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Kenosha Area Business Alliance(KABA)

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SL Montevideo investing in Pleasant Prairie; Moving HQs and production operations from Minnesota to Kenosha County

Maker of high performance motors will more than double its footprint and add 60 highly skilled positions

SL Montevideo (also known as Montevideo Technology Inc. or MTI) recently announced that it will be relocating its headquarters and Minnesota-based production operations to Pleasant Prairie.

The operation currently based in Pleasant Prairie was previously part of United Technologies Aerospace, but was acquired by MTI in 2016. The decision was recently made to consolidate MTI's Montevideo, MN based operations into the Pleasant Prairie location.

MTI designs and manufactures high performance precision AC and DC motors, amplifiers/drives, controllers and windings for aerospace, defense and industrial markets worldwide. This expansion will more than double the size of MTI's floor space, adding 63,000 SF to the existing 50,000 SF in LakeView Corporate Park.

The project will also add approximately 60 jobs. MTI currently employs 80 people in Pleasant Prairie - many of which are highly skilled technicians and electrical and mechanical engineers.

KABA sat down with SL Montevideo's General Manager, Electric Systems Michael Gardner who discussed the company's plans for relocation and expansion at their Pleasant Prairie facility. Watch the short video to learn more about the exciting project - it can be found at KABA's You Tube channel: **KABAConnectHere**.



"We've been very fortunate - we have not had a problem finding talent. The employees at our Pleasant Prairie facility - from shop to office - are engaged, hard working and take pride in their work. It's the main reason we wanted to bring our headquarters here."

- Michael Gardner, General Manager, Electrical Systems, SL Montevideo



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KABA is the lead business organization that drives economic development throughout Kenosha County and supports and provides services to its members and the community, helping to ensure growth, a robust economy, and a positive business climate for the Kenosha Area.

From the Desk of...

THE FUTURE OF KENOSHA IS INSPIRING – DON'T MISS OUT ON BEING A PART OF THIS STORY



I have sat in the audience of the Future 5 Awards organized by YLINK for the past two years. While I watched the videos of the winners, most of whom I did not know, I couldn't help but be inspired. Then, the last Thursday in April came and it was a night I will never forget. It was the 2018 Future 5 Young Professional Awards, and instead of sitting in the audience watching stories about other people, I sat in the front with my family and coworkers watching my story.

The Future 5 program is such an important event in our community and for our young professionals because it highlights different causes or avenues a person could take

to get involved.

Looking at the five winners this year, no story was the same. I love that! This year's winners were recognized for a variety of things: volunteerism, park improvements, working with students, being on a board, and a new generation business owner. It spotlights that whatever your passion may be, there is an organization out there in Kenosha that would love your input and help. There is no right way to get involved in our community; they are all the right way.

Part of our obligation as young professionals is to get involved and act. Every time I go to a volunteer event or sign up to see a speaker, I invite friends or colleagues who are other young professionals to join. I encourage others to do that, too, since it's an easy way to get your feet wet. For me, helping my community is an obligation, not a choice.

The future of Kenosha is inspiring – don't miss out on being a part of this story.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerry Korn".

Kerry Korn, Business Analyst, Uline &
2018 Future Five Award Winner

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SERIES INFORMATION SESSIONS

Date: Tuesday, July 31 & Tuesday, August 14 | **Time:** 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. |
Location: KABA Training Center | **Cost:** Free to attend

Learn more about the Leadership Development Series KABA provides in conjunction with Living as Leader. It is a comprehensive, steady-progress-over-time approach that equips leaders with depth and breadth of skill and knowledge. Participants include supervisors, managers, and other key leaders, and high potential employees.

Learn more at
kaba.org/events

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YLINK INTERN MIXER

Date: Thursday, August 9 | **Time:** 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. | **Location:** Simmons Island
Pop-up Beer Garden | **Cost:** Free!

Attention employers and local interns! YLink has created a unique experience for summer interns and new employees to connect with peers, learn about employers and experience the beautiful Kenosha lakefront. See page 10 for more information.

