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UEDA Community News

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Our team has grown! Sehiry (pronounced *Say-Dee*) Tapia started with UEDA this month as part of the Marquette University Trinity Fellows program, class of 2026. She is pursuing her Masters in Corporate Communications and will serve as **our next Communications & Events Coordinator**, assisting us with a variety of activities that support the UEDA network. Sehiry most recently worked at the [Fast Fund at MATC](#), and started what she refers to as her passion project - [Casita Prado](#), a sustainable kids streetwear brand. [Learn more on our website.](#)

The **City of Milwaukee Consolidated Plan** is available for public comment. This project for UEDA has been over a year in the making, and we are almost to the finish line. The comment period is open until **July 15**. The city is holding a public hearing on the plan on **July 2** at the Community & Economic Development Committee meeting (1:30pm). [See the city's announcement](#) for more information on the public hearing. UEDA will also host a virtual information session on **July 9 at 11:00am**: [Register here](#).

Be sure to [visit the Consolidated Plan website](#) to access the plan and leave a comment.

The 2024 Annual Reports for both Bank On Greater Milwaukee and Take Root Milwaukee are available! Check out some of their accomplishments:

- **Bank On Greater Milwaukee** distributed 7,000 Smart Money Guides, launched a new website, and coalition members volunteered over 670 hours to help increase banking access. [View the full report.](#)
- **Take Root Milwaukee** members helped to create 1000 new homeowners, get over 790 individuals post-purchase education, and disperse over \$5.5 million in home repair dollars. [View the full report.](#)

Save the Date! Our **Annual Community Gathering** will be Tuesday, September 9 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at Dandy in Washington Heights. Hear about what we have accomplished over the last year, present our Outstanding Community Partner and Extraordinary Volunteer Awards, and say farewell to our outgoing board members. Hope to see you there!

UEDA Member Highlights

Cinnaire is building new affordable housing in **Northern Wisconsin**. The City of Washburn, Bayfield County, and others are partnering on the 40 cottage-style homes. [Read more here.](#)

Revitalize Milwaukee held a successful **Block Build Waukesha**. Hundreds of volunteers completed home repair projects in The Strand neighborhood.

The Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce was featured by **Shepherd Express**. Their work is particularly important during this Pride Month when LGBT rights are under increasing scrutiny. [Read about it here.](#)

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity and Acts Housing are working towards more housing. They recently held a volunteer day that included Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Charles Antetokounmpo Family Foundation. [Learn more here.](#)

WHEDA announced **\$2.5 million in funding for affordable housing projects**. These projects through the Vacancy-to-Vitality and Infrastructure Access Loan projects will create units across the state. [Read more here.](#)

Member & Partner Job Openings

Find a listing of current job openings [HERE](#). There are many opportunities in community development and local government so be sure to take a look! Contact adam@uedawi.org if you are a member and have an opening to add.

And, be sure to check out the **Jobs That Help** [website](#) to find or list a nonprofit job opportunities!

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Public hearings are coming up for Housing Element (formerly Growing MKE). First up is the City Plan Commission meeting on Monday, **June 2nd** which can be intended in-person at City Hall or virtually. Access the most recent version of the plan and learn more about how to attend the meeting on the [Housing Element site](#).

The next **"Curds of Wisdom" session** by the **Badger State Housing Alliance** will be

Member Spotlight



Zilber Family Foundation supports organizations that create access to social and economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for individuals, families, and neighborhoods.

They have been huge supporters of **The Bridge Project**. [Read the latest about the project here.](#)

Welcome to these New & Returning Members!

Kathryn Berger
Martha Collins
Milwaukee Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)
TMG Wisconsin
Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development
Yes...AND LLC

Current Members

*Check your email for renewal notices to remain current!

