

# BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

February 2020

## Employee of the Quarter



Congratulations to Employee of the Quarter Agent Darryl Clark! Agent Clark has been with the BLLC since 2015 rising through the ranks from Inspector to Agent. The BLLC appreciates Darryl's effort and leadership within the Inspection Division and looks forward to his continued contributions. Congratulations, Darryl!

## BLLC in Annapolis



BLLC staff Matt Achhammer, Thomas Akras, John Chrissomallis, and Staci Russell, left to right. Photo credit: Mayor's Office.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup> BLLC staff joined City officials and citizen leaders for "Baltimore Day in Annapolis 2020," hosted by Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young. The event allowed the BLLC to connect with citizen, City agency, and elected official stakeholders to discuss licensing issues.

## 2020 License Renewal

Every year license holders are required to submit a renewal application in order to continue operating for the new license year. The renewal period is from March 1 – March 31. New licenses are issued for the license year which starts on May 1 and ends April 30 of each year.

The BLLC website offers information and assistance on the renewal process, including the following documents:

- [Renewal Letter to Licensees 2020](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions for Renewal 2020](#)
  - [Application for Renewal 2020](#)
  - [License Fee List 2020](#)
  - [Food Form 46th District 2020](#)
- [Request for Previous Year Application Form](#)

## Community Questions – Protests of Renewal

Each month our Community Liaison takes questions from neighborhood and business associations across the City. In January, the BLLC attended 7 association meetings, engaged with 222 people, and received and answered 27 questions on a wide range of topics.

Most of the inquiries made to the BLLC in February focused on the Protest of Renewal process. As we discussed in our [January 2020 newsletter](#), the BLLC has created a [presentation about the Protest of Renewal process](#).

Additionally, the following resources may be helpful:

- Previous years' Protest of Renewal hearings are archived on Charm City TV's Citizens' Hub, located here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHAa8zfkf5XO-mNimsy6FfCOD5wbgXNLU>
- This archive will correspond with the dockets for each hearing, in April of each year, found here: <https://llb.baltimorecity.gov/hearings-schedule/archives>

### Some important notes and a brief summary of the Protest of Renewal process:

- The protest must be received by the BLLC or if mailed be postmarked by March 31, 2020.
- The protest of renewal must be signed by 10 individual signatories within immediate vicinity of the establishment. These cannot be license holders or applicants for a license.
- At the public hearing, parties must present a case in a two phase process:
  - Phase one: The protest must be based on a specific complaint (violations, etc., excluding zoning issues) within the previous license year (May 1, 2019 to March 30, 2020).
  - Phase two: The Board will consider other evidence and must determine that there is "substantial evidence" entered into the record that merits non-renewal of the license.

**Fun Fact:** BLLC recently issued its inaugural Welcome Packet for licensees. To see the Press Release announcing the Welcome Packet, [click here](#). To view the Welcome Packet, [click here](#).