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# The PARTNERSHIP





## Responding to the Need for Change

by Della Schmidt

The year 2020 will be noted by historians for decades to come. Leaders everywhere are grappling with issues of economic upheaval, health, safety, and racial inequality. Initially brought on by the pandemic, then further spurred by the national conversation in response to tragic events in Minneapolis, Greater Burlington

businesses and community organizations are responding to the need for change. The opportunity that now presents itself to all business and community organizations is to grow and learn from what has occurred. This is the season to answer the call to make things better.

The Greater Burlington Partnership is taking a first step to answer that call. The Partnership has put in place a Plan of Action, focused on both the needs of the community and the strength of the organization. The Plan of Action focusses on three components: Stakeholder Engagement, Finance, and Operations.

### Stakeholder Engagement

- Investors, members and stakeholders alike are what make the Partnership possible. Moving forward, the Partnership will meet the needs of its members by serving as the conduit of resources and information to assist in supporting an environment of health, safety, equality and economic recovery for Greater Burlington.
- Partnering For the Future investors will be engaged in setting the priorities for leveraging PFF funds for the future, determining if current needs still align with PFF goals or if new challenges have brought new needs.
- A Membership Task Force has been formed for the purpose of enhancing the value proposition of Chamber of Commerce membership and to encourage members to take full advantage of their benefits.

### Finance

- Every organization's life blood is its finances. Utilizing the skills of each board's treasurer, the Partnership has created an overall Finance Committee to guide and assist the organization to navigate the ongoing economic impacts of COVID-19.
- Emphasis is being placed on strengthening the organization's finances through the sale of existing properties owned by Partner divisions while being a catalyst for new businesses/industry at those sites – helping grow Greater Burlington.
- Grants and other resources will be pursued to help grow Greater Burlington while offering new tools for economic recovery, health, safety, and furthering equality in the community.

### Operations

- The Partnership will strive to deliver on 2020 planned programs and events to the fullest extent possible.
- The Partnership will work to further encourage inclusion and diversity in its programs and events.
- Priority will be given to cross-train Partnership staff. Maximizing the skills of the staff will lead to improved efficiency, improved distribution of workload and ensure seamless delivery of programs and services to area businesses.

These improvements will help not only the Greater Burlington Partnership, but also its investors, members, stakeholders, and the community.

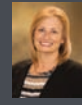
The Partnership is here for local businesses and for the community. Together the region will answer the call to change, grow and recover.



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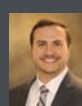
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# ON THE COVER

CVB Steering Committee

Marketing and promoting Greater Burlington as a premier destination to both leisure and business travelers is the mission of the Convention & Visitors Bureau Steering Committee. The CVB Steering Committee is a group of ten dedicated individuals that realize the value tourism has on Des Moines County. The Steering Committee meets on a bi-monthly basis and is the body which provides guidance regarding marketing plans, facilitates grant programs, implements visitor attraction projects, and encourages high occupancy at area hotels.

Thank you CVB Steering Committee members, past and present, for your guidance to grow the Greater Burlington Convention & Visitors Bureau into the organization represented today.

*Left to Right: Chris Lee, Des Moines County Conservation; Michelle Caston, Mann's McDonald's; Mike O'Neil, Burlington Riverfront Entertainment; Jessi Mynatt, American Ordnance & 34 Raceway; Amy O'Brien, Great River Entertainment; K.C. Fleming, Great River Health System; Derek Stotlar, Two Rivers Bank*

*Not Pictured: Kelly Fry, City of West Burlington; Lynda Graham-Murray, City of Burlington*

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# Burlington Bees

Greater Burlington has many assets that other communities can only dream about. Top of the list is Burlington Bees Minor League Baseball! There are only 160 Minor League teams in the country. That equates to only .045% of all communities in the nation that can brag about being the home of a Minor League Baseball team. The smallest community in the entire country that has a Minor League team is none other than Burlington, Iowa!