Nonprofit & Governmental

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Ezekiel Community Dev. Corp.
Granville BID
Greater Milwaukee Association of REALTORS
Helen Bader Institute of Nonprofit Management*
Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce
Independence First
Lad Lake

Wed, July 9 at noon. Join Community Reinvestment Act experts Kevin Hill and Bethany Sanchez to learn more about how CRA can help us with our work to increase affordable housing. [Register here.](#)

Silver City businesses are preparing for construction on National Avenue. Businesses are working on their facades and bracing for a downturn in foot traffic. [Read more here.](#)

The City Of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office recently spoke with Milwaukee NPR about **how they are implementing their Climate and Equity Plan in the face of federal cuts.** [Read about it here.](#)

Small Business & Nonprofits

The **Nonprofit Management Fund** is sponsoring a new cohort of nonprofits to **learn about fundraising and grant management** through hands-on work-shopping. Applications to join the cohort are due **June 30.** [Learn more here.](#)

Do you have a data driven project that you'd like to share? **Data You Can Use is taking submissions for 5 minute Ignite presentations.** Submissions are due by **July 18.** [Apply here.](#)

The call for sessions for NCRC's 2026 Just Economy Conference is open! This is the leading national conference for economic and social justice. Proposals are due by **July 25.** [Learn more here.](#)

Milwaukee County Economic Development is **launching Building Bridges to provide small businesses with grants and other resources.** This partnership with WEDC is hoping to encourage brick-and-mortar revitalization of commercial corridors. [Read about it here.](#)

The Chronicle of Philanthropy has found that **the nonprofit sector has lost over 20,000 jobs so far in 2025.** They have launched a layoff tracker to keep tabs on the changes in the sector. [Learn more here.](#)

Upcoming Events

Rooted & Rising Community Block Party
June 27 | 4-7 PM | 3940 W Lisbon Ave, MKE
This 5th annual event will include food, fun, music, and games! If you are interested in volunteering, contact

Landmark Credit Union
Latino Chamber of Commerce
LISC Milwaukee
Menomonee Valley Partners
Metropolitan Milw Fair Housing Council
Milwaukee Christian Center
Milwaukee Community Land Trust
Milwaukee County Economic Development
Milwaukee County Transit System
Milwaukee Development Corp.
Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity
Milwaukee Public Library
My Choice Wisconsin
Near West Side Partners
Northwest Side CDC
Prime Financial Credit Union
Revitalize Milwaukee
Riverworks Development Corp.
Rooted & Rising-Washington Park
Safe & Sound
SecureFutures
Self-Help Credit Union
Sherman Park Community Assoc.
Sojourner Family Peace Center
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Southside Organizing Center
The Business Council (TBC)
The Difference Principle, Inc.
The Gateway to Milwaukee
United Community Center
United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County
UW Credit Union
VIA CDC
WHEDA
WI Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection
WI Economic Development Association
WI Economic Development Corp.
WI LGBT Chamber of Commerce
WI Veterans Chamber of Commerce
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Associated Bank, NA
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info@rootedandrisingwp.org.

43rd+Vliet: Life is a Runway Night Market

June 27 | 5-9 PM | Denizen MKE, 4227 W. Vliet Street - See fashion shows, hear music, and visit a screening of *Wicked* with our partners at Washington Park Media Center and other vendors! [Learn more here](#).

Homeownership Resource Fair

June 28 | 12-3 PM | ThriveOn King

Join JobsWork MKE for resources both for those who are currently homeowners as well as those who would like to be. [See the flyer here \(PDF\)](#).

RISE MKE Pitch Night

July 2 | 5 PM | Radio Milwaukee

Join the African American Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin (AACCW) for the business pitches of the ninth cohort of entrepreneurs and to network with community leaders.

[See the flyer \(PDF\)](#).

Milwaukee Women's Center 45th Anniversary

July 10 | 4:30-7:30 PM | 1020 N Broadway, MKE

Join Community Advocates to celebrate 45 years of live-saving and life-changing services.

[Register here](#).

Wisconsin Nonprofit Summit

July 23-24 | Brookfield Tech Summit

This third annual conference convenes and supports nonprofit and public service professionals. This year, check out the **Nonprofit Lift Tech Summit** as part of the festivities on the afternoon of the 23rd. [Learn more here](#).

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