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What We're Working On





Thanks to all who joined us for our first Emerging Topics Series for 2023 on June 27, held in partnership with **Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service (NNS)**.

NNS is a nonprofit news organization that covers Milwaukee's diverse neighborhood stories that are important to the people who live, work, and serve in the city.

Their staff shared a bit about the current landscape in journalism, reporting, their approach, and how they partner with others.

For example, one of their most read articles last year focused on [what Milwaukee Mayors actually do](#), a part of their efforts to promote civic education. Look for more pieces like that in the coming year!

Other features we learned about include:

- [Community Voices](#), which allows community members to submit opinions on topics of interest.
- [Posts from Community](#), where groups can submit news releases and articles about their issues and events.
- And [News414](#) is their service journalism project in partnership with Wisconsin Watch.

Thank you to NNS for partnering with us and special thanks to our sponsors Associated Bank, US Bank, and Bader Philanthropies, our host!

ICYMI...earlier this month we sent out our big THANK YOU to all who helped make our annual fundraiser, **Carnival Milwaukee**, such a huge success in March. We shared [our photo album](#), a special [tribute video to Bill Johnson](#), and a list of all [our Food Tasting partners](#) over the years. [Read the full recap here](#) and **save the date for Friday, March 8, 2024!**

Planning for UEDA's Annual Community Gathering is underway with UEDA's Membership Committee, likely to happen in late summer or early fall. [Look for a save the date in July](#) and we hope to see you all there!

Take Root Milwaukee wrapped up a month's worth of activities celebrating Homeownership Month. We supported TRM Member events with Housing Resources, Inc. and Sherman Park Community Association, hosted two public workshops on working with a contractor for home repair projects and estate planning, and held an informational session for members on homeowner credits and incentives as part of the Inflation Reduction Act. If you'd like to learn more, contact our Program Director Heather at heather@uedawi.org!

Take Root also **launched a survey project to collect information from homeownership professionals** about the home lending landscape for Black and underserved homebuyers in the Milwaukee area. This is modeled on a similar effort done by Columbus Convergence. Responses to the surveys will be confidential. **We know many in our network are active in lending and real estate - please consider taking the survey and share with your colleagues!**

- **Mortgage Loan Officers** click here: surveymonkey.com/r/TRMmlo
- **Real Estate Professionals** click here: surveymonkey.com/r/TRMrep

UEDA Member Highlights

Rev-Up MKE, the small business pitch competition and mentoring program by Near West Side Partners, Marquette University, and Town Bank, is now accepting applications. Entrepreneurs have the opportunity to start or expand their businesses in the vibrant Near West Side community. The winner will receive a \$10,000 cash gift, \$25,000 in in-kind services, and support from anchor institutions, with the **live pitch contest taking place on September 13th**. Save the date and spread the word!. [Learn more and find information to share here>>>](#)

Steve Adams (Former UEDA Board Director and **UEDA Member**) was highlighted by the **BizTimes** as a **Notable Nonprofit Leader**. Congratulations! [Read the article here>>>](#)

2023 MANDI Awards event tickets are now available!

Sponsored by **U.S. Bank**, in partnership with **LISC Milwaukee**, the Milwaukee Awards for Neighborhood Development Innovation (known as the MANDIs) recognize excellence in community development! Finalists and winners are selected by an independent, cross-sector volunteer selection committee. Visit www.mandiawards.com for event information and to purchase.

Congratulations to the 2023 Milwaukee Business Journal Woman of Influence winners, including **UEDA Members Kathryn Berger** of CG Schmidt (Community Supporter), **Kamaljit Jackson** of WWBIC (Community Supporter), **Catrina Crane** of Menomonee Valley Partners (Mentor), and **Gina Stilp** of Zilber Family Foundation (Nonprofit Leadership). [Read the award event synopsis and see photos here>>>](#)

The Metro Milwaukee Fair Housing Council is offering in-person free Fair Housing Training Seminars this spring and summer. The seminars will cover a wide range of fair housing topics, including:

- Local, state, and federal fair housing laws
- Advertising units in compliance with fair housing law
- Non-discriminatory negotiation with prospective tenants
- Interacting with current tenants in a fair and legal manner
- Reasonable accommodations and modifications for tenants with disabilities.