The Burlington Bees have a longstanding history in this community. Currently affiliated with the Los Angeles Angels, the Bees franchise was founded in 1889. The Bees have played in the Midwest League since 1962. Located in the state-of-the-art \$5 million Community Field facility on Mount Pleasant St, the Bees have been providing family-friendly entertainment in the community for more than 100 years.

The impact of the Bees extends beyond their entertainment value as the team also provides significant economic impact. When a visiting team comes to town to play the Bees, the typical stay is three days. There are approximately 70 home games per season, which means that 200-plus days a year, a visiting team of 30 – 40 players, staff and umpires are in Greater Burlington spending money in area restaurants, occupying hotel rooms and

shopping for incidentals in retail stores.

In addition, the Burlington Bees organization maintains a vendor list of more than 50 local businesses from which they purchase services, supplies and materials. With a job supporting payroll of \$240,000 and direct charitable contributions of more than \$50,000 annually, the Burlington Bees make an impressive impact on the local economy. Even more, the Bees support local schools and non-profits through a revenue sharing program tied to the concessions. More than \$32,000 every year flows into area youth programs thanks to the Burlington Bees.

But the Bees should not be taken for granted. In addition to the devastating impact of COVID-19 shutdown orders, Major League Baseball (MLB) has proposed eliminating 42 Minor League Baseball teams across the country, including the Burlington Bees. Help is needed from everyone in the community. When games are permitted again, the Bees will need fans in the stands. Businesses can help by exploring employee appreciation events at Community Field. Families can help by attending games to cheer on the Bees. Individuals can take advantage of special Bees game ticket packages. By working together, the community can send a message to MLB that the Burlington Bees are well supported and should be preserved in the Minor Leagues for decades to come.



## SPORTS GRANT REMINDER

### The CVB is still accepting applications for the FY21 Sports Grant.

Any Des Moines County amateur sporting event that attracts participants and spectators from outside an 80-mile radius is eligible to apply for the grant. Events must take place between July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Applications and a copy of the grant guidelines are available at [GreaterBurlington.com](http://GreaterBurlington.com).

**Applications are due to Chelsea Lerud Monday, July 6 at 4 PM. Awards will be announced in September.**



Each year the Greater Burlington Leadership Class is tasked with creating a project to benefit the community. With so many incredible organizations and charities to choose from in the Greater Burlington area, the class of 2019-2020 really took the time to research and brainstorm the best way to contribute to help fill a need of the community. After several sessions, the group ultimately decided to raise money to help fund the new Fire Arms Training Simulator at the Burlington Police Department. This realistic simulator will help train officers throughout Des Moines County; including the Burlington Police Department, West Burlington Police Department, and Des Moines County Sheriff's Department. The group liked that the project benefits all Des Moines County Law Enforcement and provides additional training in shoot/don't shoot scenarios along with other very realistic, lifelike situations law enforcement will inevitably face while on the job.

The next step was figuring out what type of fundraiser to host. Again, after much research and brainstorming, the class came up with the idea to host a lip sync battle at the Memorial Auditorium calling it the "Lip Sync Battle for the Badge". The group set out to gather acts by targeting various businesses and their employees along with local law enforcement agencies. There was even a panel of judges lined up to jokingly criticize their performance, all in good fun. In total, from selling tickets and sponsorships, the

goal was to raise at least \$13,000 to help cover remodeling and installation costs of the simulator.

Leading up to the event there was a great plan in place to pull off what was sure to be an epic night of hilarity watching local businesses lip syncing and dancing on the stage.

And then the pandemic hit.

With in-person events canceled for the foreseeable future, the choices were to throw in the towel all together and call it a wash for the year or try to pull off something online. The entire class is full of leaders, so the decision was made to push forward and transformed the event to an online Facebook lip sync battle. With little time to plan the group pushed forward and pulled it off. The class had high hopes of surpassing the goal and are confident that if not for the challenges due to the pandemic it would have been eclipsed.

Thank you to the local businesses that honored their sponsorship pledges and the donations raised from the online Facebook battle, overall the class proudly presented a check to Des Moines County Law Enforcement for over \$7,000.

