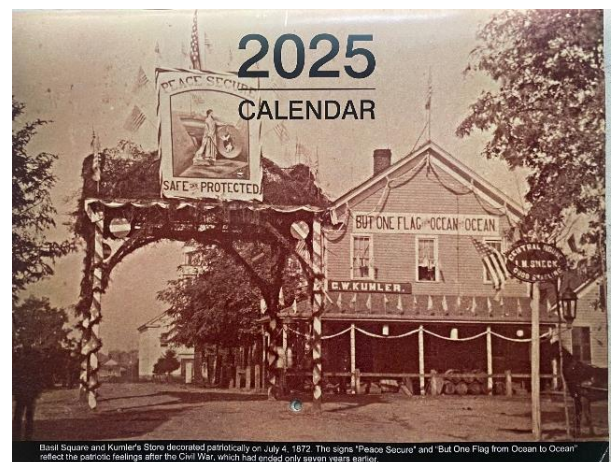
Contact Debbie Schaffner at [sticks@frontier.com](mailto:sticks@frontier.com), or go to [thatsmybrick.com/baltimoreoh](http://thatsmybrick.com/baltimoreoh) to order your custom piece of pavement for this special park project.

Finally, Baltimore Bicentennial 2025 calendars are now available! They feature great historic photos of Baltimore.



Purchase one today at the Village Office at 103 W. Market St., Ace

Hardware, or at the Baltimore Holiday Market on Dec. 7.



Basel Square and Kunler's Store decorated patriotically on July 4, 1872. The signs "Peace Secure" and "Buy One Flag from Ocean to Ocean" reflect the patriotic feelings after the Civil War, which had ended only seven years earlier.

## Thank You Volunteers

As a volunteer operated 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.

Our latest project has been restraining and protecting our ADA ramp on the south side of the Opera House. Thanks to all who have pitched in to help!

The public and members are welcome at our Board meetings (7 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

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 at [www.balimoredowntownrestoration.com](http://www.balimoredowntownrestoration.com).

## Trick or Treat at the Opera House October 31

Trick or Treat is an annual highlight at the Victoria, and we had a blast this year. Thanks to Baltimore Festival Queen Abby Todd and everyone who helped pass out candy, as well as everyone who visited this year.



And thanks to Chris & Angi Miller and Generation Farms for the wonderful seasonal decorations out front!





## Nostalgics Christmas Concert Dec. 8 at the Opera House



Make a note on your calendar now! This big band does Christmas right! The show will be Sunday Dec. 8 at 3 PM. Admission is free, with donations accepted at the door. The concession stand and Baltimore gear gift shop will be open too.



## Jill, Lee, Mary, & Friends Christmas Concert Dec. 17



They're back! Join Lee Crader, Jill Henwood, Mary Dupler, and a host of friends at the Victoria Opera House for a night of festive Christmas music.

Who will the special guest performers be?



You'll need to be there to find out!  
Admission is free with donations accepted.

## 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](http://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.

## 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.

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