

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

December 2019

Happy Holidays!



Commissioner Hafey, Chairman Matricciani, and Commissioner Greenfield.

The Liquor Board Commissioners and Staff wish you all a Happy Holiday season!

When reflecting on the year behind us, we at BLLC are fortunate to work with many dedicated stakeholders. Chairman Matricciani offers these Holiday remarks:

“As the holiday season and year end approach, I would like to take this opportunity to thank sincerely all those within and outside of our organization who have worked with such dedication and professionalism this year to make the BLLC of Baltimore City such an effective agency and a real partner in addressing the needs of our city.”



BLLC offices were once again decorated in the spirit of the season thanks to our Office Assistant, Ms. Shená Branch. We all hope that you enjoy your Holiday parties and have a safe and Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

New Year’s Eve Hours?

For New Year’s Eve in Baltimore City, the law allows for licensed establishments to remain open past 2am and for the remainder of the day on January 1st. This does not apply to Package Goods, “A” Licenses. “A” licenses must close at midnight as they would on other business days.

Expect to see your favorite bar or restaurant remaining open beyond 2am if they choose to do so. Happy New Year!

Executive Director Paige Honored

On Sunday, December 15th, at their 47th Annual Gala, The Korean Society of Maryland thanked BLLC Executive Director Douglas Paige for his community engagement with the Maryland Korean community.



Community Questions

Each month our Community Liaison receives questions from neighborhood associations and business organizations across the City concerning the operations of licensed establishments. In November of 2019, the BLLC visited 9 community associations, engaged with 268 people, and answered 30 questions from citizens on a wide range of topics. The BLLC also participated in Mayor’s Safety Walks in the Southern and Southwestern Police Districts.

Many questions posed to our Community Liaison center around issues concerning the difference in license types and associated hours of operation. The following breakdown is a general look at the most common license types and their hours of operation:

CLASS “A”	CLASS “B”	CLASS “C”	CLASS “D”	“CLASS BD7”
-Beer and Wine, or Beer, Wine and Liquor -“Off Premise” Only (Package goods) -6am to 12am Mon. – Sat. -A-2 – 9am to 12am Mon. – Sat.	-Beer and wine, or Beer, Wine, and Liquor -7 days / week 6am to 2 am -Generally Restaurants, also Hotels, Arenas, and Racing Facilities.	-Beer and wine, or Beer, Wine, and Liquor -Non-profit Private Clubs -7 days / week 6am to 2 am	-Beer and wine 7 days 6am to 1am or Beer, Wine, and Liquor -Mon. – Sat. 6am to 1am -Taverns	-Beer, Wine, and Liquor -Taverns -7 days / week 6am to 2 am

* Park Heights Master Plan area: A and BD7 hours of operation: 9am to 10pm, all others 9am opening.

Fun Fact: Glühwein, a German traditional spiced red wine similar to mulled wine, is documented historically back to 1420. Baltimore’s annual Christmas Village in the Inner Harbor offers glühwein and other traditional German food and drink.