Thank you to all who donated money and participated in the Lip Sync Battle for the Badge. The money went to a great cause that will benefit all of Des Moines County.

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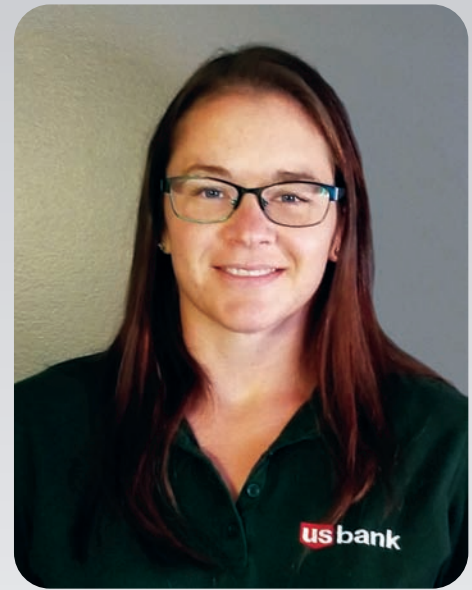


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July events to be determined. Follow the Greater Burlington YP Facebook group page for updates.  
 Questions? Email [youngprofessionals@greaterburlington.com](mailto:youngprofessionals@greaterburlington.com)

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**YP of the Month**  
**Stephanie Brown**

**Employer:** U.S. Bank, N.A.

**Hometown:** Yarmouth, IA

**YP Member:** 6 years

**Why did you join YP?** When I relocated back to the area with U.S. Bank it was an opportunity for me to meet and reconnect with people my age as well as learning about all the changes in the community.

**Which community organizations do you volunteer for?** I volunteer for the livestock auction at the Des Moines County Fair. I have participated in the Alzheimer's annual fundraiser/walk. I also volunteer, when I can, for my children's daycare/preschool.

**What do you enjoy most about the area?** It seems that the community is growing and providing more types of entertainment to compete with larger cities, but still maintaining a small town feeling.

**Unique about me:** I am an avid deer and turkey hunter. I am glad that it seems to be becoming more common for women to hunt and something I hope to pass down to my children as my dad and grandfather did. As long as border restrictions lift, I have a bear hunt booked for May 2021 in British Columbia.

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# Behind the Scenes of Economic Development

Everyone loves the big announcements complete with dignitaries in hard hats with gold painted shovels, newspaper headlines, and splashy ribbon cutting ceremonies. They should be celebrated once a week, right? Economic developers agree! Local expansions or big new projects are what economic developers live for and what drives them to get after it each and every day. How hard can it be? Make a few calls, tour site locations, everyone shakes hands and the bull-dozers start moving dirt. Well, almost. The pesky truth is, 99% of the time something you have zero control over tanks the project before it ever gets off the ground, or better yet, after you've poured into it for 12 months. If you think it's depressing work ... you'd be wrong! The work is absolutely exciting and completely necessary; economic development never rests. Regardless if the environment is record low unemployment, or significant layoffs during a global pandemic, the daily effort and attention to detail continues.



Every project has unique challenges to overcome, but every solution ultimately is found in one word – “relationships.” The economic developer will almost never have in themselves the solution, but rather will know who, how, or where that solution could possibly be found. One project will require very technical chemical knowledge to overcome a waste-water solution. Another requires a seemingly insurmountable amount of natural gas. Yet another needs rail access where none exists and needs assistance utilizing an Opportunity Zone fund. Finally, every project needs specific information about available skilled workforce, training assistance, financing, potential incentives, and all the steps through the zoning, permitting and municipality process. Each obstacle described has some expert that can make the project viable when it all seemed doomed to fail. Having a strong relationship with each of those individuals make asking the questions possible. Like pieces of a puzzle, it's actually a team that makes them fit, but economic development continually works to bring each piece to the table to give the project a shot of coming together.

Even through the Covid-19 pandemic and all of the shutdowns, multiple projects continue to inch forward in the Greater Burlington area. Pieces slowly come together so that someday soon the hardhats and shovels can be broken out.



## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF DES MOINES COUNTY

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- \$4,040 to the Burlington Public Library
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- \$1,500 to Homestead 1839 for increasing food security in Des Moines County
- \$283 to St. Vincent DePaul food bank
- \$283 to Kayla's Cupboard food bank
- \$283 to Community Action food bank
- \$192 to Milestones Area Agency on Aging for care packages for elderly shut-ins

#### *From the Margaret Hansen Community Impact Fund:*

- \$1,500 to the Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois Leadership & Character Building Program
- \$1,000 to the City of Burlington for the Horseshoe Court Playground in Crapo Park
- \$1,000 to the Southeastern Community College for the Exhibitions Community Outreach
- \$1,000 to The Nest of Des Moines County for the Parent Education Family Support
- \$1,000 to Building Bridges for the Building Bridges Workbooks and Supplies
- \$650 to Young House Family Services, Inc. for the Substance Abuse Services
- \$250 to the Salvation Army for the Mobile Shower Program
- \$250 to the Milestones Area Agency on Aging for the Falls Prevention for Low-Income Seniors Program
- \$192 to the Milestones Area Agency on to help for care packages for elderly shut-ins

# BUILDING CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

As restrictions from the governor have been lifted and business begins to find the new normal, The Partnership is working as a catalyst to jumpstart consumer shopping. To do so, a comprehensive advertising campaign is being put in place to reach people where they are – listening to music on the go and on social media.

Here are a few things the Greater Burlington Partnership is doing to help drive consumer confidence up and people back into businesses.

## Reopening Toolkit

The Reopening Toolkit is as much about helping businesses reopen safely as it is to share with consumers what precautions businesses are implementing to keep them safe while shopping. The orange “Open For Business” signs included in the toolkit help with these communications. The more up front a business can be with customers about what they are doing, the more likely customers are to feel comfortable coming into your business.

## Consumer Marketing Campaign

The Consumer Marketing Campaign is back in full swing. Initially designed to attract regional shoppers who have the choice between going to Greater Burlington and other cities, it is being expanded to those who live in Greater Burlington, as well. These digital and social media ads will urge residents to resume their normal shopping habits while assuring them businesses are ready to help them shop in a safe and responsible way.

In addition, the Partnership is currently running radio campaigns designed to help ease fears and draw people from their homes back into stores in a safe and responsible way. This campaign draws specific attention to the Reopening Toolkit orange “Open for Business” signs. The message states that businesses with these signs are dedicated to taking the precautions to protect you and the community while you shop.

## All in good time.

It is important to understand that it will take time for everyone to become comfortable again. While some people are raring and ready to go, others are cautious about getting back to normal - and that's ok. Be courteous, be empathetic, and be understanding. Everyone goes at their own pace. One thing is sure, no matter how long it takes to find the new normal, the Greater Burlington Partnership is here to help lead the community toward future success.



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*For information on membership, contact Cindy Henry.*

## Do You Know Someone Who Would Benefit From Membership?

Now is the time to encourage a business to join the Burlington/West Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce, serving all of Des Moines County. The Chamber is like an insurance policy; you hope you never need it but when an emergency hits, you are so glad you have it! For those of you who have benefited from your Chamber "insurance policy" since the COVID-19 crisis descended, the Partnership hopes that you have seen and felt how much the team cares. The Chamber of Commerce, and each division of the Greater Burlington Partnership, has been dedicated to providing resources and information to member businesses, churches, organizations, and non-profits and to reaching out to help in as many ways as possible. The process is ongoing and the team is focused on this mission.

The Partnership's normal business is far reaching including work to stimulate the local economy and advocating for business with local, state and federal officials. A few events may be postponed for now but there is so much in the works to enhance local workforce, encourage shopping local, provide marketing and networking opportunities for members, promote tourism, and all the other normal goals.

