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What We're Working On

Get ready for Carnival Milwaukee 2024!

The UEDA team is gearing up for our annual fundraiser event...Join us for a night of food with 20+ local restaurants & caterers, dancing, music and celebration on **Friday, March 8th, 2024**. Current UEDA members receive a \$10 discount on tickets, so be on the lookout for a discount code!

Learn more about the event [on our website](#) and look for our event announcement [on Monday, February 5th](#) to purchase tickets and more. We can't wait to see you all there!

Join us for the presentation of the 2024 Bill Johnson Bridge Builder Award! As part of our Carnival celebration, we will be presenting this annual award to an organization that has demonstrated a commitment to building community connection through art and culture. The award presentation will happen virtually on **February 27th at Noon**. Look for an official announcement in a few weeks!

Our **Bank On Greater Milwaukee** and **Take Root Milwaukee** programs are getting their 2024 Action Plans underway. Thank you to our members and partners, who provided their input and ideas to help develop these strategic actions!

- Bank On will be getting key project meetings underway in February related to Advocacy and engagement with Youth, Latinos, and Large Employers. Contact constance@uedawi.org if you'd like to participate.
- Take Root will be focused on creating updated blog posts on timely homeownership topics, planning information exchange events for member education, improving referral processes for home repair programs, and more. Contact heather@uedawi.org to learn more.

VISION 2050 is still undertaking their 2024 review and update! The website includes an opportunity to look at the current draft of the update, including land use and transportation. Don't miss the opportunity to leave comments at the bottom of the page! [Check it out here.](#)

UEDA Member Highlights

SecureFutures is recruiting for volunteers for their **Money Coach Program**, providing financial mentoring to high school students from historically marginalized and under-resourced communities. Programs start in mid-February. [Learn more here.](#)

Menomonee Valley Partners were featured by **CBS58** for their **recent mural projects**. Nature and landscape scenes help brighten up W Canal St, one of many beautification projects MVP has taken on in the last year. [See the story here.](#)

Member Spotlight



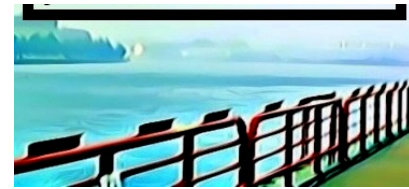
Zilber Family Foundation has announced **\$3 million worth of grants to Milwaukee nonprofits**. These grants will be focused on affordable housing initiatives in the city. [Read more here.](#)

Independence First is welcoming new mental health services. **Lighthouse Clinic** will provide disability focused therapy in-office with Independence First on Thursdays. Appointments can be made by calling 414-964-9200. [Learn more about the clinic here.](#)

WEDC has awarded over **\$1 million in grants to entrepreneurship groups** in their most recent grant cycle. These grants support the growth and continued strength of small businesses in Wisconsin. [Read more and see the list of grantees here.](#)

Along with their new branding, **Rooted & Rising – Washington Park** have launched a new website! This fresh site is designed with all audiences in mind, from community members to community partners! [Check it out here.](#)

WWBIC has partnered to create **MKE BOSS**. Alongside Self-Help Credit Union, Northwest Side Community Development Corporation, and funded in part by **JP Morgan Chase**, the Milwaukee Small Business Continuum of Capital project is designed to provide capital and support to Black and Brown small business owners. [Read more here.](#)



Jobs That Help is a Wisconsin based job board dedicated to positions in the nonprofit sector. Nonprofit, government, and social enterprise organizations can post job listings and jobs can be searched by position or by organization.

[Check them out on their website.](#)

Welcome to these New & Returning Members!

Dolomite Marketing
ZDH Holdings LLC
HomeWorks Bronzeville LLC
WWBIC

MEMBER & PARTNER JOB OPENINGS

Find a listing of current job openings [HERE](#). Contact adam@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 Urban Institute study defines and looks at **housing insecurity in Washington, D.C.** They advocate for creating a more standardized shared definition of housing insecurity as a starting point for groups working toward solutions to this crisis. [Read the report here.](#)

President Biden visited Milwaukee this month to talk about his support of **small businesses**. Hosted by the Wisconsin Black Chamber of Commerce, Biden stated that "Black small businesses . . . are the engines and the glue that hold the community together." [Read more about his visit here.](#)

The **Metcalfe Park Ownership Initiative** is moving forward on its lease-purchase program after 15 years. Homeownership at low cost is now available to 30 households through LIHTC housing development. [Read more here.](#)

Urban Milwaukee takes a look at the increasingly **tight rental**

Current Members

**Check your email for renewal notices to remain current!*

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AARP Wisconsin*
Acts Housing
ArtWorks for Milwaukee
Burleigh Street CDC
Cinnaire
City of Milwaukee DCD
Community First
Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCSS) of Greater Milwaukee
Data You Can Use
The Difference Principle, Inc.
Ezekiel Community Development Corp.
Fondy Food Center
Gateway to Milwaukee
Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors*
Harbor District
Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management
Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce
Independence First
Landmark Credit Union*

market. Little has changed in terms of Section 8 access since Milwaukee County banned voucher discrimination in 2018. This article discusses why this issue exists and some proposed solutions. [Read it 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!