Learn more at
ylinkenosha.com

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FUNDAMENTALS OF SUPERVISION SERIES

Date: Fridays, August 10, 17, 24, 31, September 7, 14, 2018 | **Time:** 10:00 a.m. - noon | **Location:** KABA Training Center | **Cost:** Members - \$255

The Supervision Management series introduces participants to the concepts of management and the qualifications required to become an exemplary supervisor. It consists of three separate classes (or 'series' of classes) which meet for 2 hours/week for 6 weeks.

Learn more at
kaba.org/supervision_series

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INSPIRE 2018

Date: Friday, October 12, 2018 | **Time:** 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | **Location:** Journey Church, Kenosha | **Cost:** \$175 per person; early bird rate - \$150 (expires August 31); student & non profit rates available

A premier one-day leadership development experience located centrally in the Chicago-Milwaukee corridor, featuring high-caliber national and regional speakers & experts providing inspirational content to elevate your personal and professional leadership journey. See page 8 for more information.

Learn more at
kaba.org/about/inspire

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2018 OVATION AWARDS

Date: Thursday, November 1, 2018 | **Time:** 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. | **Location:** UW-Parkside Student Center Ballroom | **Cost:** \$100 per person

Kenosha County is home to many notable and successful companies and business people. The Ovation Awards, presented annually by the KABA, recognizes the best of the best; those that have exhibited a history of growth, innovation, and a positive overall impact on the community. Nominations are now open - winners will be announced end of August.

Learn more at
kaba.org/ovation-awards



Nominations/Applications for the 2018 Ovation Awards are now open. The awards recognize excellence and achievement in business throughout Kenosha County. Apply or nominate your colleagues, customers and business partners for these prestigious recognitions!

The process is entirely online and it only takes a few minutes to complete. Each nominator or applicant will be entered into a drawing to receive two complimentary tickets to the 2018 Ovation Awards Dinner.

All nominations must be submitted by Friday, July 27, 2018.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Business parks continue to spring up along the I-94 corridor in Kenosha County

Kenosha County remains a top destination for corporate investment; and with the vacancy rate hovering around four percent and major develop announcements like Haribo and Foxconn, regional and national developers continue to take notice of the area.

First Park 94, Village of Somers

- > Total acres: 309 | Available: 230
- > Developer: First Industrial

Kenosha Corporate Park, City of Kenosha

- > Total acres: 70 | Available: 70
- > Developer: Zilber Property Group

94 Logistics Park, City of Kenosha

- > Total acres: 200 | Available: 200
- > Developer: Logistics Property Company (LPC)

Midwest Innovation Center, City of Kenosha

- > Total acres: 228 | Available: 150
- > Developer: Majestic Realty Co.

Midwest Transportation Center, City of Kenosha

- > Total acres: 120 | Available: 100
- > Developer: Darwin Realty

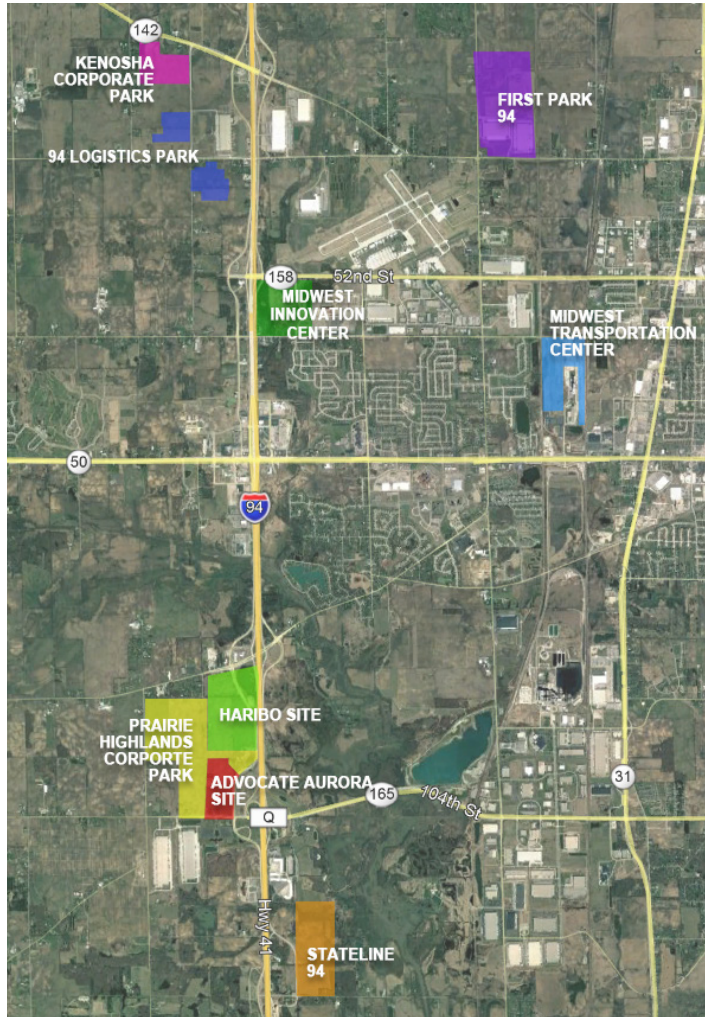
Prairie Highlands Corporate Park, Pleasant Prairie

