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## What We're Working On

### Join UEDA for our first Emerging Topic Series of 2023! **Neighborhood News Connect**

Gain exclusive insights into nonprofit news trends and discover ways to collaborate with the Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service (NNS) for community empowerment through impactful storytelling.

This event is free and will feature NNS, staff, networking opportunities, and will include refreshments, so **register by Thursday, June 22nd** to secure your spot!



**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

We're planning for **summer outreach season** and plan to be at a number of community-based events over the next six months! With Homeownership Month in June and copies of Bank On's *Your Smart Money Resource Guide* available, we'll be ready and tabling at Juneteenth, Silver City International Fest and helping with partner events with VIA CDC, HRI, Sherman Park and the Near West Side.

**UEDA will have a booth at this year's Juneteenth Celebration, which is taking place on Monday, June 19th.** The booth will include information about both Bank On Greater Milwaukee and Take Root Milwaukee programs. This is a great opportunity to promote both of these community resources with the public. **We'd love to have volunteers assist us with staffing the booth!** To volunteer with us (2 hour shifts), **email [martha@uedawi.org](mailto:martha@uedawi.org)** and we'll get you the details.

**Take Root Milwaukee is hosting two webinars in June to celebrate Homeownership Month!** See flier images below - We'd love to have you and/or organizations **help spread the word about the events on social media.** [Visit our Google Drive to download and share event fliers.](#)

And check out [this proclamation released by President Biden](#) to celebration **National Homeownership Month 2023**, and [these resources](#) from the National Association of REALTORS®. Local resources can be found through longtime UEDA and Take Root Member Greater Milwaukee Association of REALTORS® - follow them on [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest updates!

### Tips for Hiring Home Improvement Contractors

Join us on **June 14th, from 6:00-7:00pm** at the United Methodist Children's Services (UMCS) Community Room (3910 W. Lisbon Ave., Milwaukee 53208). The Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection is hosting an informative session where you'll learn valuable tips on hiring contractors, explore contractor requirements, and get acquainted with the essential contract provisions. Be prepared for a hassle-free home improvement journey - register to join! [Register here>>>](#)



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### Estate Planning to Build Generational Wealth

Home ownership is an important way to build wealth for your family for generations to come. Learn about how to develop an estate plan that will ensure you can pass the wealth built from home ownership on to your family. Estate Planner, Jim Guckenberg, will walk through the steps of estate planning on **June 29th from 6:30-7:30 pm** at Newline Cafe (3618 W. Pierce St.). [Register here>>>](#)



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## UEDA Member Highlights

**The MANDI Award finalists from LISC Milwaukee have been released.** [View the announcement video.](#) The list includes UEDA members Marjorie Rucker from the The Business Council and Ethnic & Diverse Business Coalition, Acts Housing, and Riverworks Development Corp. Congratulations to the finalists!

**Metro Milwaukee Fair Housing Council (MMFHC)** is hosting a book release and discussion for the book *Just Action: How to Challenge Segregation Enacted under the Color of Law* on **June 2nd from 6-8 PM** in Centennial Hall (Main Branch of the Milwaukee Public Library). Register to join them [here>>>](#)

Congratulations to **Associated Bank** for being recognized by the **Milwaukee Business Journal's 2023 Real Estate Awards for the Associated Bank River Center project**. Awardees were recognized on May 17th at an event at the Bradley Symphony Center. [Read about the awardees here>>>](#)

**Milwaukee Preservation Alliance** welcomed their new Executive Director, Emelia Rudd! [Read about her here>>>](#)

Earlier this month **Governor Evers and WHEDA** [announced \\$32 million in housing tax credits awards](#) that will support the development of 1,500+ affordable housing units statewide through 23 projects. [View a complete list of projects for both Federal \(9%\) and State \(4%\) tax credits here](#) and Milwaukee-area folks [here's a recap](#) on those specific projects.

