



WATERFORD, WI - The new Dairy Queen, located just off HWY 36, used the **Small Business Administration 504 loan** to finance the construction of the building. Tammie and Brandon Begotka, owners of the new Waterford Stillhouse on Main Street, used the **ZERO loan program** to purchase equipment and pay staff while business halted during the height of the pandemic. Both programs are administered through RCEDC's finance team, **Business Lending Partners**.

"The businesses in our community benefit tremendously from RCEDC's technical and financial resources," said Zeke Jackson, Village of Waterford Administrator. "They are an amazing partner, and their entire staff is committed to helping our communities thrive and local businesses grow."

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RCEDC AT WORK THROUGH BUSINESS RECRUITMENT AND EXPANSION



City of Racine Celebrates Grand Opening of the Arabella Apartments

CITY OF RACINE, WI - On Tuesday, June 22, the Arabella Apartments opened their doors to new tenants, offering studios and 1-3 bedroom apartments.

The developers, J. Jeffers and Company, and partners have worked tirelessly to create a livable historic location. Located on Northwestern Ave in the City of Racine, the once Historic Horlick Malted Milk Complex has been turned into a beautiful living space.

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RCEDC AT WORK THROUGH SMALL BUSINESS LENDING



ZERO Loan Program Assists Local Businesses

with Critical Equipment Purchases

RACINE COUNTY, WI - The ZERO Loan Program was capitalized through a grant from the US Economic Development Administration (EDA) to the Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC) – designed to stabilize local businesses impacted by the pandemic. The program includes 0% interest for the first two years, no closing fees, and no payments for up to 18 months.

Two Racine County businesses saw this intermediate financing option as an opportunity to improve operations – the City of Racine’s Pawstar and the Village of Union Grove’s Graphic Sign Shop.

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RCEDC AT WORK THROUGH TALENT ATTRACTION



AE (ALEX) HANESAKDA

From Southeast Asia to Racine County

Ae (Alex) Hanesakda's family is from Laos, however, Alex was born in Thailand. He now calls Racine County home, and will soon open the area's first Lao-inspired restaurant, SapSap, at 2343 Mead St. in the City of Racine.

Originally, being only one of a handful of Lao families in the area, Alex says that **Racine County's centralized location between Milwaukee and Chicago** continues to attract a diverse population, creating opportunities for current and future residents to experience unique cultures – including some mouth-watering Asian cuisine.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT ALEX HANESAKDA](#)



IDEADVANCE SEED FUND PROGRAM ACCEPTS APPLICANTS FOR 2021

The Ideadvance Seed Fund program was first launched in 2014, and has awarded \$2.7 million in grants to recipients. Today, Small Business Innovation applicants are eligible for up to \$15,000 in aid throughout Stage 1 in this program. Partnered Innovation applicants are eligible for up to \$25,000.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: JULY 9TH 2021

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ENTERPRISE BUSINESS PARK EXPANDS INTO MOUNT PLEASANT

Mount Pleasant officials approved up to \$10.9 million in infrastructure spending and village incentives for Ashley Capital to develop two industrial buildings on International Drive, just north of Highway 11.

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- Listing on **RCEDC Investor Listing** page
- Access to project results and special event opportunities
- Investments are tax-deductible

Contact Executive Director, Jenny Trick, for more information.

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