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Accomplishments in 2011 and Goals for 2012

A letter from the Board of Directors to the Society membership

During 2011, the Society made progress in several areas intended to strengthen our relationship with the local community and improve our stewardship of the many documents, photos, and artifacts that have been donated for our museum.

- To improve accountability and security for the Society's historic artifacts, we made significant headway in inventorying both newly and previously acquired items. In conjunction with this effort, documents and artifacts are placed in archival-quality protective boxes for long-term preservation.
- Our efforts begun in 2010 to obtain tax-exempt status paid off when the IRS and the State of Ohio official recognized the Society as a 501(c)(3) organization. As a result, donors may now deduct donations to the Society when they itemize deductions on their federal and state income tax filings.
- We implemented a newly redesigned website, which can be found on the Internet at northbaltimorehistory.org. The site contains information on North Baltimore's history as well as upcoming events and newly donated artifacts and documents.
- Significant progress has been made in rehabilitating the museum foyer, including painting and woodwork refinishing.
- In October, we issued the first of what is planned to be a periodic newsletter containing society news and historical articles. The newsletter will be sent to Society members and made available to community groups.
- We photographed the interior of the old High School building, which is scheduled for demolition in 2012, and began assisting faculty and students in compiling material for a time capsule to be placed in the new high school building.
- We continued to facilitate research on old NB homes, provide speakers on local history to the North Baltimore Public Schools, and furnish local news media with historical photographs and news articles.



Phyllis Mercer, Courtney Mays, and Felicia Konrad sort and record historic documents.

For 2012, the Society has established goals that, if achieved, will greatly improve our ability to manage our collection in a more professional manner and thereby better serve the public and preserve our local history. Specifically, we want to

- institute a program to recruit new members, retain current members, and increase the number of active volunteers at the museum;
- obtain funding for, purchase, and implement the Past Perfect computer program and related computer hardware, which are essential tools for recording and safeguarding our collection of donated artifacts and documents;
- apply for grants from local organizations to fund additional museum operations and programs;
- develop new displays to illustrate North Baltimore's colorful local history; and
- hold a general membership fall meeting with a presentation on a local history topic and social time for members.

We want to thank our dedicated volunteers, without whom the Society could not have accomplished as much as it has. We encourage anyone with an interest in local history and a willingness to spend a few hours a week to join us in the new year.

With best wishes for a happy and healthy 2012,

Tom Boltz

Janice Emahiser

Phyllis Mercer

Pam Seiler

Rick Van Mooy

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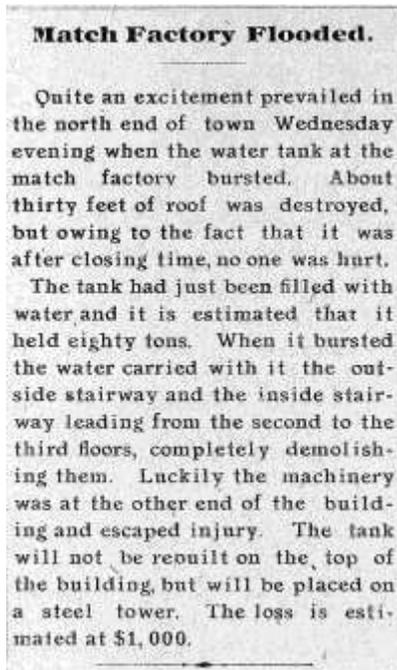
Paula Miklovic

Vanished North Baltimore

By Tom Boltz

1908 Industrial Accident Damages Match Factory

The article below appeared in the February 28, 1908 edition of the North Baltimore Beacon.



The Buckeye Match factory as it appeared, circa 1908

The Buckeye Match factory was located at 331 East Cherry Street in the early 1900s. Company offices were located in the white wooden building in the foreground. The two dark wooden buildings behind the office were warehouses built alongside the Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton (CH&D) railroad tracks. The 12,000 gallon water tower was 24 feet above the roof of the three story brick factory building. The factory's first floor was used for making the matches. Boxes of finished matches were placed on the second floor, and the third floor was used for storage.

The D. S. Brown Company has occupied the site since 1916, and the old CH&D rail bed is now the Slippery Elm Bike Trail. The two warehouses no longer exist, but the office building was later moved to 615 East Broadway and converted into a home. While the factory building's third floor was eventually removed, the brick building remains intact at the original Cherry Street location, although it is now surrounded by newer structures.

Memorial Gifts

A memorial gift was made to the Society in honor of Dr. William Roberts' wife, Ingrid, who passed away in October.

Events at the History Center

- The Rocky Ford Red Hat Ladies will meet on Wednesday, January 11 at 12 noon.
- The NB Garden Club will meet on Wednesdays, February 5 and March 21 at 7 pm.
- The Crossroads Quilt Club will meet on Tuesdays, January 10 and 24 and Feb. 14 and 28 at 9:30 am.
- The Center will not be routinely open to the public in January and February. However, activities such as club meetings and tours can be arranged by calling Janice Emahiser at 419-257-2559.
- In March, the Center will resume opening to the general public every Tuesday morning from 9 to 12.
- The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, January 31st at 11:30 am. All members are welcome. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on February 7 at 11:30 am.

Christmas Open House a Success



Tom Boltz, Theresa Ferguson, Phyllis Mercer, and Janice Emahiser at the Society's December Open House

Thanks to those who decorated the History Center for the holidays, including The Rocky Ford Red Hat Ladies, the NB Garden Club, Powell School Third Graders, Janice Emahiser, Pam Seiler, Phyllis Mercer, Pam Cheney, Caprice Cheney, Helen Swope, and Mary Shilling.

Donation Information Needed

When you have historical photos or other items that may be of interest to the Historical Society, please drop them off on Tuesday mornings when the museum is open or notify one of the Society officers. It is important that we understand the significance, age, and source of the item so that we can store and/or display it properly.

Volunteers place photos and documents in plastic sleeves, while bulky items are placed in special acid-free boxes. All items are organized in categories such as local businesses, residents, churches, and street photos.

Records are maintained of each significant document and artifact so that it can be readily located and so that future volunteers and researchers will know what we have. These records also help ensure that nothing is misplaced. When you donate an item, we will complete a donor form, a copy of which the donor may retain to substantiate a charitable tax deduction. The Society retains one copy so that we may contact the donor if questions arise.

New Policies

The Board of Directors has recently instituted several new policies or formalized existing ones as follows:

- Only artifacts with a direct connection to the North Baltimore area will be accepted as donations.
- Artifacts and documents will generally not be accepted "on loan." Exceptions may be made for exhibits that have specific start and end dates.
- The computer equipment and related supplies are to be used only for Society business.
- Smoking and use of alcohol are prohibited at the Museum.

New Members and Membership Renewal

NBOAHS always welcomes new members, and the Board actively solicits members' input. In particular, members are encouraged to attend monthly Board meetings, which are usually held at 7pm on the first Thursday of each month.

Members who have a few spare hours a month can get to know others better by helping with a variety of tasks including keying data into our computerized inventory records, greeting and assisting visitors, or helping to maintain our building and display cases.

Please use the form at the end of this newsletter to renew your membership or to apply for a new membership. Annual memberships expire as of December 31.

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