



# FYI NEWSLETTER

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## Winter Ready Grant Program

The Committee of 100 has secured \$300,000 from New Castle County to help restaurants winterize outdoor dining spaces



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Inspired by the popular outdoor Curbside Wilmington and Newark's Main Street Alfresco, New Castle County will invest \$300,000 of CARES Act money to help New Castle County restaurants prepare for outdoor dining during the colder months. The grants will be administered by The Committee of 100.

"It's critical to keep our community safe and healthy, as well as keep our businesses safe and healthy," said County Executive Matt Meyer. "These grants are critical lifelines that will help small businesses keep staff working as well as maintaining the health of diners."

"Food and drink establishments across New Castle County have innovated and adapted to survive in this very challenging environment," added Jennifer Kmiec, Executive Director of The Committee of 100. "We are happy to partner with the County to help support these small businesses to extend their outdoor dining into the cooler months."

The "Winter Ready Restaurant Grant Program" is open to independent locally owned restaurants, as well as Delaware-based franchises, that have a permit for outdoor space, whether for a temporary parklet or sidewalk café, or permanent, private patio. Up to \$5,000 can be requested to cover the costs of winterization, including tents, heaters, propane, lighting, and furniture. Applicants must ensure proper New Castle County Land Use or municipality permitting has been followed to ensure grantees do not violate county code.

"Local restaurateurs are working so hard to serve



**Encourage your clients and tenants to apply today!**

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[\*\*APPLY HERE\*\*](#)

**More from the Winter Ready Grant Program launch:**

[Grant program to help winterize New Castle County restaurants - Delaware Business Times](#)

[County announces winter-ready restaurant grant program - NCCDE YouTube](#)

[New Castle County offers grants to restaurants for winter outdoor dining - Delaware Public Media](#)

[New Castle County to](#)

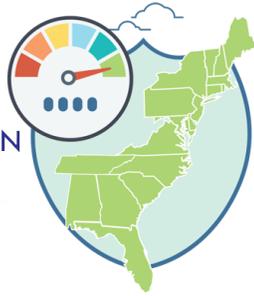
our patrons and keep our trained staff together,” said Scott Stein, co-owner of Bardea Food & Drink. “We’ve had the luxury of beautiful fall weather but are very concerned as winter approaches. These grants will be critical to help us continue outdoor dining as long as possible.”

[Give Local Restaurants \\$5K to Help Continue Outdoor Dining Through the Fall](#)  
- [NBC10 Philadelphia](#)

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## — THE EASTERN TRANSPORTATION COALITION

### MBUF STUDY



DelDOT invites you to participate in the [Phase 3 Mileage-Based User Fee \(MBUF\) pilot](#). They are working with the Eastern Transportation Coalition (formerly the I-95 Corridor Coalition) to continue exploring MBUF as an alternative to the fuel tax. The current fuel tax is unsustainable due to the decrease in purchasing power with more fuel-efficient vehicles and higher adoption of electric vehicles.

Your participation and feedback will help the coalition better understand if an MBUF system could help address our state’s future transportation needs.

If you are willing to participate, please send an email with your zip code and preferred phone number to.:

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[Restore the Corridor Wilmington](#) is a significant DelDOT transportation project along the I-95 corridor in Wilmington that will make the repairs needed to extend the bridges’ service life and avoid major and costly rehabilitation work for a minimum of 30 years.

Planned construction includes the repair of 19 bridges, I-95 pavement, and ramps within the project limits. Major construction on I-95 is expected to start in spring 2021.

DelDOT recently held a Business Forum for employers that will be impacted by this project. You can review the presentation [here](#).

To request a presentation for your employees, contact:

DelDOT Community Relations  
800-752-5600 or 302-760-2080  
[info@restorethecorridor.com](mailto:info@restorethecorridor.com)

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## Virtual Roundtable: Increasing Graduate Lab Space Capacity in Delaware

The Committee of 100 recently co-hosted a discussion of efforts to build more “graduate” lab space in Delaware. Local, regional, and global market demands are driving the need for ready-to-go lab space for biotech and chemical companies growing in, or looking to relocate to, Delaware.

The Delaware Prosperity Partnership shared their efforts to secure funding from the state to pilot programs to spur private sector-led projects. The Delaware Technology Park presented concepts for expansion on their site in Newark, and the Delaware Innovation Space reported on new EDA funding to expand accelerator programs.

Slides from the Virtual Lab Roundtable can be viewed [here](#) and the video recording is available [here](#).

Read more in the Delaware Business Times: [As Delaware’s bioscience sector grows, space is in short supply](#)



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## Last Chance to Register for

# Oktoberfest Member Reception

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

**University & Whist Club**  
805 N. Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19806

**5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**



Reconnect with colleagues and clients while enjoying seasonal food and drinks at the University & Whist Club's newly-renovated Carriage House.

Masks will be required and we will practice social distancing.

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