The next session is scheduled on July 26, 2-4pm for Wauwatosa rental housing providers. [Register here to join and learn more>>>](#)

Metro Milwaukee Fair Housing Council (MMHC) is also doing outreach to raise awareness in the community on homebuyer discrimination and how to report it. They encourage housing consumers who believe they have been victims of appraisal discrimination to report it and offers support in investigating complaints, holding appraisers accountable, and providing resources on fair housing rights and responsibilities through their toll-free number and website. [Read the press release here>>>](#)

The **Milwaukee Public Library** and Milwaukee Justice Center and host a **free monthly Mobile Legal Clinic**. The clinic can help with legal advice for issues including landlord/tenant, eviction and eviction records, small claims, debt/collections, probate, guardianship, divorce, child custody/placement, child support, and pardons/expungement. [Check out the schedule of events and locations here>>>](#).

Earlier this week the City of Milwaukee Department of City Development (DCD) kicked off Growing MKE! This citywide planning effort will set a framework for housing growth and choice in Milwaukee, resulting in a proposed amendment to the Citywide Policy Plan and updates to the City's Zoning Code. Growing MKE will build off several recent City planning efforts, informed by stakeholder and resident input. Upcoming Open House Public Meetings:

- Monday, July 10 | 5:30pm - 7pm | Villard Street Library
- Monday, August 14 | 5:30pm - 7pm | Mitchell Street Library
- Monday, August 28 | 5:30pm - 7pm | Washington Park Library

This is your opportunity to weigh in on the future of the City! [Learn more about Growing MKE and sign up to receive updates>>>](#)

The Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce (HWCC) is offering a 12-week Business Internship from June to August 2023, providing students with an opportunity to enhance their business skills and gain exposure to Wisconsin's Economic Development sector. The internship, based at HWCC's headquarters in Milwaukee, requires a full-time commitment and offers a stipend of \$9,600. To apply, interested individuals must submit a cover letter, resume, college transcript/s, and two references to HWCC CEO, Dr. Maysee Herr, at maysee@hmongchamber.org.

VIA CDC presents "What You Should Know Renters Edition". Join VIA CDC for a panel on all things renters. Ask an attorney for clarification on your lease, learn your rights, and what it takes to be a renter. This panel will take place on **Thursday, July 13th, 2023 from 6-7:00PM** at Newline Café (3618 W Pierce St). Dinner will be provided, please [RSVP here](#).

WHEDA CEO and Executive Director, Elmer Moore, Jr., expressed his support for the bipartisan housing legislation recently signed by Governor Tony Evers, emphasizing that affordable housing is a critical concern in Wisconsin. He commended the governor for taking action and praised the WHEDA team for their efforts in advocating for the necessary resources to address the housing crisis and ensure the well-being of people across the state. [Read the Governors news release here>>>](#)

MEMBER & PARTNER JOB OPENINGS

Find a listing of current job openings [HERE](#). Contact kat@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!

UEDA Community

The Brady Street Business Improvement District (BID) presented four proposals to create a pedestrian-friendly environment on East Brady Street. They shared 4 options such as improved intersections and potentially pedestrianizing four blocks. The BID plans to gather input from residents, businesses, and stakeholders before finalizing a design. For additional details [check out this article from the Biztimes>>>](#)

WHEDA's 2023 Housing Grant Program is now open!

The foundation will award \$2million to assist in the development & improvement of housing facilities throughout Wisconsin that provide housing for people in crisis. Applications are due **by August 11**, grants will be announced in December. [View application materials and more here>>>](#)

Connec+ing MKE - Downtown Plan 2040: Final Draft Plan is available! The **City of Milwaukee's Department of City Development (DCD)** and **Milwaukee Downtown, BID #21** are leading a collaborative planning process to shape the future of downtown development, policies, and programs. [Learn more and view the plan here](#). The plan will be reviewed by the City Plan Commission on July 17, meeting details [here](#).

Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) launched its first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line earlier this month, a project many years in the making. It features new electric buses and faster connections between downtown, the Medical College and to Waukesha County and averaged about 2,800 riders per day in its first week. Read coverage in [Urban Milwaukee](#), [TMJ4](#), and [Patch.com](#).

Community Advocates Public Policy Institute is hosting a six-part monthly series called "Improving Behavioral Health Services and Care for Your Sexual and Gender Diverse Clients." The sessions aim to increase awareness of the experiences of sexual and gender diverse individuals in the behavioral health care system and enhance services. These free sessions, available via Zoom and archived for later viewing, offer opportunities for professional continuing education credits or a certificate of completion and cover various topics such as LGBTQ+ community history, minority stress, and trans-specific adverse childhood experiences. [Register here to join>>>](#)

The Milwaukee Continuum of Care is seeking responses for the Youth and Young Adult Needs Assessment. It is seeking responses from youth ages 16-24 who have experience housing instability or homelessness. This survey will help inform needs of youth in Milwaukee and assist the Milwaukee CoC and their Youth Action Boards in securing HUD funding. **Please share the [survey link](#), [flyer](#), and [Facebook post](#).**