- > Total acres: 458 | Available: 200
- > Developer: Village of Pleasant Prairie

Stateline 94, Pleasant Prairie

- > Total acres: 110 | Available: 110
- > Developer: Venture One Real Estate

To learn more about sites and buildings throughout Kenosha County, visit: kaba.org/locate-expand/sites-properties.



Foxconn breaks ground in Mount Pleasant

President Trump was on hand for the official groundbreaking ceremony held on June 28 to celebrate the start of construction of the Wisconsin Valley Science and Technology Park in Mount Pleasant. The president was joined by Foxconn Founder and CEO Terry Gou, Gov. Walker, and House Speaker Ryan for the on-site groundbreaking and remarks at the Foxconn Opus facility.

The Wisconsin Valley Science and Technology Park - located on Kenosha County's northern border - will be home to the first thin film transistor (TFT) fabrication facility in America.

The State of Wisconsin has launched a new website, WisconsinValley.wi.gov, to serve as a centralized location to access the resources and information available regarding the Foxconn project.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Haribo releases details about its Pleasant Prairie campus



Haribo of America, LLC submitted plans in April to the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission giving the community an idea of the scope of its first North American manufacturing facility.

The German candy maker plans to develop 136 acres of property at the southwest corner of 120th Avenue and County Highway C, known as Prairie Highlands Corporate Park.

The facility will operate 24 hours a day, with employees working three shifts in the first phase of the project. Amenities at the campus - dubbed "Haribo Park" - will include a retail store, museum, daycare and fitness centers, and a heliport. The campus will include research and development functions as well as central administrative offices.



Three additional phases are planned over the next decade. Initial employment for the first phase would be around 450 with employment growing to 1,650 at full buildout.

Plans call for a three-story 131,835 SF production facility and a 272,000 SF warehouse. The project is valued at \$242 million.

Site work is anticipated to begin in 2018 with the start of construction in 2019.

Large delegation represents Kenosha County at ICSC

Over the past five years, Kenosha County has secured \$1.4 billion of new and expanding industrial, capital investments including the announcement of 10,700 new jobs. To complement these industrial projects, and with added manufacturing commitments from Haribo and Foxconn coming, leaders from the community set out to spread this story to national and regional developers specializing in retail, residential and mixed use opportunities at the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC). ICSC was held in Las Vegas this past May.

Director of Planning & Development for Kenosha County, Andy Buehler and Heather Wessling, Vice President of Economic Development for the Kenosha Area Business Alliance (KABA) assembled municipal leaders from Bristol, City of Kenosha, Downtown Kenosha, Inc. (DKI), Pleasant Prairie, Salem and Somers to develop a retail strategy to increase recruitment of retail and mixed use opportunities.

Each municipality team outlined targeted sites for development in collaboration with commercial real estate consultants, Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL). Marketing materials highlight impressive demographics to share with prospective retailers and developers. JLL positioned each community favorably for success by setting meetings with and hosting Kenosha County at the largest global gathering of retailers called the ICSC RECon Event, hosted annually at the Las Vegas Convention Center. In all, the team secured 20+ meetings with key national developers and regional brokers to convey Kenosha County's competitive advantages.

