

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

June 2023

BLLC Rules and Regulations

At the upcoming June 29 hearing, the Board will announce its publication of its proposed 2023 Rules and Regulations, and formally open the period for at least 30 days for public comment as required by MD Code, Alc. Bev. Art. 12-210(b)(1).

The code requires the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City ("Board") to review its regulations to ensure that the regulations comply with the current policies and practices of the Board; and federal, State, and local law. After receiving and reviewing the comments regarding the proposed Rules and Regulations, the Board will make a determination as to the final version of its proposed rules and regulations to be adopted at a future hearing of the Board.

[See the June 29 docket here.](#)

Staying Up to Date with BLLC

If you do not currently receive BLLC emails when Hearing Schedules are published, please be sure to [send your email to Kimberly Kerns](#), BLLC Executive Assistant, and ask to be added to the distribution list.

Community Association Updates

If your community organization has a change in leadership or contact info, please let us know. Also, we would like to remind community associations or other stakeholder groups that Community Liaison Matt Achhammer is available for presentations.

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BLLC Staff Training

The entire BLLC staff, from administrative to inspections to executive divisions, recently took an Alcohol Awareness Training course with instructor James Filipidis. Alcohol Awareness courses are required by law for liquor licensees, and taking this course gives our team a look at what our licensee stakeholders should be learning and understanding about the safe provision of alcoholic beverages under BLLC Rules and Regulations and the Maryland Alcoholic Beverages Statute. This training adds to a list of specialized training that staff receives including CPR, First Aid, and Human Trafficking Prevention for our inspections division.



In Memoriam:

Community Leader David Martz



Above: David Martz (photo from Fells Point Residents Association Facebook page, [obituary and service info here](#)).

The BLLC Board and Staff wish to memorialize the passing of David Martz, and to honor his memory and service to Baltimore. David served his community for over 15 years as a Board Member and 6 years as President of the Fells Point Residents Association. He advocated fairly for his community and was often present at Liquor Board hearings in this capacity. Executive Secretary Douglas Paige remembers David as a good friend, remarking: "David worked tirelessly to promote our great City. His efforts to bring residents and businesses together helped to strengthen communities. We will greatly miss him and his interaction and engagement with our agency."