Congratulations to the **2023 Milwaukee Business Journal Woman of Influence winners**, who will be recognized at an event on **June 15th**. This year's group includes **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). **Cheers to making our community a better place!**

**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.

- **June 8**, 2-4pm for Milwaukee rental housing providers.
- **June 13**, 1-3pm for Milwaukee County rental housing providers.
- **July 26**, 2-4pm for Wauwatosa rental housing providers.

[Register here to join and learn more>>>](#)

**WWBIC's** work with a local business in the Appleton area, Uni Bubble Tea, was recently [featured in this article by the Post-Crescent](#). Keep up the amazing work!!

**June 8th is Historic King Drive BID Day!** They will be celebrating all that week with pop up visits to the variety of local businesses in the BID including Birdsong's, Bronzeville Collective MKE, SPINN MKE, Pete's Fruit Market, Honey Bee Sage & Wellness, Tee's Lounge, Dead Bird Brewing, PepperPot, MiCasa, The Q and much more. Follow them on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#).

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>>>](#).

**Menomonee Valley Partners** has a [peregrine falcon nest live webcam](#) at the We Energies Power Plant. Four eggs are expected to hatch in early May. Peregrine falcons became endangered in the 1960s. Their decline was blamed on pesticides that weakened egg shells, leading to death before hatching. The falcons are drawn to tall structures along Lake Michigan or major rivers, which make many of the We Energies and WPS facilities ideal nesting sites.

**Also join Menomonee Valley Partners in celebrating the 10th anniversary of Three Bridges Park on June 3rd!** This park was once a vacant railyard, but now it has become a thriving green space in the heart of the city. Come and enjoy guided hikes, music, games, dance performances, and animal stations throughout the park.

**Jobs That Help** published a report on its past year, [Our Most Popular Jobs of 2022 & More: A Year in Review](#), sharing changes in nonprofit job openings, the mission areas of organizations using Jobs That Help, job seeker activity, factors that improve job post performance, and more.

**United Methodist Children's Services (UMCS)** is hosting a **Community Block Party** for residents and neighbors with free food, activities and information. Join on **Friday, June 24th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**. [Learn more and register to join here>>>](#).

## MEMBER & PARTNER JOB OPENINGS

Find a listing of current job openings [HERE](#). Contact [kat@uedawi.org](mailto: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

**Housing development efforts have been a recent focus for the WI State Legislature.** This includes looking at procedures for approving development to mitigate "NIMBY" opposition tactics, offer financial incentives to lower the costs of housing development, and more. Learn more via recent coverage by Milwaukee Business Journal [here](#) and [here](#).

**Registration is open for Wisconsin's premier statewide affordable housing conference, A Home for Everyone!** 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! The conference is scheduled for July 19th and 20th in Oshkosh. You can learn more by visiting the [event website](#).

According to the **Reclaiming Our Neighborhood Coalition (RON)**, **Milwaukee needs more financial resources and stronger code enforcement** to reduce the number of blighted properties in the central city, according to a [new report](#). Read the article from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel highlighting the findings [here>>>](#)

**WI Affordable Housing Network is launching a monthly virtual lunchtime speaker series: "Curds of Wisdom"**, which will be held the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Add to your housing knowledge toolbox! Join them on **June 14th** where Kori and Robin Palm with the Village of Mt. Pleasant will talk about local zoning policies that foster good housing. [Register here>>>](#)

Also, **do you have a topic to suggest?** Check out [this Call For Ideas from the Technical Assistance Committee](#) for more information on upcoming sessions and how to get involved.

**The Milwaukee Art Museum recently opened a new exhibition, Native America, In Translation** which features the works of international Indigenous artists who explore Indigenous history, culture and representation through a contemporary lens. Check it out - the exhibit will be on display through June 25.

**Milwaukee County officials work towards affordable housing** is being championed by Senator Tammy Baldwin and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, with a new program that aims to convert foreclosed properties into affordable housing units in order to address the city's housing crisis. The County will provide funding for property acquisition and rehabilitation to make the units available to low-income families. Check out these articles from [Urban Milwaukee](#), [WUWM](#), [Spectrum 1](#).

