

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

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Introductions



The Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) is working to make sure all stakeholders are connected to our work through our Community Engagement Initiative. To this end, the agency has created a new Community Liaison position, which was recently filled by Matt Achhammer.

The BLLC seeks to conduct outreach proactively to communities across the City. The agency looks forward to attending your community or business association meeting. The BLLC will offer a brief presentation on the operations and capabilities of the Liquor Board (about 10 minutes) and allow for questions. Additionally, the Community Liaison will remain throughout and after the meeting for any questions that participants wish to ask in a more confidential manner.

If you have a question for Matt about any licensed establishment, please do not hesitate to email him: matt.achhammer@baltimorecity.gov, or call him on cell phone number (410) 241-6525, or at the main office (410) 396-4377.

Community Outreach Calendar

Community members can now find the current and past Outreach Calendar online at:

<https://llb.baltimorecity.gov/community-engagement-initiative>

Quarterly Reports from the Community Liaison, as well as online versions of these newsletters can also be found on the site.



What's on the Docket?

Hearings Schedules and Transfer Notices

The BLLC publishes hearings schedules online:

<https://llb.baltimorecity.gov/hearings-schedule>

You can also find our monthly "Notice of Transfers" which shows new and transfer applications that will be coming before the Board in the near future:

<https://llb.baltimorecity.gov/notice-of-transfers>

Community Questions

Each month, our Community Liaison takes questions from Neighborhood Associations across the city. In September, for example, we visited 14 Associations, engaged with 387 people, and answered over 100 questions from citizens on a wide range of topics.

On September 19th, our Community Liaison, visited with the Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association. We discussed a new "B" Restaurant license application in the neighborhood's main street, with questions regarding fitness of applicants and background checks, as well as **what it takes to get a new "B" license**. Any applicant for a new "B" license must meet certain criteria for the business and be seen as a fit and proper applicant by the Board. An overview of the application process can be found on our website: <https://llb.baltimorecity.gov/application-process>

How do I report a problem with a licensed Liquor Establishment?

311! We ask that any complaints regarding a licensed establishment be submitted through the Baltimore City 311 System. Citizens can submit complaints by phone by dialing "311," online at the [City's 311 Portal](#), and by using the [Mobile App](#). Please visit the 311 system and familiarize yourself with the easiest way to submit a complaint and create a record requesting City services.

Fun Fact: How many licenses exist in Baltimore City? At the beginning of the 2018-2019 License year, there were 1221 licenses within the City.