As the organization works to build a strategic plan for economic recovery after COVID-19, the Chamber of Commerce needs the support, the voices, and investments of Greater Burlington businesses to support programs and help the entire community move forward. As the center of business, sustainability is the focus. Long term success depends on all of us working together.

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**Those entering were asked to tell us what they love about Downtown Burlington. Here are just a few of their comments . . .**

*"I love the variety of shops and the friendly people who own/work in them."*

*"I love being able to easily walk from place to place and sprinkle in some fun (eating and drinking) in between my errands!"*

*"I love the local shops and small eateries. The desire to save and repurpose the old, while celebrating the new!"*

*"Summer time Farmers Market!"*

*"The diversity of businesses & historical repurposing. Downtown Burlington is alive & well!"*

*"I love that this small community has such a rich downtown. With different types of businesses all in their own niche, it makes for a new and exciting time each visit to Jefferson St and beyond. There are so many places and people who make up that area that are just the nicest, most welcoming folks you could ever meet. It truly is one of my happy places here in Burlington."*

*"I hold a lot of space in my heart for downtown for many reasons, including all the special memories with my family. From the unique shops to community events to our favorite restaurants, we love so much about downtown it's impossible to pick just one thing!"*



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## Pop-Up Shops in Downtown Burlington Locations

Head to Downtown Burlington for A Very Vintage Market on Saturday, July 18. Vendors will be set up inside various downtown locations. A Very Vintage Market is a place for shoppers and vendors to share their passion to reuse, remake, and restyle. The market features high quality vendors with antique and vintage décor, repurposed, reimagined, or upcycled items, handcrafted goods, architectural salvage, primitive and farmhouse accents. Follow A Very Vintage Market on Facebook for event updates.



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### "I am Downtown Burlington" video series

Downtown Burlington launched "I am Downtown Burlington" a virtual interview series with local merchants, business owners and volunteers. Each video features an online interview showcasing a business's products, services and insight into how the business came to be.

**Follow Downtown Burlington, Iowa on Facebook to catch the latest interview.**

### Friday Fest – July 3

Are you ready to head to the riverfront for an evening of live music, cold beer and friends? Burlington Riverfront Entertainment is ready to present Friday Fest on July 3! Bluzillion will keep the party going from 5 - 8 PM.

### SCC Alumni Association Golf Outing

Head out to the Annual SCC Alumni Association Golf Outing on Friday, July 17 at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course. Shotgun start at 9 AM. The cost is \$90 per person or \$600 for a sponsored team. Lots of sponsorship and donation opportunities available. Proceeds from the event fund scholarships for SCC students, mini-grants for programming, and honoring Distinguished Alumni.

Register by July 10 by calling 319-208-5065 or 319-208-5062. Save the rain date of July 20 just in case.

### Pamper Your Pet at The Bark Spa

Pamper your pet in a tranquil setting at The Bark Spa! Offering grooming in a semi-private area so your pet can relax utilizing state-of-the-art grooming tables that are ultra-low to make it easier for larger pets. This tranquil pet spa also offers Thera-Clean microbubble baths that are completely hypo-allergenic, providing a deep natural clean which helps alleviate your pet's problem issues and also can be used preventatively. The baths show great success helping with shedding, arthritis, odors, skin allergies, dry skin and so much more. The Bark Spa wants to rejuvenate your pet with a spa day! To make an appointment or for more information, call 319-752-7682.

## RestoreRX

### Restore RX at the Spa

Restore RX began as a wellness and aesthetics practice founded by Delaney Richards, Nurse Practitioner with a vision to help people restore themselves inside and out. In June, Restore RX merged with "The Spa" at Catfish Bend Casino forming Restore RX at the Spa. This innovative new venture is the first Iowa Casino Med Spa offering vitamin hydration infusions, vitamin therapy, full aesthetic offerings including neuromodulators (Botox), fillers, skin resurfacing modalities, luxury facials, massage offerings, full salon treatments including hair, nails, eyelash and eyebrow treatments. All within the beautiful spa at Catfish Bend Casino.



