

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

October 2022

COVID-19 October Update

For the latest information, [view the COVID-19 section of our website](#).

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

On Tuesday, March 1, 2022, Mayor Brandon M. Scott officially lifted the Baltimore City Indoor Masking Mandate, citing recent data trends relating to COVID-19.

Team of the Year Nominee

On September 15, 2022, BLLC was recognized as a nominee for Team of the Year in the Mayor's Employee Recognition Ceremony. Thanks to the Mayor's Office for the recognition, and congratulations to the many other City partners who were nominated and received awards!



Community Meetings

We would like to remind any community associations or other stakeholder groups that Community Liaison Matt Achhammer is available for informational presentations. Matt.Achhammer@baltimorecity.gov

Halloween 2022: BLLC, City Agencies, Work to Prepare for Festivities

Halloween in Baltimore brings with it many festivities and celebrations, especially in areas with multiple licensed locations in close proximity, such as Fell's Point and Federal Hill. The BLLC Inspection Division is working in collaboration with City agencies to prepare for Halloween festivities in multiple neighborhoods. In Fell's Point, for example, BLLC is working with Council Member Cohen's office (District 1), Main Streets Director Sean Stinnett, and a group comprised of the Baltimore Police Department, Department of Transportation, Department of Public Works, and others, to coordinate preparations for a safe Halloween in the Fell's Point area.

This year, there is one authorized Pub Crawl that will take place on Saturday, October 29th, in Fell's Point. Under State Law, Pub Crawls must apply well in advance and follow guidelines in order to operate within the City ([Pub Crawl Permit](#) and [FAQ](#)).

For all of the weekend before and on Halloween, BLLC Inspectors, Executive Staff, and the Community Liaison will be present across the City, particularly in Fell's Point, Federal Hill, Canton Square, and Power Plant Live to monitor licensed establishments and compliance with safe operations requirements. Inspectors will visit establishments and remind licensees about concerns such as proper ID checking, noise levels, and crowd control.



DOT Seeks Public Input on Outdoor Dining

Though the BLLC does not directly regulate the outdoor dining discussed here, we know that many of our licensees use this program. Our partner agency, Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT), is seeking comment on rules that will change the program to a more permanent one.

[Adapted From the DOT website \(click for full Press Release\)](#): BCDOT has recently posted notice for residents and business owners that they are accepting comments on the proposed Curbside Commercial Policy (Outdoor Dining) regulating the design and use of outdoor dining spaces.

The BCDOT is working to transition the Outdoor Dining Emergency Program to a permanent system which complies with the City's Charter-required Minor Privilege permitting process. This proposed policy also seeks to clarify the process and provide specific guidelines to minimize confusion among applicants to the program. The Public Comment Period will be open through the end of Monday, November 14th, 2022. You may access the proposed policy and official notice and instructions for the public comment period at the following link: [Regulations for Public Comment | Baltimore City Department of Transportation](#)

