



DEVELOPMENT NEWS BUSINESS RESOURCES

The City of Trenton took ownership of Roobling Block 2 and is beginning the process of preparing the site for future development.

Simply Delicious Grill, 238 East State Street, opened Monday, March 13th, 11am-2pm. www.simplydelicious.com

JD's Soul Food Kitchen, 312 East State Street, opened Wednesday March 15th

Taste Trenton, a small plate restaurant crawl of Trenton's restaurants, is scheduled April 21-23. www.tastetrenton.com



TRENTON BUSINESSES IN THE NEWS

"Trenton Redevelopment Sweet Deals and Sour Notes", March 1, 2017. [Download](#). Read the article [here](#). *Central Jersey CMJ*, Roobling Lofts, the Hibbert Group.)

"Urban Pioneer Elijah Dixon Gives Trenton Makas Goods a Nanover Street Showroom", February 28, 2017. [Trenton Downtownor](#). Read the article [here](#).

"LA Parker: Pizza Day Celebrated at Nino's Pizzeria in Trenton", February 8, 2017. [The Trentonian](#). Read the article [here](#).

"Studio B Bakery is the Breakfast Place that Trenton Deserves.", January 31, 2017. [Trenton Downtownor](#). Read the article [here](#).



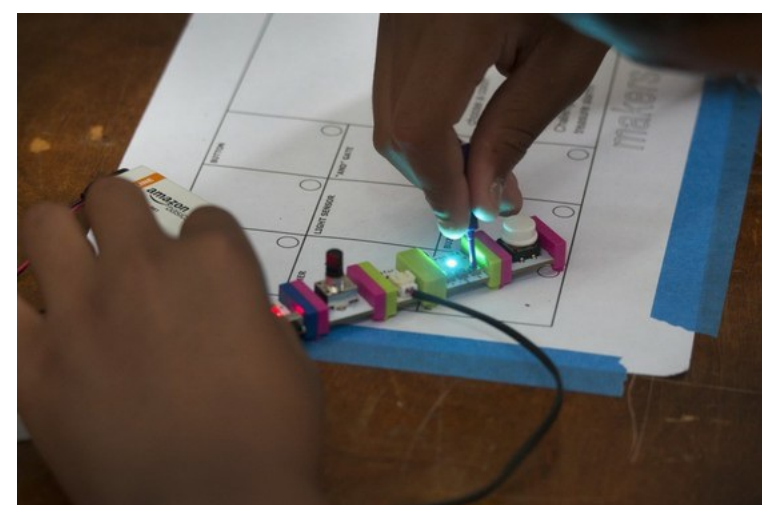
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: MANUFACTURING WORKING GROUP

Trenton manufacturers told the City of Trenton that they wanted to hire more Trentonians and that they could only do it if Trenton students were excited about makers activities and STEM as well as understanding that well-paying manufacturing careers were out there. So we started the Manufacturing Working Group, which is comprised of Trenton City Hall, Trenton manufacturers, the Trenton Public Schools and area workforce developers.

Here are some things that the City of Trenton and the Manufacturing Working Group have done in the past year: there are other projects in the works, including makers spaces, a portable makers cart and a drone racing league.

- **Trenton Makers Day**. For the video, [click here](#).
- **Trenton's Build it Better Competition**. For the FAIC coverage, [click here](#).
- **Trenton's Makers Activities**. To see a list of makers and STEM activities in Trenton for kids, [click here](#).
- **Visit in the high schools**. The Trenton Manufacturing Working Group met with Dr. Josue Falaske, the director of curriculum at Trenton Public Schools, to discuss the existing in-tech program and aligning curriculum with the needs of Trenton industry, which is hiring and wants to hire Trentonians.

If you would like to join us in engaging Trenton students in making and STEM and eventually with the manufacturing jobs that are out there, reach out to me at emmyw@trenton.org.



BUSINESS RESOURCES: FOR STREET LEVEL AND EXPANDING BUSINESSES

The Board of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) expanded support of small business growth in Garden State Growth Zones (GSGZs) through the creation of the Business Lease Incentive (BLI) and Business Improvement Incentive (BII) programs.

The BLI and BII programs are designed to support the growth of retail and services in GSGZs by providing grants to street level new and expanding businesses. The effect of these programs will be maximized by concentrating these grants in designated corridors consistent with each city's development plans. The programs will be launched on a pilot basis and capitalized with a total of \$3 million. Of that, \$1 million will be available per year over the three-year life of the programs, evenly divided and reserved for projects in the legislatively created GSGZs, which include Trenton, Camden, Paterson, Passaic and Atlantic City.

The BLI program will offer reimbursement of a percentage of annual lease payments for two years to for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations in eligible areas that plan to lease between 500 and 5,000 square feet of new or additional market-rate, first-floor office, industrial or retail space for a minimum five-year term. An applicant leasing over 5,000 square feet would be eligible, but the incentive would only reimburse for the first 5,000 square feet.

The BII program will offer grants of up to 50 percent of total project costs, not to exceed \$20,000, to businesses operating within the first floor of a commercial corridor in GSGZs that are planning to make building improvements, with a minimum project cost of \$5,000.

If you are interested, call the NJEDA at 866.534.7786.



BUSINESS RESOURCE: NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The annual Inner City 100 Conference and Awards honors America's fastest-growing urban companies in partnership with Fortune, who publishes the list of outstanding firms.

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You can spotlight the vibrant businesses in Trenton in just a few minutes. [Apply here](#).

For more information about the Inner City 100 Conference and Awards, visit the ICIC website [here](#).

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PUBLIC AUCTION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTIES

Wednesday, March 29, 2017
12:00PM
(DOORS OPEN AT 11:30AM)

City Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor, 319 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey, (609) 815-2151

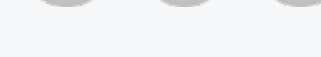
Register [here](#).

QUOTATION MARKS

"Projects have stopped and started over the last 20 years, but this is a real kind of sea change in bringing in a private developer and investing over \$40 million in renovating those buildings. That's the kind of investment that will bring more investment." NJEDA President Tim Lizura

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