

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

September 2019

Back to School



September in Baltimore means students of all levels head back to school. The BLLC would like to acknowledge and thank the many licensed establishments that support their local communities' back to school events. Whether through monetary support, space for events, or fundraisers for school supplies, we applaud licensee participation in community efforts. The BLLC encourages all stakeholders to work together for the benefit of the community and this is a great example of that work in action.

BLLC would also like to remind licensees that as college students return for the school year, now is a good time to refresh your staff on checking IDs and verifying all patrons consuming alcohol are 21 and over. Training is available through multiple outlets including the [Techniques of Alcohol Management program \(TAM\)](#).

Have a story of a licensed establishment that always helps out and support your community? Share it with the BLLC so we can thank them and possibly highlight their efforts. Send stories to community liaison Matt Achhammer at matt.achhammer@baltimorecity.gov

Class C Licenses

Did you know that all private clubs such as VFW's, Elks Lodges, and fraternities and sororities must be licensed to sell alcohol? The Class C license is for non-profit private clubs and allows the sales of alcohol 7 days a week from 6am to 2am.

Newsletter Archives

To find a copy of the BLLC Community Connection newsletter from previous months, visit our archive online here: <https://ilb.baltimorecity.gov/community-connection-archives>

Community Questions

Each month our Community Liaison receives questions from neighborhood and business associations across the City. In August, a month when many associations do not meet, the BLLC visited 4 community associations, engaged with 182 people, and answered multiple questions from citizens on a wide range of topics. The BLLC also participated in a Mayor's Safety Walk in the Northeastern District.

One common question posed to the agency is what are some of the main differences between license types, specifically relating to package goods stores, or Class A licenses? Class A licenses are the only licenses required to close by midnight and not allowed to operate on Sundays, except in special circumstances. A Class A license holder may request two special Sunday licenses each year, as well as supplemental licenses to operate each Sunday between Thanksgiving and New Years, from 1pm to 9pm. Licensees that successfully apply shall display the "Supplemental Sunday License" on days of operation.

Another inquiry regarding licensee operating hours is whether an establishment must be open all of the hours for which it is licensed. For example, does a Class BD7 licensee have to be open from 6am to 2am? In short, the answer is no! A licensed establishment may operate at anytime within the scope of hours authorized by their class of license. Occasionally, through a Memorandum of Understanding, a community and licensee may agree on specific hours at the time of transfer or issuance.

Fun Fact: According to the [Maryland Wineries Association](#), there are 72 wineries in Maryland, with two member wineries in Baltimore City, Charm City Meadworks, focusing more on mead, and WineCream, combining wine and ice cream.

Schedule of Hearings?

Hearings for transfers, violations, and other issues before the Board are announced in advance and available on our website:

<https://ilb.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://ilb.baltimorecity.gov/hearing-dispositions>