



HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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2012 Saw New Displays and More Visitors

This past year was a good one for The North Baltimore Ohio Area Historical Society primarily due the support we receive from our local community. Thanks to generous grants from the Village Council, Local Eagles Aerie 2633, and American Legion Post 539, as well as donations from many individuals, the Society was able to create new exhibits, purchase computers and software for archival preservation and accountability, and repair and refurbish parts of the Historical Center. The Society continues to receive excellent support from the North Baltimore Public Library Board which owns and maintains our building.

During 2012, new displays were created, and planning was initiated for others. New displays included refurbishment of the circa 1900 Post Office panels, the Ulch Blacksmith shop tools, Henry Opera House photos and memorabilia, Morris Hough U. S. Navy memorabilia, and selected artifacts from the old Second Street School. Planning began for a display on 125 years of North Baltimore eateries, a chronological photographic history of North Baltimore, and a major renovation of the military room.

History will record the demolition of the 1927 Second Street school building as a major event in 2012. Thanks to School Superintendent Marlene North and the School Board, the Society obtained many artifacts from the old building and began a project to preserve the deteriorating senior class graduation photographs that previously hung in the old building. The Society also contributed items for the time capsule installed in the new High- and Middle-School building.

The number of visitors to the Historical Center increased during 2012 large due the opening of the refurbished Post Office display. Several hundred stopped by to see it just during the July Summerfest. Our fifteenth annual Christmas Open House also attracted a number of visitors to view the Christmas decorations.

During 2012, the Society gladly accepted a sizeable number of donated artifacts, documents, and historic photographs that will enrich our efforts to preserve North

Upcoming Events

- The Historical Center's usual Tuesday openings for the general public are suspended until March. The Center will be open every Tuesday morning from 9 to 12, March through December.
- The January NBOAHS Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 29th, 10 am at the Historical Center. Monthly Board meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm. If a change is necessary it will be announced in local media. All members are welcome.

Baltimore and Henry Township history. Many of these items came from deceased local residents or from individuals who are moving from their homes to retirement communities. Since the Society is an IRS-designated 501 (3) (c) organization, such donations may be tax deductible.

We could not have realized our achievements in 2012 without the invaluable assistance of our dedicated volunteers and generous donors. I and the other members of the Society's Board of Directors thank them all.

Tom Boltz
President

New Members and Renewals

NBOAHS always welcomes new members. Please use the form at the end of this newsletter to renew your annual membership or to apply for a new membership. Fees are due by January 2013.

Members who can spare a few hours a month can help with a variety of tasks including maintaining our inventory records, greeting and assisting visitors, and helping create and maintain displays.

1923 Demolition of Hotel Baltimore



The Hotel Baltimore circa 1910

The North Baltimore Beacon's January 1, 1923 issue carried this news article on the demolition of the old Hotel Baltimore. The structure stood on the southeast corner of the intersection of South Main and East State (then named Railroad) Streets. The hotel was built in the mid 1880s.

The cheapest of North Baltimore's three hotels in the early 1900s, the Hotel Baltimore catered to traveling salesmen and others seeking inexpensive lodging. Its barroom was the scene of frequent fights, and the town authorities did not mourn its closing. For a while, it was called The Pennsylvania Hotel. Today, the site is occupied by a Marathon gasoline station.

During the height of the Oil Boom (1886-1915) Hotel Baltimore was one of six hotels in operation in town. The others were the Central, Columbia House (Burke), and Cost hotels located on Main Street; the Green Hotel on North Second; and the Commercial Hotel on West Railroad Street. The Central Hotel, built in 1873, was the town's first hotel. There may have been a seventh, the Star, but its location is unknown and it may have been another name for one the other hotels.

Hotel Being Razed

The razing of the Hotel Baltimore building is about completed the exterior having been torn out and the rear of the building, facing Railroad street, removed. The entire building will be taken down within several days.

Oscar Miller, former proprietor of the soft drink and lunch rooms in the hotel building, has stored his fixtures on West Railroad street.

Christmas Open House Appreciation

The Society's fifteenth annual Christmas Open House was a success with many visitors coming to see the various colorful displays and decorations. Thanks to those who contributed: Cap Cheney, Front Porch; Powell School 3rd Graders, School Room; Crossroads Quilter's Club, Banking Room; Rocky Ford Red Hat Ladies, Dining Room; NB Garden Club, Juvenile Room; Broken Needle Quilting Circle, Ladies Landing; Pam Cheney, Military Room; Helen Swope, Parlor,; Pam Seiler, Back Porch; Phyllis Mercer and Bea Tellez, Utility Room; Janice Emahiser, Foyer and Kitchen. Special thanks to Society vice-president, Janice Emahiser, who has personally organized this event over the years.



Share Your Historical Photographs

The Society can scan old photos of the NB area in order to create digital images for our archives. Originals will be returned. If you have photos to share, contact Tom Boltz at 567-336-6040 or any Society Board member.

Check our website at
northbaltimorehistory.org
for new history articles
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