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UEDA Community News

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What We're Working On

Thank You for an amazing Carnival Milwaukee 2026! | [See our full recap here](#)

This year's event was a resounding success with 350+ guests enjoying food by 25 local, diverse-owned food enterprises, live entertainment by De La Buena and Salsabrositas, Samba Da Vida, and photobooth by Pixel Booth. View the [Event Booklet](#) and [Event Recap](#).



Check out the full album on our [Carnival Milwaukee 2026 Facebook Album](#) or [Google drive album](#).
A special thank you to our photographer, Enrique Hernandez! @j.r.productions.jpg on Instagram

BOGM Financial Literacy Month of April

English and Spanish Smart Money Guides will be available in early April for Financial Literacy Month! Please reach out to Constance via email constance@uedawi.org to secure your copies.

Take Root Milwaukee Upcoming Events

On Wednesday, April 8, TRM members will gather for their Q2 Meeting, which will feature an update on the homeownership market from the Greater Milwaukee Associate of REALTORS. Contact heather@uedawi.org to learn more.

UEDA Member Highlights

Nominations Now Open: LISC Milwaukee MANDI Awards

Now's the time to nominate for the 27th Annual Milwaukee Awards for Neighborhood Development Innovation (MANDI), proudly sponsored by U.S. Bank in partnership with LISC Milwaukee. **These awards celebrate the individuals, organizations, and projects making a meaningful impact in Milwaukee's neighborhoods.** [Nominate today!](#)

MNNS Highlights Maudwella Kirkendoll from Community Advocates

As the COO, Maudwella Kirkendoll brings lived experience, resilience, and deep compassion to his leadership. Growing up in Milwaukee's Park West neighborhood and overcoming personal challenges, **he now helps lead one of the city's largest social service organizations—supporting housing, behavioral health, and emergency assistance programs.** [Read more](#)

Member & Partner Jobs

Milwaukee Community Land Trust (MCLT)

Is hiring for a Housing Development Fellow. Learn more [here!](#)

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 sehiry@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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Curds of Wisdom – April Session

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 | 12:00–1:00 PM | [Virtual](#)

This month's session will highlight the Domestic Violence Housing First Pilot, presented by Holland Dvorak of End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin. Learn how this approach supports survivors through housing stability and services.

Member Spotlight

March 2026



Founded in 2025, Impact53 is a Southeast Wisconsin nonprofit consulting firm that helps organizations strengthen the connection between people, strategy, and operations to amplify their impact. The name reflects both the region they serve—communities across the 53xxx ZIP codes—and their values of humble service and support for nonprofits working with vulnerable populations. Through their work, Impact53 helps organizations strengthen both their mission and margin to better serve the community. [Learn More.](#)

Welcome to these New & Returning Members!

Adam Bridges
Peter Richardson
Near West Side Partners
UMOS
U.S. Bank

Current Members

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

Nonprofit & Governmental

Governor Evers launches new State Film Office and Tax Credit program. Included in last year's 2025-27 biennium budget, this will help attract film and television productions to Wisconsin and bolster the travel and tourism economies. [Learn more](#)

WHEDA Development Training Program (Spring 2026)

April 29 – May 1, 2026 | 8:00 AM–5:00 PM | Hilton Garden Inn Green Bay

This three-day training offers practical guidance for those interested in developing affordable multifamily housing. Participants will learn about financing, underwriting, project timelines, and available resources while connecting with WHEDA staff and experienced developers. [Learn more.](#)

Small Business & Nonprofits

SBA Policy Update: Changes to Loan Eligibility

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) recently [announced a policy change](#) that will **restrict access to SBA-backed loan programs to U.S. citizens and U.S. nationals residing in the United States.** This update expands prior changes and will apply across all SBA-guaranteed loan programs, including microloans and surety bonds. The policy is expected to take effect 30 days after publication and reflects the agency's effort to prioritize limited lending resources.

