

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

October 2020

COVID-19 October Update

For the latest information, [view the COVID-19 section of our website](#).

Office Remains Closed to General Public - Please remember: The BLLC requests that all applications, correspondence, and related materials be **mailed in to the office at 1 North Charles St., Suite 1500, Baltimore, MD, 21201**.

Phone lines will remain open from 8:30am to 4:30pm each day, though no one will be available in person at the offices.

Reminder - Operations of Licensed Establishments:

BLLC publishes updated guidance documents with each new Mayoral Executive Order that affects operations. To see the most up to date guidance, click [here](#).

Reminder - Extensions of time periods:

To see a copy of the BLLC's Press Release, [click here](#).

Virtual Hearings:

The BLLC held its first virtual hearing on May 7, 2020. All hearings are available for [viewing on CharmTV](#). The next hearing will be November 5, [click here for more information](#).



Virtual Hearing Primer

Planning to attend an upcoming hearing? Find instructions and tips in our WebEx Primer, [here](#).

Outdoor Dining Program Adapts to Colder Weather with Heating Solutions

On October 5th, Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young announced the continuation of the Outdoor Seating Relief Program with the addition of the Heating Solutions Program. The Heating Program reflects the efforts of multiple City agencies under the direction of Council Member Eric Costello (11th District). The Program seeks to address the coming change in season and the desire to continue outdoor dining as much as possible. The Program also gives guidance on what equipment and safety measures should be in place. Under the Program, permit fees have been waived and the time frame for approval has been expedited with a maximum expected approval time of 72 hours. Please see information from Mayor Young in regards to the *Mayor's Outdoor Seating Heating Solutions Program* [here](#).



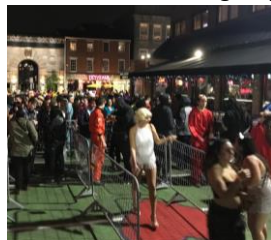
Photos from Cosima and Bond Street Social Instagram and Facebook Pages

Halloween 2020 – BLLC, City Agencies Collaborating to Address Safety Concerns

Halloween is one of the busiest nights of the year for the BLLC Inspection Division, this year occurring on Saturday, October 31st. Though 2020 is a little different, as the City will not see any organized bar crawls or special events, City agencies and the BLLC are preparing to ensure a safe night for all.

The BLLC Inspection Division is working in collaboration with City agencies to prepare for Halloween festivities in multiple neighborhoods. In Fell's Point, for example, BLLC is working with Council Member Cohen's office (District 1) and a group comprised of the Baltimore Police Department, Department of Transportation, Department of Public Works, and others, to coordinate preparations for a safe Halloween.

On October 31st BLLC Inspectors, Executive Staff, and the Community Liaison will be present across the City, particularly in Fells Point and Federal Hill, to monitor licensed establishments and compliance with safe operations requirements and COVID-19 Regulations. Inspectors will visit establishments and remind licensees about concerns such as proper ID checking, noise levels, crowd control, and abiding by protective face covering and social distancing requirements.



BLLC Staff photos from Halloween 2019