



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 and issues in the UEDA Community
- **"In the Know"** Recent headlines in community and economic development, and the nonprofit sector
- **Community Development Calendar:** A listing of upcoming workshops, conferences and UEDA-sponsored events.
- **"Bill's Food For Thought"** An inspiring thought that Bill has found – let's generate more great ideas!

Visit us at www.uedawi.org for more information on all UEDA Programs & Events!

Congratulations to former Board Member Eric Palm who is pursuing new opportunities in San Francisco!

Community Development Calendar

- **UEDA Quarterly Gathering** – This follow-up event to the Community Development Summit is planned for **September 17th from 8:00-11:30AM at Manpower in Milwaukee**. Visit www.uedawi.org to register – this event is free and open to the public.
- **The 9th Annual Statewide Conference of Philanthropy**, presented by *Donors Forum of Wisconsin (DFW)* is being held **Wednesday, September 17th, 2008**. For more information or to register please contact DFW at 414-270-1978 or visiting <http://www.dfwonline.org>.
- **UEDA Annual Meeting – Thursday, September 25th from 5:00-6:30PM at Rustico in Milwaukee's Third Ward**. Join us as we celebrate another year of successful programming, service to our Members and introduce new Board members. Look for your invitations soon or contact us to RSVP!
- **Current Research on Individual Giving: Methods and Results** will be held on September 22nd, 2008 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM at the UWM Zelazo Center for the Performing Arts, Rm. 171. Patrick Rooney, Director of Research, Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University will present. **Please RSVP** to Barbara Duffy at (414) 229-2924 or bduffy@uwm.edu.

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Bill's Food For Thought...



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

"The first step to self destruction is the feeling of self-importance"

7th Annual Community Development Summit

Getting There From Here

The 7th Annual Summit, *Transportation & Jobs: The Case for Regional Cooperation*, explored the vital need for regional cooperation, with special emphasis on the closely linked issues of achieving effective transportation and job growth. Approximately 225 participants from across Southeast Wisconsin took part in this event, including government, business, community and economic development leaders, and the general public.

Mayor Tom Barrett welcomed attendees with an opening presentation and was followed by Robert Liberty, Metro Councilor for Portland, Oregon. Mr. Liberty produced a compelling case for regional cooperation on transportation and workforce development and challenged critics who maintain that this kind of regional institution cannot be replicated in other metropolitan areas, including Southeast Wisconsin. A Morning Reaction Panel, moderated by Eric Von, featured regional experts active in transportation and workforce. The Afternoon Town Hall session, moderated by Mike Gousha, featured a panel of business leaders and elected officials. There was overwhelming consensus that a quality public transit system is crucial to the economy of Southeast Wisconsin, and there must be a willingness to cooperate and work together to move a regional agenda forward.

A follow-up event is planned for September 17th at Manpower, Inc. in Milwaukee. The purpose of this meeting is to seek consensus on forming a coalition that will encourage positive solutions and further challenge elected officials to cooperate and move forward. **Registration information, as well as a full summary report of the 7th Annual Summit can be found at www.uedawi.org on the Events page.**

BECOME A UEDA MEMBER!

UEDA has been leading membership-based community development work for over 10 years! As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization, UEDA is dedicated to providing professional development and networking opportunities for its members. Memberships are renewable annually. Notices went out in early January – **If you have not yet joined or renewed, take full advantage of our programs & 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 pressing 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)

How Do I JOIN? Contact us by phone, or visit us at www.uedawi.org for a membership form.

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Our Summit Planning Committee for their continued service & support!

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 Basic Economic Development Course** is now available to individuals involved in economic development at a local, county or state level. This course will take place **November 10-13, 2008 at the UW-Extension Pyle Center in Madison, WI.** It will have 9 focus areas and will be an interactive learning experience accredited by the IEDC. It is sponsored by the UW-Extension Center for Community & Economic Development and the Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA). Registration costs \$625 per participant; early-bird discounts and scholarships available. For additional information or to register, visit www.uwex.edu/ces/cced.
- The **Supportive Housing Program (SHP) Guide** has been updated and is now available. The revised SHP DESK GUIDE incorporates new policy issues, and allows grantees to use a word search to find key information in the document. For more information and to view the SHP Desk Guide please visit the HUDHRE website at www.hudhre.info.
- The **U.S. Department of the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund** has released its Fiscal Year 2009 Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) for the CDFI Program, providing up to \$54 million in appropriated funds to community development financial institutions (CDFIs). CDFIs provide affordable financing and related services to low-income communities and populations that lack access to credit, capital and financial services. The CDFI Fund has posted the NOFA at www.grants.gov.



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