Save the Date: Small Business Academy 2026

Join the Lieutenant Governor's **Small Business Academy** during National Small Business Week, **May 5–8, 2026**, for this free learning opportunity designed for small businesses, startups, and entrepreneurs. Sessions will cover key topics such as financing, legal and regulatory issues, IT, certifications, market identification, and sales strategies.

Choose the sessions that fit your schedule with **virtual workshops (May 5–7, 8:00 AM–noon)** and **in-person sessions (May 8, 8:00 AM–noon)** hosted at locations across Wisconsin, including Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, and more. Registration details will be shared soon. [See past business academy recordings here.](#)

Upcoming Member Events

How to Protect Against Scams & Frauds Targeting Small Businesses (L.E.A.D. Series)
March 26, 2026 | 12:00 PM | Virtual (Zoom)

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 Community Development Alliance
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 Consumer Credit Counseling Services
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 Council
 Milwaukee Community Crossroads
 Milwaukee Community Land Trust
 Milwaukee County Economic
 Development
 Milwaukee County Transit System
 Milwaukee Development Corp.
 Milwaukee Economic Development
 Corporation (MEDC)
 Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity
 Milwaukee Public Library*
 My Choice Wisconsin*
 Northwest Side CDC
 Prime Financial Credit Union
 Revitalize Milwaukee
 Riverworks Development Corporation
 Rooted & Rising-Washington Park
 Safe & Sound
 SecureFutures
 Self-Help Credit Union
 Sherman Park Community Association
 Sojourner Family Peace Center*
 Southeastern Wisconsin Regional
 Planning Commission*
 Southside Organizing Center
 The Business Council (TBC)
 The Gateway to Milwaukee
 TMG Wisconsin
 United Community Center*
 United Way of Greater Milwaukee &
 Waukesha County
 UW Credit Union
 VIA CDC
 Visit Milwaukee

Hosted by the Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce, this webinar will provide practical guidance for entrepreneurs and small business owners on how to identify scams, prevent fraud, and respond if their business is targeted. Led by Ben Merens from the Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection, the session will include real-world examples and strategies to help safeguard your business, employees, and customers. [Learn more and register.](#)

Wisconsin Latino Entrepreneurial Innovation Awards 2.0 – Latino Legacy Gala
Saturday, April 18th | 6PM-12AM | Potawatomi Casino

Hosted by the Latino Chamber of Commerce of Southeastern Wisconsin, this event celebrates leaders advancing Latino entrepreneurship and economic opportunity across the state. This year's Innovation Awardees, Gabriela Parra and Rosetta Meschisi, are recognized for their work in immigration services, legal advocacy, and community empowerment—helping expand access to resources and support Latino-owned businesses. [Learn more and register.](#)

From Finances to Front Door: Homeownership Resource Fair

Saturday, April 25, 2026 | Noon–3:00 PM | ThriveOn King (2153 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Milwaukee)

Join JobsWork MKE for this free community event connecting future and current homeowners with local banks, housing experts, and resources to support their homeownership journey. Enjoy expert-led sessions, food trucks, and raffles throughout the afternoon.

[View flyer here.](#)

Join the ACLU of Wisconsin for Legal Observer Training. April 29, 2026 | 5 –6:30 PM

Learn how to defend free speech and the right to assemble by becoming a volunteer Legal Observer. This in-person workshop at the UW–Milwaukee Student Union (Room 344) trains volunteers to document public demonstrations and incidents of police misconduct. **Bilingual volunteers are especially encouraged to participate.** [Learn more here.](#)

Southeastern Wisconsin Housing Summit
Thursday, May 7, 2026 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

At Zoofari Conference Center, Milwaukee
 Hosted by University of Wisconsin Extension, this summit will provide an opportunity learn, share perspectives, and contribute to a stronger regional housing ecosystem. [Learn more & register here.](#)

Wisconsin Housing & Economic Development Authority (WHEDA)
 Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP)
 Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA)*
 Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC)
 Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce
 Wisconsin Veterans Chamber of Commerce
 Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development (WPHD)
 WWBIC*
 YWCA Southeast Wisconsin

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