Also, the Milwaukee County Board's **Health Equity, Human Needs & Strategic Planning Committee will hold a public hearing** on "housing policies, initiatives and resources" during its regularly scheduled committee meeting on Wednesday, June 7 from 9:00-10:15AM. Anyone is welcome to attend and provide comment. [View the notice and details here>>>](#)

**Community Advocates is working to expand its emergency housing portfolio for families displaced by lead poisoning.** This includes the purchase of houses on the 3300 block of N. 12th. St. and the 2700 block of N. 24th St. [Read this article about the project from the Urban Milwaukee>>>](#)

**The Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) has launched a new campaign called "Save the Bus"** to raise awareness of the importance of public transportation in the community. The program aims to educate the public on the benefits of using public transit, including reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality, while also encouraging people to support local transit initiatives. Through the Save the Bus campaign, MCTS hopes to increase ridership and ensure the future of public transportation in the Milwaukee area. [Learn more here>>>](#).

**The Empowerment Coalition of Milwaukee (ECOM) is a monthly gathering of social services professionals, advocates, and consumers** organized by Community Advocates. This month's topic is Human Trafficking/Exploitation and Sex Work. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on **June 21**. Fee is \$5 for light refreshments. Location TBD. [Learn more and register here>>>](#).

**Jane's Walk MKE is transitioning to a program of Milwaukee Turners, who are working to integrate the Janes Walk website and information.** This annual event includes each spring, inspired by urbanist Jane Jacobs. Any person or group



can register any walk, bike, paddle or roll that will take place any time in June at the Turners site. [View the November 2022 video](#) on a series of Janes Walks in Metcalfe Park, Walker Square, and Riverwest-Harambee neighborhoods and [learn more about Jane's Walks here](#).

**Divided by Design Milwaukee** recently published a **MKE Segregation Timeline** as part of the teaching resources they offer. It includes a range of efforts by multiple actors over time, as well as powerful examples of resistance to segregation. [Check it out here>>](#)

An article from the **Neighborhood News Service** last month **examined the eviction process in Wisconsin** and explores what happens to a tenant's property when they are evicted. It highlights the legal procedures and rights involved and providing insights into the steps taken by landlords and tenants during the eviction process. [Read the article here>>>](#)

**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. It is requested that organizations share the [survey link](#), [flyer](#), and [Facebook post](#).

## Small Business & Nonprofits

**WWBIC** has posted their **2023 Program/Training Catalogs** in Spanish - please share with your networks!

[Greater Milwaukee](#)

[Northeast Wisconsin](#)

[South Central Wisconsin](#)

[Southeast Wisconsin](#)

[Southwest Wisconsin](#)

Access all catalogs (English & Spanish) [for each region here>>](#)

**Latino Chamber of Southeastern Wisconsin's Sustainability & Innovation Fund Round 2 is now open!** Created to help small businesses increase their sustainability and implement or improve technological systems. Funding has no interest, is forgivable after audit, and comes with technical assistance and coaching. Applications are based on need, funds are limited so apply today. [Learn more>>](#)

**In Control Wisconsin** is hosting a webinar titled **"Easy to Read Text"** aimed at educating government agencies, non-profit agencies, and businesses about the benefits of using plain language in writing. This FREE webinar will be held **on Monday, June 5 at 3:00PM CST**. More information can be found [here>>>](#).

**WWBIC** has **"Strong Women, Strong Coffee"** upcoming in this summer. This FREE seminar will feature a live interview with a strong woman who has achieved success in business or entrepreneurship in the Milwaukee area. Check out the schedule of events for this summer [here>>>](#).

