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Each month UEDA sends out an electronic bulletin to all current members that features shorts articles and a list of upcoming events and activities of interest to our members. It is intended as a quick and easy way for our members to find out what is going on in the UEDA Community. The bulletin is also available at our website on the "UEDA News" page. We hope you find this membership service informative and useful!

UEDA HELPS LAUNCH COALITION FOR ADVANCING TRANSIT

On September 17, UEDA held its Fall Quarterly Gathering as a follow-up to the 7th Annual Community Development Summit this past summer. Both events focused on the need for cooperation among elected officials in the region to find solutions to the challenges as well as the opportunities facing transit and job creation. At the September 17th meeting, attendees agreed to form a Coalition, which is an alliance of organizations, individuals and business leaders from throughout the region that will foster cooperation by bringing elected officials together to improve and expand public transit by establishing a dedicated funding source for transit. To learn more about the Coalition, contact UEDA and request an invitation to join our group listserv. You may also visit <http://groups.google.com> and search for the Coalition for Advancing Transit to request an invitation.

UEDA COMMUNITY NEWS

- On **Thursday, November 20th**, a number of partners in metropolitan Milwaukee will host a **Milwaukee Foreclosure Prevention Event**. If you or someone you know is in danger of losing their home, they can get the help needed! Lenders and credit counselors will be on hand to conduct loan workout session, provide information on financial literacy programs and offer mortgage refinance options. **The event will be held from 2:00 – 8:00PM at the North Side YMCA**, located at 1350 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee. For questions or to jumpstart the process to get help, call the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council at (414) 921-1090. This event is sponsored by the City of Milwaukee and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.
- The Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) announces the **Call for Nominations for the 10th Annual MANDI Awards**. These awards honor the inspiring and innovative work of community organizations and leaders working to make Milwaukee's neighborhoods a better place to live, work and play. **The nomination deadline is November 7** – for nomination guidelines and procedures visit www.lisc.org/milwaukee or call (414) 273-1815.
- The public-use micro data from the **2007 national American Housing Survey (AHS)** is now available for download from HUD USER, in both SAS and ASCII formats, and is available free of charge at www.huduser.org/datasets/ahs/ahsdata07.html. The August 28, 2008 American Housing Survey eList, found by [clicking here](#), summarizes revisions made to survey items.
- **HUD announces \$131 million in grants to protect thousands of children from dangerous lead and other home hazards**. The grants were awards to 61 local projects to conduct a wide range of activities, from eliminating lead hazards in homes to increasing public awareness about childhood lead poisoning. Lead is a known toxin that can impair children's development and may even cause death at high levels. To see the article in its entirety and learn more, please [click here](#)
- Signed into law on October 3, the **Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008** contains several tax provisions for charitable contributions. Included in the Act are IRA Charitable Rollover, Food Inventory Giving, and Midwest Flood Relief. For more information, please visit [Independent Sector](#).
- **The U.S. Labor Department's Employment and Training Administration has announced the availability of \$47 million in grant funds for the YouthBuild program**. YouthBuild grants funds are intended to be used to provide disadvantaged youth with the education and employment skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency in occupations in high demand; postsecondary education and training opportunities; opportunities for meaningful work and service to their communities; opportunities to develop employment and leadership skills; and a commitment to community development among youth in low-income communities. Please visit [Youth Build](#) for more information.
- **High-speed rail service could be on its way to Wisconsin**. President George W. Bush signed legislation authorizing \$13 billion over five years for passenger rail service. That includes \$3.4 billion to create high-speed passenger rail corridors and other improvements. High-speed rail service between Chicago and the

Twin Cities could begin within five years, U.S. Rep. Jim Oberstar (D-Minn.) said this week. Randy Wade, passenger rail manager with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, said he hopes Wisconsin can obtain federal funds next year for improvements necessary for high-speed rail service between Milwaukee and Madison. High-speed service between Milwaukee and Madison could be at least three years away, once federal funds are obtained, Wade said. Read more in SBT's daily roundup of headlines from newspapers across the state at www.biztimes.com/#news.

NONPROFIT NEWS

- **Have you signed on to the GIVE ACT letter of support?** Join Wisconsin Nonprofits Association and hundreds of others in support of the **Giving Incentives to Volunteers Everywhere Act of 2008** (S. 3429). The **Give Act** will greatly increase the sorely neglected volunteer mileage deduction and reduce a growing barrier to volunteerism- the lifeblood of nonprofits – in these times of very high gas prices. For more information and to sign on to **Give Act**, please click here: [GIVE ACT](#).
- **MacArthur Dedicates \$68-Million for Foreclosure Crisis.** The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation announced Wednesday that it plans to spend \$68-million in grants and low-interest loans through 2009 to help prevent Chicago neighborhoods from being devastated by the national foreclosure crisis. The Chicago grant maker, saying its project would help 10,000 households, called it the largest effort in the United States by a private foundation to reduce the impact of the mortgage problems that are forcing many people from their homes. Click here to read the entire article: [MacArthur](#).
- **Economy's Downturn Unlikely to Cause Big Decline in Foundation Grants, Report Predicts.** Worries that the current economic crisis will severely curtail grant making among American foundations are overblown, according to a special report. The report cites the center's prior research showing that foundation giving in inflation-adjusted dollars did not decline after recessions in the 1980s or the 1990s, and that modest grant-making dips following the economic downturn in 2001 did not nearly match the drop in the value of foundation assets. The report can be viewed here: [Special Report](#)