As more people, employers and jobs are being attracted to the area, the Retail Strategy Team will continue to build momentum and create connections that further push Kenosha County into the national spotlight.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

E FAUCETS CELEBRATES ITS NEW HQS

In June, online plumbing fixture retailer eFaucets hosted a grand opening celebration at their new 20,000 SF office in LakeView Corporate Park. The company, which is the first store for parent company Elmprovements, relocated to Pleasant Prairie from Racine in March.

"Our new headquarters features open-space, well-lit areas with bathroom and kitchen fixtures that have been set up by manufacturers, and a stress-free environment where employees can play pingpong or football during their breaks."

- Heather Asizyanbi, Content Marketing, Communications & PR Manager, eFaucets



Kenosha enters Chrysler consultant services agreement

The City of Kenosha has hired San Antonio-based Huls Group to facilitate a land use study for the first phase of redevelopment of the former Chrysler Engine Plant site.

The Huls Group's mission is to facilitate dialogue between partners and come up with viable ideas for the site. Plans so far include a mixed-use development, with research and technology facilities and potentially some commercial development as well. The Huls Group expects to begin work on the plan in mid-July.



"We're going to start right away to get ideas. We want to build something that's not just for now, but for the future. We want to build something that will be sustaining."

- Julie Huls, Principal, Huls Group

The Gateway at LakeView Corporate Park & Main Street Market developments move ahead in Pleasant Prairie

The Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission recently approved a Development Agreement for The Gateway at LakeView Corporate Park. Area improvements will include sanitary sewer, street trees, sitework, street lights and a pedestrian path. The Village will issue \$2.8 million in Tax Increment District (TID) #5 financing to reimburse certain costs for projects funded by the WisPark LLC Developer.

The property is proposed to be subdivided into three lots and outlot and is proposed to include restaurants, gas station/carwash/c-store and/or multi-tenant commercial buildings.

In April, the Main Street Market project also gained approvals from the Commission. Bear Development is planning a commercial/retail development on approximately 22-acres of commercial area at the northeast corner of Highways 31 and 165. Froedtert South, Inc. will be the first tenant with an approved plan for a four-story medical office building totaling approximately 50,000 square feet. The other six proposed buildings may include a grocery store, a gas station/convenience store, and four additional retail/commercial buildings.

KABA INVESTOR NEWS

Bradshaw Medical acquired by French firm

Medical instrument manufacturer Bradshaw Medical Inc. has been acquired by French orthopedic manufacturer In'Tech Medical SAS. In'Tech is known for its engineering and supply chain solutions. It has more than 800 employees and expects to bring in \$120 million in revenue in 2018.

Powerbrace acquires Dallas manufacturer

Powerbrace Corp. - a Kenosha-based manufacturer of trailer door

securement products - has acquired Dallas, Texas-based DFW Grating Inc. DFW manufactures metal grating used in commercial buildings, railcars and manufacturing equipment.

Platinum Systems acquired by WHOA.com

Kenosha-based managed services provider Platinum Systems Inc. has been acquired by national cloud services company Whoa Networks Inc. of Hollywood, Florida.

Whoa Networks, known as WHOA.com, plans to retain all current employees.

New GM at Wilmot Mountain

Vail Resorts has named Peter Disch as general manager of Wilmot Mountain Resort where he will oversee all ski area operations. Disch brings more than seven years of resort operational experience at Keystone Resort in Colorado.

CMA makes Future 50 list

Construction Management Associates Inc. has been named to the Future 50. The Future 50 recognizes companies in the seven-county Milwaukee Region that have been rapidly growing. The winners will be honored at a luncheon program on Sept. 21 in Milwaukee.

The Internet of Things (IoT)

What is that on your wrist? Did you shut the garage door? Is the "check engine" light on? Your fitness tracker, smart garage door and vehicle are all part of a network of connected physical devices called the "Internet of Things (IoT)." So, what if we could harness the data these devices collect, store it in the cloud for analysis, benefit from its useful insights and maybe even prevent occurrences such as equipment failure or a heart attack?