MKE United's Big Ideas Day will held on July 15th from 10am - 2pm, at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center. Join for an engaging community brainstorming day focused on **addressing energy efficiency needs for a healthier city**. Together, we will prioritize the creation of environmentally safe neighborhoods, businesses, and schools. The event includes interactive sessions, insightful talks from local leaders and energy experts, idea presentations, and awards. We welcome students, professionals, and community members to participate—no prior experience or skills required! Attendance is free. [View the flyer to learn more>>>](#)

Volunteers and Service Providers are needed for Project Homeless Connect. Organized by the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County, this event brings together resources and services under one roof to best serve those experiencing homelessness. It will be held on **Thursday, October 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at Marquette University's Memorial Alumni Union, Milwaukee. [Learn more and register here>>>](#)

Small Business & Nonprofits

Nonprofit career and professional development opportunities can be found at the [Jobs That Help Events Calendar](#). We thank them for being a member & partner in this work!

WWBIC 2023 Program/Training Catalogs are available in English & Spanish - please share with your networks! Access all catalogs [for each region here>>](#)

Webinar: IRS Form 990 – What Your Nonprofit Needs to Know

Presented by Blue Avocado, this webinar is meant to clarify and educate nonprofits on the basics surrounding the Form 990 and will include live Q&A.

July 27, 2023 | 1:00PM CST | [Register here](#)

Join the WI Veterans Chamber of Commerce for the 2023 Fall Command Post Accelerator, a specialized business accelerator for veteran and military affiliated business owners in Wisconsin. It includes in-person sessions on September 9-10, 2023, and virtual online instruction via Zoom from September 12 to October 31, 2023. Submit your application **by August 11th**. [Learn more and register here>>>](#)

Webinar: Easy Read Icons

Designed specifically for government and non-profit agencies, participants will discover the skills to create effective and visually appealing pictures for Easy Read documents, even without drawing abilities. This FREE webinar will be held **on July 10th at 3:00PM CST**. [Register here>>>](#).

SCORE Mentors of SE WI are celebrating National Independent Retailer Month in July by hosting the Collective Marketplace. Located at Bayshore in Milwaukee, this one-day marketplace event **on Saturday, July 22nd from 11am to 4pm**, will feature a diverse group of 50+ local independent retailers. Show your support by exploring their offerings and sharing your purchases on social media with the hashtag #IndependentRetailerMonth. [More information here>>>](#)

Upcoming Events

A Home for Everyone! Conference

July 19th & July 20th | Oshkosh

Registration is open for Wisconsin's premier statewide affordable housing conference. This year's conference theme is **Advocacy Activated, Making Change Happen at Home**. Sessions include an update on the statewide affordable housing network after one year of action, a panel of advocates on activism and policy development, a report from the National Low Income Housing Coalition on federal housing advocacy, and much more! Learn more & register by visiting the [event website](#).

Wisconsin Nonprofit Summit

July 27-28 | Brookfield Conference Center

The summit is themed "Together" and will feature national-level speakers and three learning tracks: Leadership, Financial Sustainability, and Marketing & Communication. Sessions and keynotes will cover a range of topics relevant to nonprofit organizations, including fundraising, board governance, advocacy, marketing, information technology, and more. This is an excellent opportunity for nonprofit professionals and leaders to network, gain new insights, and learn from experts in the field. Learn more about the summit and register [here>>>](#).

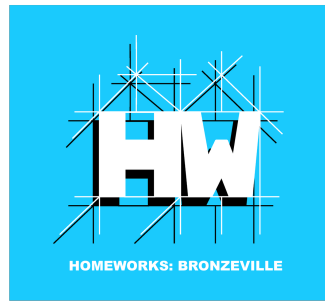
WHEDA Conference 2023 - Save the Date!

November 6th & 7th | Madison

Reserve your spot now to join us the annual WHEDA Conference. It's shaping up to be filled with housing industry experts who are excited to share their knowledge with attendees on housing.

Madison's Monona Terrace will be the site of our two-day, in-person conference. Stay up-to-date with the conference [here](#).

Member Spotlight



HomeWorks: Bronzeville is a development initiative based in Milwaukee. Homeworks emphasizes community development in its physical, economic, and social form by way of authentic arts and culture applications.

Learn more about them at homeworksbronzeville.com

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to share? Let us know!***

This newsletter is sent to UEDA's network and features links to articles, upcoming events and activities of interest.

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