

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

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In the Streets



Photo by Inspector Perez, BLLC

Baltimore celebrates St. Patrick's Day in many areas and on different days. This year, pub tour events were held in Federal Hill, Fells Point, and Canton. The BLLC staff was present for the Canton Irish Stroll on March 9th and Federal Hill and Fells Point Irish Strolls on March 16th. The BLLC also conducted enforcement efforts in and around Canton Square on March 16th and 17th for the Irish festival. Inspection staff visited participating establishments, ensured rules and regulations were followed, and worked with other City agencies to monitor operations.

Pub crawls require a special permit process that ensures City agencies coordinate and provide proper support for such events. Information on these processes can be found online [here](#) and below:

Pub Tour Promoter's Permit – Frequently Asked Question Sheet [\[PDF\]](#)

Pub Tour Promoter's Permit [\[PDF\]](#)

Cross Street Market Rules and Regulations

On March 14, 2019, the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City voted to approve and adopt the rules and regulations for Public Market License located at Cross Street Market and the accompanying Vendor Form. To see a copy of the finalized Rules and Regulations, please visit our website or click [here](#). To view the Vendor Form, please visit our website or click [here](#).

Schedule of Hearings?

Hearings for transfer, violations, and other issues before the Board are announced in advance and available on our website: <https://llb.baltimorecity.gov/hearings-schedule>

Board Decisions?

Missed a hearing and want to know the outcome? Find all past hearings and results at the following link: <https://llb.baltimorecity.gov/hearing-dispositions>

Community Questions

Each month our Community Liaison takes questions from Neighborhood Associations across the City. In February, the BLLC visited 8 community associations, engaged with 227 people, and answered 27 questions from citizens on a wide range of topics. Additionally, the Community Liaison, along with BLLC Executive and Inspection staff, were present at each of the public meet and greets with Police Commissioner Harrison.

A common question posed to the BLLC concerns the most appropriate manner in which a community may voice its opinion (opposition or support) most effectively. We encourage citizens to send letters or emails to the agency so they can be added to the case file. We also encourage community members to show up at the hearing to testify in person concerning matters before the Board.

Community members often inquire as to how they can be assured that using 311 to contact the Liquor board is effective. The Liquor Board is proud to say that about 96% of our 311 calls are answered within 24 hours. Our inspectors respond to each complaint and enter into the 311 system what actions were taken and results of their investigation. They also note any further action to be taken regarding the complaint. Citizens can use 311 by dialing 3-1-1, [online here](#), or [download the app here](#).

Don't forget: Protest of Renewal Petitions are due in the BLLC office or postmarked by March 31st. Find our [presentation on the Protest of Renewal process here](#).

Fun Fact: The Liquor Board recognizes that many licensees are good neighbors and will often send letters applauding community engagement. BLLC also sends congratulatory letters when a licensee has passed an undercover investigation for sales to minors.