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UEDA Community News

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What We're Working On

Thank you for joining us for the 2024 Annual Community Gathering! We were glad to see so many of you on September 10 for food, connection, and celebration of this year's work at UEDA.

Thank you to our awardees, Susanne Zwaska and Coretta Herring for their contributions to UEDA homeownership and financial empowerment programs. We also recognized our outgoing board members, Vaughn Barker and Nikki Payne for their support over the past 6 years.

Lastly, cheers to our caterers, [Baked Dreams and Dream Catering Co.](#) and [Green Baked Goods](#); and our wonderful hosts at Dandy.

We look forward to continuing our work together for years to come!



Welcome to Debbie Knepke, who starts this week as UEDA's new Member Engagement Manager! She brings considerable experience in membership, outreach, volunteer management, and fundraising through past positions with the United Performing Arts Fund, Revitalize Milwaukee, and the Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee. She's also been a part of the UEDA Community, attending and

volunteering at our events. If you see her say hello, and feel free to reach out too at debbie@uedawi.org! She's passionate about fostering thriving, urban communities and looks forward to connecting with our members and partners.

SAVE THE DATE! Our last **Emerging Topics in Economic Development series** event will be held the evening of **October 24th**. We're partnering with our our friends at **Washington Park Media Center** for a conversation on how the creative sector continues to shape and support our local economy. Look for a separate event invite from us in the next two weeks.

Our community outreach for the [City of Milwaukee 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan](#) is in the next phase! The community survey is available and we are just getting started with our focus groups.

- **The Community Survey will close Oct 15th!** Visit conplanmke.org and be entered in a drawing to win an iPad if you complete a survey. Share your input on how to improve neighborhoods and support housing, public services, employment and economic development activities supported with HUD funds. And share with your friends & networks!
- **Join us at a focus group!** We will be hosting four sessions on for specific issues in the plan, and will be meeting with smaller groups in the sector throughout October and November. Register for any of the 4 groups below [HERE](#), or email adam@uedawi.org for more information.
 - **Youth Services** - October 24th, Noon - 1PM (virtual)
 - **Employment Services** - October 31st, Noon - 1PM (virtual)
 - **Housing Development** - November 8th, 9AM - 10AM (virtual)
 - **Housing General (Renter or Owner)** - November 11th, 2:30-4:30pm (in-person)

UEDA Member Highlights

Gov. Evers and **WHEDA** announce the **More Like Home™ Repair & Renew Loan**. This loan targets home repairs for houses that are over 40 years old. [Check it out here.](#)

The Riverworks Financial Clinic is going strong. FOX6 spoke with Tony Myers about the impact of his work. [See the story here.](#)

The Fondy Farm Project is making an impact. Farmers and families spoke with Spectrum News 1 about how affordable access to farm land has been affected them. [Read about it here.](#)

Independence First and the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design collaborated to **design formal wear for wheelchair users**. They are hoping to use the project to educate more designers in the future. [Learn more here.](#)

Revitalize Milwaukee has hired their next CEO. Melanie Roach is bringing here business, nonprofit, and community knowledge to the table. [Read about it here \(PDF\).](#)

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!

Member Spotlight



Latino Chamber of Commerce
of
Southeastern Wisconsin Inc.

This Hispanic Heritage Month, we want to recognize the work of the **Latino Chamber of Commerce of SEW**, who fosters Wisconsin's economic development by advocating, strengthening, and promoting the growth and development of Latino and other minority emerging enterprises.

They recently held their 8th Wisconsin Latino Economical Summit. [Read coverage of it here.](#)

Welcome to these New & Returning Members!

Christine Davies
Community Insurance Information
Center
Old National Bank
Sam Leichtling

Current Members

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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Growing MKE continues its community engagement with Zoned Out. This panel discussion covered community distrust and solutions to longstanding challenges. [Read more here \(PDF\)](#).

The Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center is being developed into housing. This project will retain the character of the building without costing more than demolition would have. [Learn more here.](#)

Congratulations to the **Historic King Drive Business Improvement District (BID)** on completing a number of improvements to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, which include signage, benches & bike racks. [Learn more here.](#)

Join Forward Together Wisconsin at their WI Fall Convening 2024: Making Sustainable Attainable. This 2-day event will feature local and national stakeholders to share information on successful initiatives coming out the Inflation Reduction Act and more. It will be held **October 9-10** at the Baird Center in Milwaukee. Scholarships are available; [Learn more here.](#)

Wisconsin Watch takes a look at the history of SDC. They explore how we got here and the fallout since the agency closed its doors in April. [Read it here.](#)

Milwaukee is receiving federal funds to revamp Center St. The two-block stretch from N Teutonia Ave to N Sherman Blvd will receive protected bike lanes and curb bump-outs similar to other recent city projects. [Read more here.](#)

The next **Curds of Wisdom session by the Badger State Housing Alliance** will feature how communities have proactively countered Not In My Back Yard (NIMBY) attitudes toward affordable housing projects through better community engagement and relationship building. Wednesday, October 9 from Noon-1pm - [Register here>>](#)