Who is using IoT?

Microsoft reports that 79% of today's manufacturing leaders use IoT in their operations, with 82% of them reporting increases in operational efficiency and product quality. Market Research.com reports the health care IoT market segment is poised to hit \$117 billion by 2020. Whether on a manufacturing shop floor or in a hospital critical care unit, turning information into insights will lead to improvements in any process or use of equipment.

What are the potential benefits?

The City of Chicago, for example, has officially launched "Array of Things (AoT)," which will include installation of over 500 nodes on downtown buildings, streetlights and light poles. Information will be uploaded to an open-source database, allowing scientists, engineers and researchers to develop data analysis tools and applications. The City was awarded a \$3.1

million grant for the development of AoT to monitor wind speed, walking patterns, air quality and light intensity. Chicago will use AoT to become a "smart city" by proactively addressing an array of challenges such as urban flooding and traffic safety.

What are the options, and how much do they cost?

Using near-field communication (NFC) tags, Raspberry Pi, SQL, Access databases, HTML, Wi-Fi and Bluetooth are some of the more common tools we can use to integrate with machines and access their data, data that can then be correlated with financial and other data. Pricing models are typically based on a licensing structure, with upfront costs

for design, development, integration, implementation and data source connections. Many companies offer "managed service" models with a fixed monthly fee approach. You should select a solution that aligns best with your needs, budget and desired outcomes.

What is next?

We should embrace technology and educate ourselves on IoT because it will impact future generations daily, influence decision making and bring opportunities and new challenges to our world. Let's understand IoT as a tool that illuminates data and improves our personal and business lives.

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a leader worth following.

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Inspire 2018 is a premier one-day leadership experience located centrally in the Chicago-Milwaukee corridor, featuring high-caliber national and regional speakers and experts providing inspirational content to elevate your personal and professional leadership journey.

Date: **Friday, October 12, 2018** | Time: **7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** | Location: **Journey Church, Kenosha** | Cost: **\$175 per person**; early bird rate - \$150 (expires August 31); student & non profit rates available

Last year's Inspire event drew almost 450 people. Here's what attendees had to say about their experience:

"I loved the energy and enthusiasm in the room, Aleta's facilitation and the genuinely world-class line-up." - Mary, Jockey International

"It lived up to its name... I left feeling inspired!!!" - Ann, Uline

"I enjoyed the format, agenda, and pace of the presentations. Wonderful opportunity to spend time with a couple of important team members, and personal growth."
- Steve, MedTorque

"Every detail of this event was flawless." - Angela, SC Johnson

Top five reasons to attend Inspire 2018:

1. **It's a chance to invest in YOU and YOUR TEAM.** Taking a pause from your everyday routine to learn from our inspirational speakers is a great way to fuel the tank. Manage a team? According to our recent labor market analysis - many employees are seeking professional development opportunities. Allow and support your employees to attend Inspire to show you're invested in their growth and retention.
2. **The content will move you to action.** No matter the field, industry sector or part of the community you impact, the speakers at Inspire 2018 have developed content to empower your leadership journey. Speakers are live and in person.
3. **It's in your own backyard.** No flights to catch. No hotels to check in. And, you can skip the commute to Chicago or Milwaukee. You've got a high-caliber development opportunity centrally located between the two metro areas, right here in Kenosha.
4. **You'll have fun.** Consider this the best un-conference in the region. You'll have the chance to listen to live music, snap some pics, and socialize with your peers and new leaders during and after the conference.
5. **It's a great value.** Not only are you taking back valuable leadership insight from the speakers - you get a hardcover copy of a speaker's book, a journal, lunch and snacks, and live entertainment. Take advantage of the early bird rate now - it expires August 31!

**KABA is excited to
announce its first
speakers for Inspire 2018!**



GREG MCKEOWN
International best-selling author & entrepreneur



VICTORIA ARLEN
Jockey Ambassador, US Gold Medalist &
ESPN On-Air Personality



KURT PENN
CEO, Good Foods Group

Inspire 2018 will be moderated by:



ALETA NORRIS
Expert Leadership Coach & Principal, Living as a Leader

ON LEADERSHIP

Leadership is everywhere | by Aleta Norris

Leadership is everywhere: In organizations. In families. In parents. Between friends. In the midst of strangers. At the checkout counter. On the freeway. In restaurants. Between colleagues. In volunteerism.

