

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

August 2019

Summer Festivals



Sydmonauts by Amigo & Amigo amidst the crowd on Charles Street at Artscape 2019

July and August marked the height of Baltimore's Summer Festival season, with two notable events: The AFRAM Festival in Druid Hill Park, and Artscape in the Mt. Vernon area. Both are multi-day events highlighting the City's arts and culture. AFRAM is in its 43rd year and Artscape in its 38th.

Both festivals are free events and host crowds in the thousands with Artscape billed as the Nation's largest free outdoor arts festival. All festival organizers applied for and received permits to serve and sell alcohol, and the BLLC performed inspections at the events as appropriate to ensure compliance and public safety.

Month	Activity	Location	Time	Contact
September	Community Outreach	Various	Various	Matt Achhammer
October	Community Outreach	Various	Various	Matt Achhammer
November	Community Outreach	Various	Various	Matt Achhammer

Community Outreach Calendar

Our Community Liaison is scheduling for September, October, and November.

[Email Matt at](mailto:matt.achhammer@baltimorecity.gov)

matt.achhammer@baltimorecity.gov to have the BLLC come to your business or community association meeting.

Rules and Regulations in Translation

Did you know that the Rules and Regulations of the BLLC are available on our website and at our office, and are available in English, Korean, and Spanish? The BLLC has produced these translations in order to more fully serve our diverse community of stakeholders.

You can find the Alcoholic Beverages Rules and Regulations here:

[English](#)
[Spanish](#)
[Korean](#)

One Day Licenses?

Hosting a fundraiser for your organization, a block party, or a festival? You may need a one-day license and we can help: <https://llb.baltimorecity.gov/applications/on-process>

Good Neighbors?

Does your community have a good relationship with a Liquor Store, Bar, or Restaurant owner? We want to hear about it. Email Matt with your story: matt.achhammer@baltimorecity.gov

Community Questions

Each month our Community Liaison receives questions from neighborhood associations and business organizations across the City. In July of 2019, the BLLC visited 7 community associations, engaged with 225 people, and answered 35 questions from citizens on a wide range of topics. The BLLC also participated in 3 Mayor's Safety Walks: in the Eastern District in the Johnston Square neighborhood; in the Northwestern District in the Park Lane neighborhood; and the Northern District in the Woodbourne Heights neighborhood.

This month's common question posed to the agency was: What should a community do if they suspect an establishment is selling to minors? Anyone with such a concern should submit a 311 request or directly contact the agency. The BLLC has a special task force that works with police cadets in an undercover capacity to test whether an establishment is properly checking ID and complying with the Rules and Regulations.

If a licensed establishment sells to a cadet in this case, the licensee is then brought before the Board for a public hearing, at which time community members may testify to the impact of the violation.

Fun Fact: Baltimore City is currently home to 4 distilleries:

Baltimore Spirits Company, <https://baltimorespiritsco.com/>
Louthan Distilling, <https://www.facebook.com/LouthanDistilling/>
Old Line Spirits, <http://www.oldlinespirits.com/>
and Sagamore Spirits Distilling, <https://sagamorespirit.com/>