### RiverFest, August 5 - 8

Riverview Park, Fort Madison

In its 5th year, Riverfest returns for its biggest year yet! The four-day rock festival is one of the only venues for live rock music this summer and, with a stellar line-up, the group expects another huge year. Alongside the music, RiverFest continues their mission to provide "something for everyone" with the return of the carnival midway, BBQ competition, 5K, volleyball tournament, food vendors and Dragonboat races.

Discounted advance purchase tickets are available at [riverfestfm.com](http://riverfestfm.com) or at [facebook.com/riverfestfm](https://www.facebook.com/riverfestfm).

To submit member information, contact Brenda Levitt



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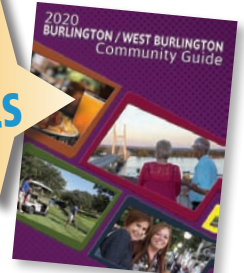
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## FAIRS AND SUCH

by Kay Weiss

In the 1920s the Agricultural Committee of the Chamber of Commerce launched a number of efforts to “build up good will and friendship for Burlington.” This group promoted the Tri-State Fair, started a farm products show, sponsored a Fourth of July picnic at the fairgrounds, and held special programs in other communities throughout the trade territory to introduce Burlington and its products to others.

In March of 1930, the Chamber of Commerce and Des Moines County Farm Bureau presented a meat cutting demonstration at Hotel Burlington. This was received so well by the meat cutters who attended that a second (simplified) demonstration was arranged for the housewives of the community who might wish to learn about the topic. In 1931 the Cavalry and Fairgrounds committees worked together to arrange a demonstration of horsemanship by the members of the 14th Cavalry group that was training at the fairgrounds.

Another event sponsored by the Agricultural committee was an annual banquet to recognize the rural young people who were part of 4-H because “the organization encourages thrift, teaches homemaking and practical agriculture, teaches business management, and develops leadership.” In 1931 the Chamber of Commerce committee was so eager to support 4-H and youth participation in the Tri-State Fair that they distributed 15,000 tickets to the teachers in the rural schools so that they could be given to students to encourage their attendance. In 1940, over 500 individuals attended the 4-H dinner at Memorial Auditorium.

The Chamber of Commerce boards were always interested in strengthening ties with rural residents of the community.

For many years there was an annual Dairy Day which was cosponsored with the Burlington Cooperative Milk Producers. When the number of local dairies dwindled, Dairy Day was replaced by pork chop dinners which were held annually for many years beginning in 1958. Earl Butz, Secretary of Agriculture in the administrations of Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford, was the guest of honor at the 15th annual dinner in 1972.

An invitational band contest was created by the Retail Committee in the fall of 1953. There was a parade from the Clark Fieldhouse to Jefferson Street and then east to Memorial Auditorium. The event, which featured both high school and junior high school bands from the area, was so successful in its first year that it became an annual event for the next 22 years. The climax of each contest was the massed concert held under the lights at Bracewell Stadium.

Each fall, the Chamber of Commerce’s fire prevention committee worked with a variety of other groups to sponsor fire safety programs and activities. In 1950, a Jefferson Street tug-of-war between “The Third-Alarmers” and the West Burlington Fire Department was held, and the winners got to douse the losers with the output of a “live” fire hose.

Over the years one of the most unusual events was the “turkey carving contest” held at Memorial Auditorium in November, 1950. Narrated by Tom Collins of Kansas City, who called “the event as if broadcasting a football game or corn husking contest.” Glenn Bennett, N. M. Derby, Louis Dwight, H. D. Hempel, and Harry Murray were the featured contestants, and nearly 500 people witnessed the action.





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# 5 & V Outdoor Theater

Looking for a fun way to spend summer evenings with friends and family? Then head down to the 5 & V – downtown Burlington’s outdoor theater! *Incredibles 2* will be shown on the side of Drake Hardware and Software at Fifth and Valley Streets on July 11. There’s no admission for the events, though donations are accepted. The movies will start at dusk. Follow Downtown Burlington on Facebook for updates and safety protocol.

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