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UEDA Community News

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What We're Working On

Join us at Silver City Fest! We are looking for volunteers to help us speak to community members about financial literacy, homeownership, and the ConPlan community survey. We would love to have bilingual (Spanish) volunteers join us for this unique neighborhood festival!

- **Saturday, September 7th** - shifts available from **12 PM - 5 PM**. [Sign up here.](#)

Thank you for joining us for our second Emerging Topics Series! During this session, we learned about how nonprofit agencies can participate in voter registration and other election activities from local groups who are already doing to work. We heard from [Sherman Park Community Association](#), [VIA CDC](#), and [Southside Organizing Center](#) about fostering voter culture, connecting constituents to their elected officials, and speaking truth to power. Check out the session resources [on our website](#), including information from the Nonprofit Advocacy Network on allowable election activities for 501(c)(3) organizations.

Our community outreach for the City of Milwaukee 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan is kicking into high gear! The community survey is available and we are just getting started with our virtual focus groups.

- **Take the Community Survey at conplanmke.org** and be entered in a drawing to win an iPad! Share your input on how to improve neighborhoods and support housing, public services, employment and economic development activities supported with HUD funds.
- **Join us at a focus group!** Registration will be out soon, Email adam@uedawi.org for more information.
 - **Employment Services** - October 1st, Noon - 1PM (virtual)
 - **Youth Services** - October 3rd, Noon - 1PM (virtual)
 - Housing, Economic Development, and more to be scheduled soon!

Join us for our **2024 Annual Community Gathering**! It is our opportunity to connect with our members and network, recognize volunteers and community partners, and share our goals and accomplishments from the past year. Join us for food, beverages, and opportunities to network with the UEDA community.

UEDA Annual Community Gathering
Sept 10 | 4:30-6:30 PM | Dandy

Register

We will presenting our **Outstanding Community Partner Award** to **Suzanne Zwaska** for her long-time support of UEDA and Take Root Milwaukee. Our **UEDA Extraordinary Volunteer Award** is going to **Coretta Herring** for her commitment and service to UEDA and financial empowerment initiatives.



Honoring a Community Leader

We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Dr. Jeanette Mitchell, who has done so much to inspire and build leadership in our community. Over the past few years UEDA worked closely with her through her role at the African American Leadership Alliance of Milwaukee (AALAM). Kristi Luzar, UEDA Executive Director, co-chaired the Economic Recovery workgroup of the MKE Civic Action team along with Nancy Hernandez of The Hispanic Collaborative and Dr. Mitchell.

One of the key outcomes was the work done to support the financial stability of families in our community by increasing the number of certified financial counselors. In 2023 we launched two training cohorts in partnership with AALAM, Bank On Greater Milwaukee, Center For Self-Sufficiency, FDIC Alliance for Economic Inclusion, Pathways to Financial Empowerment, WWBIC, and YWCA Southeast Wisconsin. We couldn't have done it without her! Dr. Mitchell was a true pillar and partner, we feel blessed to have known her. A community celebration of life will be held on September 14, [details here](#).

UEDA Member Highlights

Congrats to the 2024 MANDI winners! Members who won awards include the **Community Development Alliance (CDA)**, **Community Advocates**, and **Near West Side Partners**. Thank you to the sponsors and host **LISC Milwaukee**. [Check out the full list of winners here](#).

Revitalize Milwaukee's Block Build MKE happened this month! Homeowners in the Amani neighborhood saw a flurry of home repairs and improvements during this annual event. [Read more about it here](#).

The United Way gave out nearly 5000 backpacks. The **Backpack Coalition** worked to get school supplies to students in need throughout Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, and Waukesha counties. [Learn more here](#).

ArtWorks for Milwaukee and **SecureFutures** are

Member Spotlight



CDA is dedicated to advancing racial equity by providing a quality, affordable home for every Milwaukeean. They won the Associated Bank Trail Blazer Award at this year's MANDIs and are hosting their yearly conference on September 17!

collaborating to create **opportunities for young artists to build skills**. Integrating financial education into career readiness is essential. [Read about it here.](#)

Member & Partner Job Openings

Find a listing of current job openings [HERE](#). There are many opportunities in community development and local government so be sure to take a look!

