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## What We're Working On

### Carnival Milwaukee 2024 is just around the corner!

The UEDA team is gearing up for our annual fundraiser event...Join us **NEXT WEEK** for a night of food with 20+ local restaurants & caterers, dancing, music and celebration on **Friday, March 8th, starting at 5:30pm**. Current UEDA members receive a \$10 discount on tickets. Looking forward to seeing you all at our annual party with a purpose!

[<<Learn more and purchase tickets here>>](#)

We are also looking for **Carnival Volunteers!** We are in need of help with set-up, food serving, and and take-down...all volunteers get in free! [Check out our available shifts here](#) or reach out to [constance@uedawi.org](mailto:constance@uedawi.org) with further questions.

### Spotlight on our 2024 Bill Johnson Bridge Builder!

We are proud to present this year's award to **Menomonee Valley Partners (MVP)** for their commitment to honoring diversity as they connect people and place through every aspect of their work, with an eye towards vibrant economic activity, sustainable restoration, and natural heritage.

This year is MVP's 25th anniversary - be sure to follow them throughout the year as they celebrate this milestone! Check out their [Career Discovery Initiative](#) and Rotational STEM Summer Internship to [Valley Week, happening in September](#). They're also planning for future redevelopment, including an extension of the Riverwalk along the Menomonee River.

### And a special thank you to our 2024 Carnival Milwaukee Sponsors!

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## UEDA Member Highlights

Gov. Evers and **WHEDA** announced the first round of **Vacancy-to-Vitality** recipients this month. Three applicants will receive loans to convert commercial spaces into affordable housing. [Learn more here.](#)

**SEWRPC** is still undertaking their **VISION 2050 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.](#)

Check out **Revitalize Milwaukee's Building Hope Program!** Learn career skills in carpentry and lead abatement and get paid while you do it! [Learn more here.](#)

The **City of Milwaukee DCD** has released their **Housing Affordability Analysis for 2023**. Learn about what housing needs exist, how they are currently being met, and what work can be done going into the future. [Read the report here.](#)

**Darryl Johnson, Executive Director of Riverworks Development Corporation**, was recently interviewed by **Shepherd Express**. He discusses his career, leadership, and the current work happening at Riverworks. [Read the interview here.](#)

The **Wisconsin DATCP** is recruiting students for the **Agriculture Youth Council**. They are seeking at least one high school student per council district who will be seniors during the 24-25 school year. Applications will be accepted through **March 31**. [Learn more here.](#)

**Landmark Credit Union** supports **Children's Wisconsin** through a **donation campaign**. Through their Chain of Hearts Campaign, they raised and donated \$58,680 to support Wisconsin's children's physical, social, and mental health. [Read](#)

## Member Spotlight



**Columbia Savings & Loan Association** celebrates 100 years of business this year! They are the oldest Black-owned bank in Milwaukee, and are still going strong today, investing in the community.

[Read more about it here](#), or check out [their website](#).

## Welcome to these New & Returning Members!

Bank Five Nine  
 Community Advocates  
 GoodFlow Enterprises  
 Kathryn Berger  
 Near West Side Partners  
 Peter Richardson  
 Erika Rondorf

[about it here.](#)

## 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

**Milwaukee's low vacancy rate is putting increasing pressure on the rental market.** Rents rise while the Housing Division attempts to fight against Section 8 voucher discrimination. [Read about it here.](#)

**The Urban Institute took a look at how the federal government is supporting small businesses.** They cover access to capital, availability of credit, technical assistance, and more. [Learn more here.](#)

**The Milwaukee Preservation Alliance gained ownership over a classic Historic Third Ward tavern.** Built in 1884, the building has been empty since a fire in 2013. [Read more about the project here.](#)

**Milwaukee is moving full-steam-ahead to demolish structures emblematic of neighborhood blight.** Mayor Cavalier hopes that this will clear the way for newer, better construction to follow. [Read more here.](#)

**The primary leading to Wisconsin Spring Elections is completed.** [See the results for Milwaukee Mayor and more here.](#)

**A Texas-based rental company has been quietly buying up Milwaukee housing stock.** Since 2019, VineBrook Homes has purchased over 1000 single family homes on the North Side. [Learn more here.](#)

**A study from Tulane University finds that racial gaps in life expectancy are exclusively caused by socioeconomic factors.** When controlling for Social Determinants of Health, gaps in life expectancy completely disappear. [Read the report 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!

**Did you know that Milwaukee Public Library has a free co-working space?** The space at the Central Branch is open for startups, entrepreneurs, students, remote workers, and more! [Check it out here.](#)

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## Current Members

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

### Nonprofit & Governmental

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\*  
Latino Chamber of Commerce  
LISC Milwaukee\*  
Menomonee Valley Partners  
Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council  
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Milwaukee Community Land Trust  
Milwaukee Development Corp.  
Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity  
Milwaukee Public Library\*  
My Choice Wisconsin  
Revitalize Milwaukee  
Riverworks Development Corporation\*  
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Safe & Sound  
SecureFutures  
SEWRPC  
Sherman Park Community Association  
Southside Organizing Center  
The Business Council\*  
TMG Wisconsin  
United Way of Greater

**The first Nonprofit Management Fund application cycle of 2024 is coming up!** Access the grant portal and apply for funding March 6 - March 15. [Learn more here.](#)

### **Increasing Your Mission Impact Through Advocacy**

**March 12 | 9 AM-12 PM | Zilber School of Public Health**

Come learn about nonprofit advocacy from a diverse panel of Wisconsin nonprofit professionals, including our very own Martha Collins! [Register 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.](#)

### **The Fair Housing Council is offering free in-person Fair**

**Housing Training Seminars** throughout the state for owners and managers of rental housing. The next seminar hosted in Milwaukee is **April 4th 2:30-4:30 PM.** [Learn more and register here.](#)

## **Upcoming Events**

### **"Working Together to Protect Wisconsin Consumers" Conference**

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

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. [Register here TODAY.](#)

### **Pop-up Vaccine Clinic**

**March 15 | 9-11 AM | Independence First**

Get your updated flu and COVID-19 vaccinations with Independence First, regardless of ID, documentation or insurance status. [Find out more here.](#)

### **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.](#)

### **Annual Community Action Conference**

**May 22-23 | Lambeau Field, Green Bay**

Join WISCAP to discuss food security, affordable housing and homeless services, economic development, and more! This conference is a great fit for program-level staff and managers. [Register here.](#)

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Trade & Consumer Protection  
(DATCP)

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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  
Community Insurance  
Information Center

Contexture

Dolomite Marketing

Goyke & Associates\*

HomeWorks Bronzeville LLC

Jobs That Help

Lloyd Consulting, Inc.\*  
Mueller Communications

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ZDH Holdings LLC

### **Corporations & Funders**

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First Federal Bank

Johnson Financial Group

JPMorgan Chase

Mortgage Guaranty Insurance  
Corp. (MGIC)\*

Old National Bank

U.S. Bank

Zilber Family Foundation

### **Individual Members**

Amy Turim

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Rusty Borkin  
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***Have something  
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](mailto:adam@uedawi.org).

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