Indoor farming is making strides in Milwaukee. Hundred Acre farm on 30th St is growing basil and lettuce all year round. [Learn more here.](#)

***Check your email for renewal notices to remain current!**

Nonprofit & Governmental

Acts Housing*
ArtWorks for Milwaukee*
Burleigh Street CDC
Cinnaire*
City of Milwaukee DCD
CLIMB USA
Community Advocates
Community Development Alliance (CDA)
Community First
Data You Can Use
The Difference Principle, Inc.*
Ezekiel Community Development Corp.
Fondy Food Center*
Gateway to Milwaukee
Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors*
Harbor District*
Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management
Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce
Independence First
Landmark Credit Union*
Latino Chamber of Commerce
LISC Milwaukee
Menomonee Valley Partners
Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council
Milwaukee Christian Center
Milwaukee Community Land Trust
Milwaukee Development Corp.*
Milwaukee Economic Development Corp (MEDC)
Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity
Milwaukee Public Library*
My Choice Wisconsin
Near West Side Partners
Revitalize Milwaukee
Riverworks Development Corporation*
Rooted & Rising – Washington Park
Safe & Sound
SecureFutures
SEWRPC
Sherman Park Community Association
Sojourner Family Peace Center
Southside Organizing Center
The Business Council*
TMG Wisconsin
United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County
U.S. Small Business Administration (Wisconsin)

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.

What I Wish I'd Known Before I Started my Business

Oct 8 | 3-4:30 PM | Central Library

Engage with a panel of experienced entrepreneurs and experts to learn about topics such as: tax must-knows, legal entity structure, and insurance essentials.

[Register here.](#)

Nominations for National Small Business Week Awards are open! Hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration, these awards recognize excellence in small business on a national scale. [Learn about the awards here.](#)

Joyce's House Education Center wins Rev-Up MKE. This business pitch contest celebrates small businesses on the Near West Side. [Read about it here.](#)

Upcoming Events

Harbor Fest

Sept 29 | 11 AM-3 PM | 600 E Garfield Ave

Release baby sturgeon, visit local vendors, and explore our harbor with the Harbor District! [Learn more here.](#)

4th Annual Beerline Shuffle

Oct 5 | 10 AM-1 PM | Beerline Trail

Join Riverworks for this community walk along the 3-mile Beerline trail and experience local art, food, and more! [Register here.](#)

Wisconsin Veterans Business Conference

Oct 9 | Madison, WI

This conference demonstrates a commitment to supporting the military community while providing businesses with a unique opportunity to engage directly with this demographic. [Register here.](#)

Poverty Matters Conference

Oct 9-10 | Sheboygan, WI

Join WISCAP for their 50th anniversary to learn, network, and gain an understanding of how we can work together to promote economic opportunity for low-income communities. [Learn more here.](#)

MATC Casa Abierta

Oct 10 | 4-7PM | Education Center Walker's Square

Explore MATC's bilingual programs and interface with

UW Credit Union

VIA CDC

WHEDA

WI Department of Agriculture,
Trade & Consumer Protection
(DATCP)

WI Economic Development
Association (WEDA)

WI Economic Development Corp.
(WEDC)

WI LGBT Chamber of Commerce
WI Partnership for Housing
Development

WI Veterans Chamber of
Commerce
WWBIC

Small Businesses

Bright Horizons Real Estate*

Center for Public Skills Training*

Columbia Savings & Loan
Association*

Community Charge LLC

Community Development

Management Partnerships*

Consumer Credit Counseling

Services (CCCS) of Greater

Milwaukee

Contexture

Dolomite Marketing

GoodFlow Enterprises

Goyke & Associates*

HomeWorks Bronzeville LLC

Jobs That Help

Lloyd Consulting, Inc.*

Mueller Communications*

P3 Development Group

ZDH Holdings LLC

Corporations & Funders

Associated Bank, NA

Bank Five Nine

BMO Bank

CIBC Bank*

Erie Insurance - WI

First Federal Bank*

Johnson Financial Group*

JPMorgan Chase

Mortgage Guaranty Insurance
Corp. (MGIC)

U.S. Bank

Zilber Family Foundation

Individual Members

Amy Turim

Avery L. Goodrich, Jr.*

Barbara Markoff

Brennan Balistreri

Carol Maria

Dan Brophey

Erika Rondorf

program representatives at this Open House. [Learn more here.](#)

Chili Fest and Family Resource Fair

Oct 11 | 4-6 PM | Rooted & Rising

Try chili from 25 competitors and vote for your favorite while visiting with local resources for families.

Data Day

Oct 23 | 8:30 AM-4 PM | Italian Community Center

Attend Data You Can Use's 10th Annual Data Day to better understand the available data on community revitalization, including Keynote Speaker Jesse Von Tol, President and CEO of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC). [Learn more here.](#)

George Calaway
Greg St. Arnold
Julia O'Connor
Kathryn Berger
Kurt Paulsen
Leo Ries
Martha Collins
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