SMALL BUSINESSES / ENTREPRENEURS

- **BizStarts Milwaukee**, a nonprofit entity dedicated to fostering and promoting entrepreneurship in Southeastern Wisconsin has officially launched! The organization will help launch or accelerate 50 new businesses by the end of 2010, an effort that is needed because of the relatively low number of new businesses created in the Milwaukee area, said Dan Steininger, Vice President of BizStarts. As a nonprofit entity, **BizStarts Milwaukee** will focus on connecting entrepreneurs with the resources to launch and grow their companies. The organization will assist with business planning, connecting with early-stage investing and other issues that face startup companies. For more information please visit www.bizstartsmilwaukee.com.
- **Short web videos provide advice for small business owners.** "Small Business School," a web video feature, makes its debut in the BizTimes Daily today. "Small Business School" is a webcast version of episodes from the long-running PBS television program of the same title. The daily webcast is produced by Hattie Bryant, who interviews successful American entrepreneurs about their best business practices. Their tips for growing businesses are featured daily. Each episode is one to four minutes in length. [Click here](#) to view a recent episode and get more information about the Small Business School.
- **Credit crunch puts squeeze on local businesses.** How can America recover from its financial crisis if its businesses can't get access to capital to help them expand their plants, upgrade to more efficient equipment, hire more people and grow the economy? That conundrum is among the fallout of this frightening economic cycle. A recent national poll by Harris Interactive found that 63 percent of American small-business owners are feeling very or extremely concerned about the economy. According to the poll, business owners' second-most common concern is access to cash. More on this article can be viewed by following this link: [Capitol Pains](#).
- WWBIC will hold the following classes for potential entrepreneurs – both men and women – to this business education schedule: **Constant Contact: The Power of Email Marketing** and **Business Finance Seminar** will be held **on November 12th** in the evening. **On November 13th**, learn how to **Develop Your Leadership Skills** and **on November 20th** you can learn **how to project your cash flow**. All workshops are held in the metro Milwaukee area. Some fees apply; reduced scholarships may be available. For information or to register, visit www.wwbic.com or call (414) 263-5450.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nonprofit organizations are increasingly expected to be more accountable for their work. It is important to understand and communicate how agency programs have effective outcomes for “customers”, but also to communicate how these programs are contributing to broader community change. Presenters, Michael Barndt (Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee) and Dawn Helmrch (United Way) will lead **Measuring “Results” as well as “Outcomes” – Are You Making A Difference?**; this workshop will review the “results” model developed by Mark Friedman and place that work in perspective with the “Logic Model” for outcomes developed by the United Way and others. The workshop will take place **Wednesday, October 29, 2008 from 1:00– 4:00PM** at the Nonprofit Center, 2819 West Highland Blvd.
- **Mind the Gap: Obstacles and Opportunities for Wisconsin Early Childhood Workforce Development.** In Milwaukee, throughout Wisconsin, and across the nation, there is growing concern over the quality of care and education for children. Chip Donohue, PhD, Director, UWM Center for Early Childhood Professional Development & Leadership, will provide an overview of local and national trends and offer his insights into the future outlook and opportunities for early childhood workforce development. This event will be held **October 29th, 2008 from Noon to 1:30PM** at the Milwaukee Club, 706 N. Jefferson Street. The fee is \$30.00 for Members and \$40.00 for Non-Members. To register please contact Emily Hall at (414) 270-1978.
- **FREE Legal Clinic Introductions- Exploring Resources on Monday, October 27th, 2008 5:30PM.** Marquette Law School now provides free legal services to nonprofit organizations through M-LINC. This new program strives to assist Wisconsin nonprofits with legal issues via educational programs and pro bono referral services. This free informational clinic is designed to help Board leaders identify legal issues in their organization which might fall within the scope of this service. Possible topics for assistance include: Real Estate, Intellectual Property, Bankruptcy, Employment, Corporate, Tax, and Federal and State Registration. Presenter Karin Werner is the Director of the Legal Initiative for Nonprofit Corporations (M-LINC). Ms. Werner also co-teaches a Nonprofit Law and Organizations course at Marquette Law School.
- **WWBIC Annual Luncheon, November 19th, 2008 at Noon** at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee, located at 333 W. Kilbourn Avenue. Join WWBIC and Jose Andreas, a gourmet chef, successful restaurant company owner and famous TV personality. This year’s luncheon will feature a special message from Her Majesty, Queen Sophia of Spain, who is an international advocate for micro-credit. Corporate seating for 8 is available for \$600; individuals tickets are \$50 each. RSVP by visiting www.wwbic.com and click on “2008 Luncheon” or call (414) 263-5450, x11.

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