## Upcoming Events

### Center for Community Progress VAD Academy

**June 21-22, 2023 | Online**

The Academy is a FREE, one-of-a-kind virtual training for public, private, nonprofit, and community leaders impacted by challenges related to Vacant, Abandoned and Deteriorated (VAD) properties. [Event details & registration here>>](#)

### Introduction to Collective Impact and the Backbone Role

**June 21-22, 2023 | Online**

This workshop from the Collective Impact Forum is designed for individuals who are new to the collective impact approach and are in the early stages of their initiative's development. The workshop provides an overview of the basic elements of collective impact and focuses on the role of the backbone organization. The cost to attend is \$175. [Event details & registration here>>](#)

### Wisconsin Nonprofit Summit

**July 27-28, 2023 | 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>>>](#).

## Member Spotlight



**Acts Housing** in Milwaukee is a nonprofit organization that helps low-income individuals and families achieve homeownership through education, counseling, and financial support.

Thank you to this longtime member of UEDA & Take Root Milwaukee! Learn more about them at [www.actshousing.org](http://www.actshousing.org)

### *Welcome to these New & Returning Members!*

Peter Richardson  
(UEDA Board Member)

Zilber Family Foundation

## Current Members

### **Nonprofit & Governmental**

AARP Wisconsin  
Acts Housing  
ArtWorks for Milwaukee  
Burleigh Street CDC  
City of Milwaukee DCD  
Community First  
Congress for the New Urbanism, WI  
Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCSS) of Greater Milwaukee  
Data You Can Use  
Fondy Food Center  
Gateway to Milwaukee  
Greater Milwaukee Committee  
Groundwork Milwaukee  
Guest House of Milwaukee  
Harbor District  
Historic King Drive BID  
Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce  
Independence First  
Landmark Credit Union  
Latino Chamber of Commerce  
LISC Milwaukee  
Menomonee Valley Partners  
Milwaukee Development Corp.  
Milwaukee Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)  
Metropolitan Milwaukee  
Fair Housing Council  
Milwaukee Christian Center  
Milwaukee County Economic Development  
Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity  
Milwaukee Preservation Alliance  
Milwaukee Public Library  
My Choice Wisconsin  
PRISM Economic Development Corp.

Riverworks Development Corp.  
SBA Wisconsin  
SEWRPC  
Sherman Park Community Association  
The Business Council  
TMG Wisconsin  
United Methodist Children's Services (UMCS)  
United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County  
UW Credit Union  
VIA CDC  
WHEDA  
WI Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection  
WI LGBT Chamber of Commerce  
WI Partnership for Housing Development  
WI Veterans Chamber of Commerce  
WWBIC  
YWCA Southeast Wisconsin

**Small Businesses**

Bright Horizons Real Estate  
Center of Care LLC  
Center for Public Skills Training  
Columbia Savings & Loan Association  
Community Charge PGH  
Community Development Management Partnership  
Community Insurance Information Center  
Contexture  
Diverse Dining  
GoodFlow Enterprises  
Goyke & Associates  
HomeWorks Bronzeville  
Jobs That Help  
Lloyd Consulting, Inc.  
Midwest Executive Realty  
P3 Development Group

**Corporations & Funders**

Associated Bank, NA  
AT&T Wisconsin  
BMO Harris Bank  
CIBC Bank  
First Federal Bank  
gener8tor  
Greater Milwaukee Association of REALTORS  
iCare/Humana  
Johnson Financial Group  
JPMorgan Chase  
Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corp. (MGIC)  
Mueller Communications  
U.S. Bank  
Zilber Family Foundation

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Amy Turim  
Avery L. Goodrich, Jr.  
Barbara Markoff  
Bob Berlan  
Brittany Thome  
Carol Maria  
Christina Luna  
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Leigh Kunde  
Leo Ries  
Lynnea Katz-Petted  
Matthew Frederick  
Montavius Jones  
Rusty Borkin  
Sarah Greenberg

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***Have something  
to share? Let us know!***

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If you have announcements or other items you would like included in a future newsletter, please contact [kat@uedawi.org](mailto:kat@uedawi.org).

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