

# Hospitality Businesses Urged to Apply for Grants

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - Restaurants and other hospitality-related businesses in our region will soon be able to apply for financial assistance through the COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program.

Established under Act 1 of 2021, the program allocates \$145 million in funding assistance statewide to hospitality industry businesses adversely affected by the pandemic. Businesses in Northampton County can find more information here.

To be eligible for funding, the applicant must be a for-profit business that meets the following qualifications outlined in the law:

- Is not publicly traded.
- Experienced a reduction in revenue of at least 25% in relevant portions of calendar year 2020.
- Operates a place of business within the Commonwealth within the Accommodation Industry (NAICS 721) or Food Services and Drinking Places (NAICS 722) and where accommodations, food or drink are served to the public.
- Has fewer than 300 full-time-equivalent employees.
- Has a maximum tangible net worth of not more than \$15 million, as computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Funding is limited and will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Grants will be awarded in increments of \$5,000 up to a maximum of \$50,000.



## Waterways Conservation Officer Training Program Applications Due March 14

By Senator Scovello

PEN ARGYL - Pennsylvanians who are interested in a career as a Waterways Conservation Officer can apply now through March 14 to be a part of the next training program, which begins this summer.

The training includes a 26-week basic training course for municipal police officers in Hershey, followed by an additional 26 weeks of training at the H.R. Stackhouse School of Fishery Conservation and Watercraft Safety in Bellefonte, Centre County.

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## Totts Gap Arts Statement on Closure

By Jim Gloria / Dir. Totts Gap Arts

UPPER MT. BETHEL - In the face of this pandemic we've all had to adjust to new ways of going about our business, and TGAI is no exception. Our recent quarantine-induced sabbatical has presented an opportunity for introspection as we've taken stock of how we can best serve our community and maximize our impact on artists of all ages.

The current—and likely ongoing—social distancing requirements will prevent our facilities from reopening and allowing us to accommodate the number of students we've had in past years. So rather than limit the scope of our programs, we're expanding our reach and evolving our offerings to bring value to more aspiring and practicing artists throughout the region.

The new TGAI model will be one of partnerships, wherein we'll work directly with public and private organizations across the community to support new and existing arts programming, lending both our expertise and our financial support. Leaning into our history of successful public art projects and creative community activities, we're excited to look forward to working together on new creative initiatives.

We're happy to announce the first of such joint ventures in the form of a partnership with the Slater Family Network, was a success. Together, SFN and TGAI and distributed donated art materials with the support of a Crayola Cares donation, to provide creative outlets for students confined at home due to the virus.

Hope is the most powerful tool, and art and inspiration is what TGAI will continue to provide to our community. For questions and further information, or if you would like to donate funds or space, please contact TGAI at: arts@tottsgap.org or (610) 588-5817.



## MT. BETHEL PLAZA

GRAND OPENING & RIBBON CUTTINGS AT MT. BETHEL PLAZA

### Four New Business' to Open March 20th

Stone Lake Winery, Paul's Precision Cuts, Comunale Chiropractic, P 4 Blood Laboratories Saturday, March 20th, 12 noon, Mt Bethel Plaza, Mt Bethel PA., Where Route 512 Meets Route 611  
*Events and specials will be at many of the Plaza shops throughout the day*

### Join Us In Welcoming:

#### Scott and Jacki Douglas owners of Stone Lake Winery

Their business features a wine bar, tastings, sales & special events. Family owned and operated.  
 Open Wed-Thursday 11 am to 7 pm, Friday & Saturday 11 am to 9 pm, Sunday 11 am-5 pm

#### Paul Antoniou owner of Paul's Precision Cuts

Paul is a Mt. Bethel local, who formerly worked in New Jersey and wished to operate a family barbershop in the area he grew up in. 570-291-7622 Open Tues-Friday 10 am - 6 pm & Saturday 9 am - 2 pm.

#### Comunale Chiropractic Sports, Spine and Wellness Center

Dr. Dan Comunale, owner, offers a full range of treatment serving all generations with emphasis in sports chiropractic medicine. 570-234-0995

#### P4 Clinical Lab

Lab testing in a convenient location. Monday-Friday, 8 am - 4 pm. Walk-ins accepted. 570-897-5022

### Events and specials will be at many of the Plaza shops throughout the day including:

- Mt Bethel Beverage: Sampling Bud Lt Lemonade and Mich Ultra Organic Seltzers
- Dylaggio Music - Signups for Private Lessons
- Method Karate - Open House Demonstration
- Todas Design - Free Consults
- Mt. Bethel Auto - Free Raffle Drawing
- Mt Bethel Pharmacy - Gift bags
- Comunale Italian Market - Lunch Specials
- Mt. Bethel Pizza
- Duddy Chiropractic
- Mt. Bethel Hardware
- New Panda Garden
- Dr. Stephen DiMarco - Mt. Bethel Eye Care
- Dr. Jon Raso - Mt. Bethel Medical
- Mt. Bethel Post Office