

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

October 2019

In the Streets



October 12th York Road Corridor Walk
Photo courtesy Senator Mary Washington.

On Saturday, October 12th, at the invitation of Maryland State Senator Mary Washington of the 43rd District, BLLC staff joined in a walk in the 5100 to 5500 blocks of the York Road corridor. Community Liaison Matt Achhammer and Deputy Executive Secretary Thomas Akras walked with the group to listen to their concerns and answer questions related to licensed establishments in the area.

The walk included multiple stakeholders from Council Member Henry's office to community organizations including York Road Partnership, Mid-Govans, Northern District CRC, among many others.

The BLLC welcomes such walks as an opportunity to discuss community issues in a real-time environment. In turn, this allows the BLLC to connect directly with the communities and licensees.

If your organization or neighborhood would like to request BLLC participation in a similar walk, please don't hesitate to invite us by contacting [Community Liaison Matt Achhammer](#).

Mayor Young's Senior Symposium



BLLC Executive Secretary Douglas Paige, Assistant Executive Secretary Staci Russell, and Community Liaison Matt Achhammer attended the annual Senior Symposium presented by Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young. The opportunity allowed staff to offer information and answers to questions, as well as meet community stakeholders directly in an informal setting.

Stay Informed

If you want to receive BLLC correspondence such as Notice of Transfers and Hearing Dockets, be sure to sign up for our email list-serve by emailing Ms. Kimberly Kerns at Kimberly.Kerns2@baltimorecity.gov

The monthly "Notice of Transfers," as well as weekly Hearing Dockets are also posted on our website:

Notice of Transfers

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

Hearing Dockets

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

Community Questions

Each month our Community Liaison receives questions from neighborhood associations and business organizations across the City concerning licensed establishments. In September of 2019, the BLLC visited 10 community associations, engaged with 352 people, and answered 30 questions from citizens on a wide range of topics. The BLLC also participated in Mayor's Safety Walks in the Northern and Northwestern Police Districts. The BLLC was also pleased to participate in the Mayor's Senior Symposium, as well as attend the Baltimore Planning Academy to be introduced as a resource to the citizens active in the Academy.

Amidst the many questions we receive from communities, during the month of October we are asked about preparations for one of the biggest events in the City: Halloween celebrations in Fells Point. In an effort organized by Council Member Cohen of the 1st Councilmatic District, the BLLC coordinates with multiple City agencies weeks in advance to plan for this large event. BLLC staff is assigned to conduct enforcement activities during the weekend of October 26th, as well as on Halloween (Oct. 31st) in the Fells Point area. Additionally, BLLC agents and inspectors will monitor events on the aforementioned dates in the Federal Hill area of the City.

Another question this month concerns how to watch a Liquor Board hearing if one can not be present at the hearing. You can follow along on CharmTV on channel 25, or online via live streaming on CharmTV. (<http://www.charmtv.tv/>)

Fun Fact: Did you know that one of Baltimore's most unique "Ghost Signs" resides on the side of a building in Fells Point? The sign reads: "Vote Against Prohibition," and is a relic from the early 1900s. You can find it by going to the corner of Shakespeare St. and S. Broadway and looking up and around.