



# UEDA Community News

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## Welcome to UEDA Community News!

This quarterly newsletter is just one of the many benefits our members and partners will receive when they join us in supporting professionals and organizations in community and economic development.

**UEDA also carries out a number of programs and activities throughout the year**, such as the Annual Community Development Summit, Quarterly Gatherings, providing technical assistance to agencies through HUD, is a strategy partner in asset-building for the Making Connections Milwaukee (MCM) initiative, and provides contracted services to other organizations. Visit our website for more information on these programs and services.

**If you have not already done so, we urge you to join or renew your UEDA Membership today!** We hope you will find this publication informative, and the other services and programs we are developing useful. We welcome your feedback and suggestions. Read on to learn more about what's happening in the UEDA Community!

### In Every Newsletter:

- **Feature articles** on events, issues and happenings in the UEDA Community
- **"In the Know"** Recent headlines in community development
- **Community Development Calendar:** A listing of upcoming workshops, conferences and UEDA-sponsored events.
- **"Bill's Food For Thought"** An inspiring thought that Bill has come across – let's generate more great ideas!
- **Member Spotlight:** Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council STOPP Initiative

### Welcome to our new Board Members!

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### IN THE KNOW

Featuring recent news items focusing on community and economic development issues. We welcome suggestions from our members and friends for upcoming editions!

- The **Wisconsin Nonprofits Association** launch is just around the corner! Memberships and benefits will be available in September. To learn more about this new organization that will support and advocate for Wisconsin's nonprofit sector, visit their website at [www.wisconsinnonprofits.org](http://www.wisconsinnonprofits.org).
- The **City of Milwaukee Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board will release a Request For Proposals (RFP) on August 21.** RFPs are due to the City Community Development Block Grant office on September 7. Visit the [www.city.milwaukee.gov](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov) for the latest information. Please continue to support the efforts of the Milwaukee Housing Trust Fund Coalition to secure dedicated funding by contacting your Alderman or Mayor Barrett.
- **Housing Resources Inc.**, a UEDA member, has been awarded \$360,000 in grant funds from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, in collaboration with several local banks. This grant will provide down payment and closing costs assistance to 60 first-time home buyers in Milwaukee and Racine County. For additional information and a schedule of HRI's homebuyer education classes, call (414) 461-6330.

### Bill's Food For Thought...



We hope these thoughts help inspire great ideas in the UEDA Community!

**"Our work is done on the ground, but we must view it from the sky."**

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Development Summit A Success!

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Development Summit, sponsored by UEDA and the City of Milwaukee, has been touted as a huge success. Over 275 participants were given the opportunity to engage in lively discussions and provide reaction to the City of Milwaukee's new *Economic Vision and Strategy Framework*. The excitement and enthusiasm among participants was evident throughout the day as they listened to presentations and provided feedback.



The day began with a welcome and opening plenary from Mayor Tom Barrett. He presented the City of Milwaukee's own strategic economic vision that is aligned with the Milwaukee 7, a regional cooperative economic development platform. The Reaction and Discussion segment moderated by Linda Sowell featured an impressive panel. The panelists, each leaders in their respective fields, provided community-based perspectives to the Framework and were very informative regarding their involvement with similar strategies.

Feedback during the facilitated question and answer session was extremely engaging and many Summit participants are eager to move forward to work on specific areas of the economic plan. UEDA will provide opportunities for more focused discussion and follow-up through quarterly gatherings. **Stay tuned – the first quarterly gathering will be scheduled for sometime in late October!** To access a copy of the program book and handout that describes the City's *Economic Vision and Strategy Framework*, visit UEDA's website at [www.uedawi.org](http://www.uedawi.org) and click on the Events page.

**THANK YOU to our Planning Committee, Presenters & Participants, and these Sponsors for making this event such a success!**

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## UEDA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council

As the number of foreclosures continues to rise in Milwaukee County, MMFHC continues its work to help homeowners keep their homes, and create policies and programs that will prevent future toxic loans and the board-ups that can result.

STOPP (Strategies Initiative to Overcome Predatory Practices) utilizes a coalition of community-based organizations, housing industry representatives, and government to identify and eliminate fraudulent and unfair lending practices throughout the Metropolitan Milwaukee area.

Lemuel Eaton, MMFHC's Fair Lending Services Administrator, takes calls from borrowers and potential borrowers, reviews loan documents and provides advice. When predatory loans are uncovered, Eaton and other STOPP partners create a plan suitable for the client's situation. STOPP also coordinates a variety of outreach and education activities for the community, as well as research and a legislative workgroup.

**If you know someone who needs assistance, tell them to call the STOPP hotline at (414) 278-9190.**

**Visit us at [www.uedawi.org](http://www.uedawi.org) for more information on all UEDA Programs & Events!**

## BECOME A UEDA MEMBER!

2007 is UEDA's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of membership-based community development work. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization, UEDA is dedicated to providing professional development and networking opportunities for its members. Take advantage of UEDA programs and services for a nominal fee. Open the door to endless opportunities with UEDA!

### Membership Benefits

- ✓ Discount on program fees to UEDA-sponsored events, which highlight public policy and community development needs.
- ✓ Communications such as the UEDA listserv, newsletters, e-bulletins, and other tools.
- ✓ Opportunities for one-on-one technical assistance. We can help you get what you need!
- ✓ Advocacy through the formation of affinity groups and collaborative, action-oriented projects.

### Membership Fees

Individual: \$50.00 / Student: \$20.00

Nonprofit/Organizational: \$150.00 (Includes 2 members)

Corporate/Government: \$350.00 (Includes 4 members)

### Community Development Calendar

- The Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee presents *Accountable Finance: Ensuring Integrity* with Dottie Johnson on **Wednesday, October 3** from 8:30a.m.-Noon. Call (414) 344-3933 for more information.
- WWBIC's Annual Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, October 24**, and will feature B. Smith. Visit [www.wwbic.com](http://www.wwbic.com) for information.
- The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research will host this two-day conference on *Strategies for Improving the Economic Mobility of Workers* on **November 15-16**. More information to come this fall.
- **On Tuesday November 27**, the Brother Booker Ashe Urban Ministry Program at Cardinal Stritch University will feature a day-long seminar on Faith, Justice and Healthcare. For more information, visit [www.stritch.edu/bookerashe](http://www.stritch.edu/bookerashe).

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