A few things I believe about leadership:

- > It is a struggle. > It is a privilege. > It is selfless. > It is noble. > It changes lives. > It impacts people.
- > It is born. > It is made. > It is difficult. > It is simple. > It is critical > It is a responsibility.

And, perhaps most of all, I believe employees deserve strong leadership. Leaders too often think the leadership thing is about them: it's about their promotion, their raise, their title, their power, their corporate climb, their accomplishments, their office. In fact, one leader said to his employees, "Listen, I want to get one thing perfectly clear; I don't work for you, you work for me." This person is missing the boat entirely. It's much more humble than that. Leadership is a privilege. It is a responsibility. Leaders GET to help people. Employees need support, encouragement, direction, clear expectations, candid feedback, recognition, a career path, a cheerleader.

Employees need to know that they matter, that they even exist. We've heard many employees say something like, "I feel completely invisible... like I don't really even matter." One woman shared, "I want to be able to come to work every day and know that there is just ONE person who even cares about me." Still another was passed by a manager in the hallway who did not even acknowledge her hello, said to me, "I feel like a piece of furniture."

When you ask people what they do for a living, very few people respond by saying, "I'm a leader." They went to school to learn a trade or craft or technical talent. This is what defines them. Yes. That is, until they become a leader. Leadership is different from your technical expertise, and it needs attention. The day you become a leader is the day you sign up to learn how to be a leader. It's the day you commit to caring more about other people than you care about yourself.

[Aleta Norris provides an ongoing column on developing better leadership skills. She is a leadership expert and Principal at Living as a Leader LLC.](#)



Something entirely my own | by Kimberly Warner

A shoe. Can you believe that? So superficial, I know but hear me out. From the moment I saw that positive pregnancy test I thought I would never be anything other than the happiest stay at home mom on earth. Yeah, well that job isn't as easy or as fun as I thought it would be. Don't get me wrong, motherhood is an absolute irreplaceable joy and being fortunate enough to stay home with my babies—a gift. Many days ended and I was happy but often felt like a mop in the corner. Can anyone relate to this?

So eight years ago, my journey as a woman in business began.

My new ventures all started with wanting to get out of my pj's each day and have a shoe budget. I was introduced to a company called Norwex and as soon as I used those amazing clothes and healthy cleaning products, I was hooked. Going to do home parties seemed so "not me, but there I was...selling rags?? This superb company and all the amazing women I met, made it a mission I wanted to adopt for life. As I began doing in-home parties and making friends/customers, I invited others to come along with me; and to my surprise, they said yes! Before long I had the number one selling team in the country - and it's something I still do today.

Through this process, I realized that although I loved my job, my husband and my two children, I still wanted more. I wanted something that was entirely my own that I built from the ground up and something that exemplified who I was as a person. It was then that Authentique was born.

At Authentique, we've perfected the love language of gift giving. I take great care in finding companies that are unique and not sold anywhere near our area. I believe in supporting other small businesses within my small business and most are owned by women. Through the years, I've learned that authenticity is the best way to achieve success and true happiness. It has been my mantra and why it became the name of my store. Also, sometimes a girl wants a martini at 2pm on a Monday, which is why we serve mimosas on the weekend. Vodka is gone by Friday.

[Kimberly Warner is the owner of Authentique Gifts in Downtown Kenosha.](#)



YLINK: YOUNG LEADERS IN KENOSHA

Future 5 Awards

YLink presented five up-and-coming young professionals with Future 5 Awards at an exciting and inspiring event at the Kenosha Airport on April 26th. These five individuals are positively influencing quality of life in the Kenosha area through their community involvement, professional achievements, leadership and inspiring vision for the future of Kenosha.

See pictures on YLink's facebook page and check out videos of the award winners at KABA's You Tube channel: [KABAConnectHere](#).