Contact adam@uedawi.org if you are a member and have an opening you would like added.

And, be sure to check out the **Jobs That Help** [website](#) to find or list a nonprofit job opportunity in the state!

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Don't miss out on the **2024 Interim Plaza Grant Program!** The Department of Public Works will provide up to three grants of up to \$30,000 to create an interim plaza in the public right of way. Pre-applications are due **Sept 6th!** [Learn more here.](#)

Milwaukeeans highlighted the ongoing issue of lead poisoning at the DNC. A mother who had children who had suffered from lead and a contractor replacing lead pipes spoke to the convention about the need for ongoing infrastructure improvements. [Read about it here.](#)

Support local businesses at the Brew City Business Crawl! This series will showcase new businesses throughout Milwaukee through an open house format. Open houses will take place on **Sept 7, 14, and 21.** [Check out the list of businesses and learn more here.](#)

Community kitchens saw big changes through COVID lock downs. Now, in a more stable environment, many Wisconsin community kitchens are finding success and reinvigoration. [Read about it here.](#)

Small Business & Nonprofits

Nonprofit Lift is looking for your success stories using the consultant directory and nonprofit resources lists. After launching in May 2022, they are working to increase awareness and build community. [Share your experience using this form](#), or by emailing info@nonprofitlift.org.

Cashflow Management
Sept 12 | 5-7 PM | BMO, Kenosha

See below for event details and learn more about CDA [on their website.](#)

Welcome to these New & Returning Members!

Barbara Markoff
BMO Harris Bank
Jobs That Help
JPMorgan Chase
Julia O'Connor
Kathryn Berger
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Milwaukee Community Land Trust

Learn how to grow your small business by developing strategies to improve your cash flow. [Register here.](#)

NCRC is accepting session proposals for the 2025 Just Economy Conference. This national conference in late March seeks to imagine a just economy and how private sector practices and public sector policy can contribute to that vision. Proposals should be submitted by **Sept 13th.** [Submit your ideas here.](#)

The 2025 Governor's Conference on Economic Development is accepting workshop proposals. The conference, taking place in early February, will feature 15-20 workshops running 30-45 minutes. Proposals must be submitted by **Sept 20th.** [Access the submission form here \(doc\).](#)

Multifamily Workforce Housing: Strategies for Success

Sept 25 | 8:30AM - Noon | Eau Claire

Join WEDA for this workshop on workforce housing, including economic barriers, site selection, funding solutions, and municipal strategies. [Register here.](#)

Upcoming Events

Market on the Riverwalk

Sept 5 | 4-8 PM | Schlitz Park

Come out for THE LAST of this monthly summer event presented by The Tap Yard and WWBIC! Check out the local food, crafts, and beer in the park. [Learn more here.](#)

Near West Side Week

Sept 8-14 | Multiple Locations

Join Near West Side Partners for this week of events celebrating their neighborhood of neighborhoods, including the 7th Rev-Up MKE live pitch competition! [See the full list of events here.](#)

Valley Week

Sept 14-21 | Menomonee River Valley

This annual event hosted by Menomonee Valley Partners celebrates our natural and man-made resources. [Check out the list of events here.](#)

Building a Homeowner & Future Homeowner Bill of Rights

Sept 17 | 9 AM-2 PM | Gather at the Deer District

This year's installment of CDA's annual conference will focus on gentrification, displacement, and community discussion on how to strengthen Black and Latino neighborhoods through policy protections. [Register here.](#)

Wisconsin Latino Economic UnSummit: Elevate

Sept 20 | 8AM-1:30PM | Crowne Plaza Milwaukee South

Join the Latino Chamber of SEW to learn about pricing

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Southside Organizing Center
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TMG Wisconsin
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VIA CDC
WI Economic Development
Association (WEDA)
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(WEDC)
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for profit, access to capital for scaling up, strategies for small businesses to navigate and secure government contracts, and more! [Learn more here.](#)

2024 WEDA Best Practices Conference

Sept 25-27 | Eau Claire

Dive into the fundamentals of economic development and the leading issues of the day, including technology advancements, entrepreneurship, talent attraction; business expansion and retention; and redevelopment and revitalization opportunities. [Register here.](#)

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