

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

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COVID-19 August 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.

Rules and Regulations Update

BLLC Rules and Regulations are based off of the Alcoholic Beverages Article in the Maryland Annotated Code as well as police powers and case law. The update of the rules and regulations occurs approximately every five years and is necessary to keep up with the events changing around us, such as new outdoor dining trends since the occurrence of COVID-19 or events like the CIAA tournament. The goal is to make the updated version of the rules clear and easy to understand for license holders and individuals wishing to obtain a license. When finalized, draft Rules and Regulations will be made available for a period of public comment before being adopted by the Board.

BLLC has arranged for a summer legal intern to help with the redrafting (see story to the right).

[To see the current Rules and Regulations, click here.](#)

Community Meetings

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

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National Night Out

The BLLC would like to recognize the efforts of so many communities across the City in putting on numerous National Night Out (NNO) events. National Night Out is “an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live,” as defined by the [NNO website](#). BLLC Executive Secretary Douglas Paige, Deputy Executive Secretary Nicholas Blendy, and Inspectors Washington and Robinson, joined NNO events across the City hosted by the following organizations: Eager Park (Broadway East, Eager Park, Fort Worthington Associations), BPD Western District, Fayette Street Outreach, Zeta Center (NW), No Boundaries Coalition, Druid Heights CDC and at McCulloh Homes.



Above: BLLC Executive Secretary Douglas Paige with BPD Commissioner Harrison and US Attorney General Merrick Garland at No Boundaries Coalition NNO Event, kids playing near fire truck and Inspector Washington at BPD Western Dist. NNO event.

Meet Madison – BLLC Summer Intern

BLLC welcomes Madison Bennet, Rules and Regulations summer intern, currently assisting the agency with drafting an updated version of the rules and regulations. Madison is a 3rd year law student at the University of Baltimore School of Law and a former graduate of Penn State University. Originally from Allentown, PA, she is considering remaining in Maryland after law school.

Asked about her BLLC experience so far, Madison remarked, “I am thoroughly enjoying my time with the BLLC. It is a pleasure to spend my summer with this agency as I have learned so much about government regulation while also meeting many intelligent, helpful, and kind-hearted individuals along the way.

Everyone in the agency is always willing to help and they are so welcoming! This has definitely been a successful internship for me and has made me highly consider government regulation as a post-graduate option.”