Nonprofit Lift has resources for finding and working with **consultants**. Learn how consultants can help you, how to prepare for meeting with a consultant, and access a directory of consultants. [Read more here.](#)

Join Safe & Sound's Resident Leader Training. Over the course of 6 weeks, learn how to establish a Block Club, plan neighborhood events, conduct outreach, and more! Sessions start **February 21st** and space is limited. To find out more, see their [Facebook Page](#), then [sign up here.](#)

Check out this new business service from the State Bar. Small businesses and entrepreneurs have new access to legal assistance with non-litigation business law. [Find out more here.](#)

The Multicultural Entrepreneurial Institute has a co-working space available. Get access to their creativity room, cubicles, and conference room rental discounts with memberships available at multiple levels. [Check it out here.](#)

The Inaugural Wisconsin Nonprofit Summit is seeking presenters! Lead a workshop or breakout session or participate in a panel. Proposals must be submitted by **March 22**. [Find out more here.](#)

Are you an entrepreneur looking for an intensive business learning experience? Apply for the BizStarts Institute! Learn a variety of business skills over the course of 6 weeks starting **March 16** with courses offered in English, Spanish, and with accommodations for those who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. [Learn more here.](#)

Upcoming Events

Sherman Boulevard Redesign Project Public Meeting
January 31 | 4:30-6:30 PM | Mary Ryan Boys and Girls Club
Join this public meeting to provide input on changes being made to improve Sherman Boulevard between North Ave and Capitol Drive. [Access the flyer here.](#)

2024 WVCC Financial Summit For Business
February 1 | Madison

This summit is a must-attend for professionals who have questions related to the financial industry that will assist their business. Gain valuable insights from industry experts, network with like-minded individuals, and discover innovative strategies to

Latino Chamber of Commerce
LISC Milwaukee*
Menomonee Valley Partners
Metropolitan Milwaukee
Fair Housing Council
Milwaukee Christian Center
Milwaukee Community Land
Trust
Milwaukee Development Corp.
Milwaukee Habitat for
Humanity
Milwaukee Preservation
Alliance*
Milwaukee Public Library*
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PRISM Economic
Development Corp. *
Revitalize Milwaukee
Riverworks Development
Corporation*
Rooted & Rising – Washington
Park
Safe & Sound
SecureFutures
SEWRPC
Sherman Park Community
Association
Southside Organizing Center
The Business Council
TMG Wisconsin
United Way of Greater
Milwaukee & Waukesha
County
U.S. Small Business
Administration (Wisconsin)
UW Credit Union*
VIA CDC
WHEDA
WI Department of Agriculture,
Trade & Consumer Protection
(DATCP)
WI Economic Development
Association (WEDA)
WI Economic Development
Corp. (WEDC)
WI LGBT Chamber of
Commerce
WI Partnership for Housing
Development
WI Veterans Chamber of
Commerce

Small Businesses

Bright Horizons Real Estate
Center for Public Skills
Training
Center of Care LLC*
Columbia Savings & Loan
Association
Community Development
Management Partnerships

boost your business. [Register here.](#)

Lunch & Learn: Voting Rights and Local Elections

February 6 | 12-12:45 PM | Virtual

Join the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition's second installment of their Voter Education Series. Learn about disability voting rights and access as well as the importance of consistent and comprehensive voting. [Register here.](#)

Low & No Dollar Ways to Market Your Business and Yourself

February 21 | 12-1 PM | Better Business Bureau of WI

Learn easy and effective marketing techniques from Marketing Strategist and Consultant Amanda Kemmel. [Register here.](#)

Milwaukee Community Land Trust's Annual Meeting

February 27 | 6 PM | Virtual

Join MCLT to see their 2023 highlights and learn about what is coming in 2024! MCLT members will also be able to vote for the Board of Directors. Join at [this Zoom link](#) (link opens directly to Zoom meeting) or watch on their [Facebook Page](#).

"Working Together to Protect Wisconsin Consumers" Conference

March 14 | 9 AM-4 PM | Madison College - Goodman South

Save the date! The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection is hosting this Consumer Protection conference for organizations that work with diverse and traditionally underserved communities. An agenda and link to register will become available in February.

Just Economy Conference 2024

April 2-4 | Washington, D.C.

Join the NCRC for a national level conference to meet with other change-makers, learn, and discuss relevant topics including fair housing, fair lending, access to capital, and more! [Find out more here.](#)

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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.

If you have announcements or other items you would like included in a future newsletter, please contact Adam Bridges at adam@uedawi.org.



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