

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

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2023 Renewal REMINDER

The Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) issued a Press Release on April 18th to remind all stakeholders about the 2023 License Renewal period. Since the deadline of March 31st, renewal applications will continue to incur a late fee of \$50 per day. In order for a licensed establishment to operate legally, it is imperative that renewals be processed and a new license be displayed on premises by May 1st.

ANY LICENSEE NOT DISPLAYING A VALID LICENSE ON OR AFTER MAY 1ST WILL BE POSTERED BY BLLC INSPECTORS AS CLOSED TO ALCOHOL SALES UNTIL THE RENEWAL PROCESS IS COMPLETED.

Licensees and the general public can read more in [the full Press Release](#).

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 At Orioles Opening Day

This year, Orioles Opening Day took place on Friday, April 7th. The BLLC Inspection division was present for the festivities at the stadium, as well as monitoring bars and restaurants that traditionally play host to Orioles fans celebrating Opening Day. We thank our licensees for adhering to BLLC Rules and Regulations and providing safe environments for Orioles fans to enjoy the day.

Did you know? Camden Yards is a licensed establishment and will be monitored by inspectors during the season to make sure the stadium is in compliance with BLLC Rules and Regulations. We encourage all Orioles fans to enjoy this season safely!



Above: Scenes from Orioles Opening Day at various licensees and BLLC Agent Clark with Mr. Boh

Connecting With BLLC Licensees

The BLLC Inspections Division, headed by Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, along with Deputy Executive Secretary Nicholas Blendy and Community Liaison Matt Achhammer, recently held a meeting for licensees in the Highlandtown area in response to recent safety concerns in the community. The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA) partnered to arrange, facilitate, and present at the meeting. MIMA Director Catalina Rodriguez and Program Outreach Coordinator Carey Cabrera presented information on City resources available to the businesses in attendance. MIMA and BLLC Inspectors helped with translation into Spanish, as needed. A special thanks to BLLC Inspector Jordan and Agent Perez for their translation assistance. The meeting covered important topics such as operating hours, community relationships, security guards, and offered licensees a chance to ask questions and meet the agency staff directly. The BLLC would like to thank all licensees present for their participation.



Above: BLLC and MIMA staff present to licensees at the SE Pratt Library Branch.