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This Week at a Glance:

- HACM Welcomes Secretary-Executive Director Finalists
- BloomMKE & Sunshine Club Help Friendships — and Houseplants — Grow
- Honoring the Legacy of Rev. Jesse Jackson
- Next HACM Public Listening Session Set for Lapham Park on March 5 at 4 PM

HACM HOSTS SECRETARY-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FINALISTS

This week, HACM welcomed four finalists for the Secretary-Executive Director position during a multi-day interview summit led by the Board of Commissioners.

Over the course of three days, candidates participated in a series of structured meetings and forums, engaging with residents, employees, community partners, and civic leaders. Each engagement offered stakeholders the opportunity to hear directly from each finalist about their leadership philosophy, strategic priorities, and approach to guiding HACM through completion of its HUD Recovery Agreement while strengthening the agency's operations and service to residents.

The finalists - Berdie Cowser, Harold Ince, Keon Jackson, and Ralph Jordan – also met with the Board of Commissioners, which will make the final selection after reviewing candidate interviews and the stakeholder feedback gathered throughout the summit.

The Board will schedule a special meeting in the near future to evaluate candidates and discuss next steps.

HACM appreciates everyone who took the time to participate and provide thoughtful input.

Recordings of candidate interviews and the candidate forum are available at: **hacm.org/boardmeetings**.

BLOOMMKE AND SUNSHINE CLUB HELP FRIENDSHIPS — AND HOUSEPLANTS — GROW

Last Wednesday, BloomMKE partnered with the Convent Hill Sunshine Club to host a lively and hands-on Houseplant Workshop. BloomMKE supplied pots, plants, and potting mix, while residents brought their favorite houseplants ready for a refresh. Together, participants repotted plants, swapped stories, and shared helpful tips and tricks for keeping their greenery healthy and thriving.

The workshop was filled with laughter, learning, and a little bit of soil! Best of all, everyone went home with a new houseplant to brighten their space.

The Sunshine Club is a resident-led social group that fosters connection and fun at Convent Hill during the Garden Club's winter break. All residents are welcome to join, and all events are free — making it easy to grow friendships along with beautiful plants.

Special thanks to Convent Hill resident Diana Hinton for creating and hosting the Sunshine Club!

REMEMBERING REV. JESSE JACKSON

HACM joins many across the country in acknowledging the passing of Rev. Jesse Jackson, a civil rights leader whose decades of advocacy centered on economic opportunity, fair housing, and expanding access for underserved communities.

His work helped elevate national conversations around housing equity and community investment, issues that remain deeply connected to the mission HACM carries forward each day. We recognize the impact of his legacy and the generations he inspired.

LAPHAM PARK TO HOST HACM'S NEXT PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION ON MARCH 5 AT 4:00 PM

HACM's Board of Commissioners will host its next Public Listening Session on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 4:00 pm.

As part of HACM's quarterly rotation of listening sessions at developments across the city, this session will take place at HACM's Community Services Building (connected to Lapham Park), located at 650 West Reservoir Avenue.

Public Listening Sessions are open to all residents and members of the community. Attendees are invited to share their comments, concerns, and ideas directly with the Board of Commissioners.

HACM's Board of Commissioners holds Public Listening Sessions at all regularly scheduled monthly meetings. In addition, Commissioners host quarterly sessions at HACM properties throughout the city to meet residents where they live and provide more opportunities for direct engagement.

Spanish translation services will be available. To request other reasonable accommodations, please call 414-286-5824.

For more information about upcoming board meetings, visit **hacm.org/boardmeetings**.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS & RESOURCES

Your neighborhood. Your health. Your care. Visit Progressive Community Health Centers - Hillside location 1452 N. 7th Street for medical, dental, and behavioral health services — Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Affordable options available through our Sliding Fee Discount Program call (414) 935-8000 or visit **progressivechc.org**

Immunization Clinic Services: All City of Milwaukee Health Department immunization services are walk-in only. No appointment is necessary. Southside Health Center (1639 S. 23rd St.) Mondays 3 – 6 pm, Tuesdays 1 – 4 pm; Northwest Health Center (7630 W. Mill Rd.) Wednesday 3 – 6 pm; Keenan Health Center (3200 N. 36th St.) Thursday 1 – 4 pm. For questions, please call 414-286-8034.

Know Your Rights & Resources: Explore the City of Milwaukee's **webpage** featuring trusted immigration resources, including general information, fact sheets, preparedness toolkits, and legal support options—all in one central hub.

Immigrant Community Resources: Find helpful services, programs, and support for Milwaukee's immigrant communities at **city.milwaukee.gov/ERC**.

Milwaukee Recreation Activity Guide: Milwaukee Recreation hosts activities and events for youth, teens, adults, and seniors at community centers across the city. Check out this season's variety of fun and affordable classes at **milwaukeerecreation.net**.

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HACM HUB is the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee's weekly source for trusted news and updates. Through this platform, we share timely information and insights into the work being done to provide a continuum of affordable housing options in Milwaukee that support self-sufficiency, quality of life, and the opportunity to thrive.

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