Congratulations to the 2018 Future 5 winners:

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| > Annie Bruss, Jack Andrea | > Vince Montemurro, Riley Construction |
| > Mathew Collins, Kenosha County Parks Division | > Sabrina Morgan-Hill Gateway Technical College |
| > Kerry Korn, Uline | |

Upcoming YLink Events

August 9: YLink Intern Mixer | 4:00-6:00 p.m. @ Simmons Island Pop-up Beer Garden | Free!

Attention employers and local interns! YLink has created a unique experience for summer interns and new employees to connect with peers, learn about employers and experience the social atmosphere on Simmons Island Beach. Encourage your interns to join us for a mixer featuring an overview from local YPs on why they choose to live and work in the area, followed by networking, live music, spike ball, bag toss, and light snacks. Email info@ylinkenosha.com to get involved.



August 11: Rise & Grind Yoga | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. @ Woffenbutel Park | Free!

Learn more at ylinkenosha.com.

In other news...

WISCONSIN'S ECONOMY TOP TEN IN THE NATION

Business Insider ranked Wisconsin's economy tenth in the nation. "Wisconsin's April 2018 unemployment rate of 2.8% was tied for fifth-lowest among the states and DC, and its Q4 2017 GDP growth rate of 3.1% was tied for eighth-highest," according to the publication.

To come up with an overall score for each state's economy, it combined six measures of labor-market and economic health: the unemployment rate, job growth, per-capita GDP, GDP growth, average weekly wages, and wage growth.

DAVID TIMMERMAN HIRED AS CARTHAGE PROVOST

David M. Timmerman, dean and vice president of academic affairs at Monmouth College, will become Carthage's provost and chief academic officer August 1.

1. Monmouth is a private liberal arts college in western Illinois.



As provost, Mr. Timmerman will guide the college's educational programs and direct the allocation of its academic resources.

DOWNTOWN KENOSHA, INC. (DKI)

The Stella receives a Community Development Block Grant from the WEDC

Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch was in town in April to announce that the City of Kenosha will receive a \$250,000 grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to support the redevelopment of the Heritage House building. The historic building is currently undergoing a \$26 million transformation into a 80-room boutique hotel. "This project has been a real community effort involving the city, its residents, the county and private sector, and I look forward to seeing it become one of the jewels of downtown," said Kleefisch.



DKI receives Wisconsin Main Street awards

DKI was recognized for its revitalization efforts in April at the 27th Wisconsin Main Street Awards ceremony hosted in Ripon by the WEDC. DKI took top honors in the Best Business Retention/Recruitment - Retail Strategy Team/Façade Program, Best Upper Floor - Commercial - Backyard Dream Studios/The "O" Co-working Space (pictured left), Best Special Event - Downtown Kenosha Pop-Up Beer Garden and Volunteer of the Year - Bob Lichter.

First Façade Grant awards announced

In October 2017, DKI formalized design guidelines for a façade grant program with the WEDC and went on to raise \$40,000 from private and public partners, including KABA. To date, \$6,750 has been disbursed to five awardees selected from 35 total applicants. The awards provided up to \$10,000 for the 1-to-1 matching grant. The recipients of the first round of DKI façade grants, announced in May, are: Stella's Hair Salon, Actor's Craft (pictured right), Mike Bjorn's, Scoops Ice Cream & Candy and Prophet Wealth Management.



KENOSHA IS ON THE LIST OF THE LOWEST-CRIME CITIES IN THE NATION

Business Insider compiled a list of the lowest-crime cities in nearly every U.S. state. To produce the list, they analyzed crime statistics that the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation compiles from cities across the country.

Kenosha, Wisconsin came in at number 24, with 17.6 violent crimes per 10,000 residents.

PLEASANT PRAIRIE HIRES NEW VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

After a nationwide search that lasted nearly a year, the Village of Pleasant Prairie has hired Nathan Thiel as its new Village Administrator. Prior to coming to the Village, Nathan served as the City Administrator of Mauston, Wisconsin for seven years where he coordinated strategic planning and capital improvement plans and served as the city's primary economic development coordinator.



Read more about these stories and others at kaba.org/news/list.



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