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President & CEO's Letter



Dear Members and Friends of the Greater Burlington Partnership,

As the seasons change and spring begins to emerge, we are reminded of the importance of stepping outside, taking a fresh look at our surroundings, and appreciating all that makes Greater Burlington such a special place. Just as nature transitions and grows, so too does our business community—thriving through strong connections, collaboration, and a shared vision for success.

Our team has been focusing on deepening our knowledge of our businesses and strengthening our relationships. We have made it a priority to

meet with local business leaders, entrepreneurs, and community stakeholders to better understand your challenges, aspirations, and the unique strengths that make our region exceptional. These conversations reinforce a simple truth: when businesses collaborate, communities prosper.

This season of Spring is the perfect time to engage with your fellow business owners, explore new opportunities, and take advantage of the many resources available through the Greater Burlington Partnership. Whether it's a stroll through our vibrant downtown, attending a networking event, or simply taking time to connect with others, every relationship we build strengthens the foundation of our community.

This season also brings an exciting initiative from our 2025 Leadership class. They are organizing a pickleball tournament—Smash for a Cause: Raising Banners, Building Community—to raise funds for new banners in Burlington and West Burlington. If you're not a pickleball player, don't worry—there's a beginner division! And if playing isn't for you, I encourage you to support their efforts with a donation. The Leadership class members juggle full-time jobs while dedicating countless hours to projects that make a lasting impact on our community. Let's rally behind them and help make this project a success!

I encourage you to embrace this season of growth—get outside, get involved, and take notice of all that makes our community extraordinary. The relationships we nurture today will help shape the future of Greater Burlington for years to come.

Thanks for serving with me,

President & CEO
Greater Burlington Partnership

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ON THE COVER

Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors

The Chamber of Commerce Ambassador committee serves as the goodwill arm of the Chamber of Commerce to enhance value to new and existing members. Ambassadors help manage Business After Hours and other chamber events as well as promoting Ribbon Cutting and Groundbreaking ceremonies. They refer prospective members and promote the Chamber of Commerce and its benefits to the general business community. Contact Melissa Jones for more information about the Ambassador committee.

Pictured~

Front row, seated (L-R):

Patrick Lewis, Hope Haven, a division of Imagine the Possibilities

Heidi King, King Kleen

Tim Lundgren, Tim Lundgren Farm Bureau Financial Services

Liz Ross, Century 21 Property Professionals

Middle row (L-R):

John Joyce, Allen Agency – Country Financial

Brett Bessine, Two Rivers Bank & Trust



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Rachel Benda, Connection Bank
Deb Fowler, Century 21 Property Professionals
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Jennifer Schuster, IowaWORKS Mississippi Valley
Lavonne Fogle, Farmers Savings Bank
Crystal Cole, Two Rivers Bank & Trust
Mindy Nedela, Farmers Savings Bank
Melinda Bickel, Bickel's Cycling & Fitness
Katherine Hull, Hope Haven, a division of Imagine the Possibilities

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Jerica Johnson, Energyefficient Systems, Inc.

Cody VanFleet, World Insurance

Brent Hartley, MidwestOne Bank

Ken Petersen, Ken Petersen State Farm

Brandi Haight, IowaWORKS Mississippi Valley



Join the Conversation! Friday Forum
April 18, at 8 AM
Greater Burlington Partnership
in the Winegard Board Room or Virtual

Join us for our April Friday Forum, the final of the season, featuring mayors from local cities who will discuss the impact of state and federal legislation at the local level. Local legislators will also be in attendance to provide valuable insights. Each speaker will share updates on how current policies are shaping our communities, followed by a guided Q&A session.

Friday Forums are a benefit to Chamber members, and they are a great opportunity to hear directly from local leaders and engage in discussions that affect our community.

All Chamber of Commerce members are invited to join the discussion in person or listen in online.



Do you have something special to announce? We would love to share this with our membership. Contact Brenda Levitt.

LEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP HIRES WORKFORCE AND COMMUNITY SPECIALIST



BECKY NEWTON
WORKFORCE AND COMMUNITY SPECIALIST

The Lee County Economic Development Group (LCEDG) has taken an exciting step forward in strengthening workforce initiatives by hiring a Workforce and Community Specialist. This newly created position, made possible through LCEDG's partnership with the Greater Burlington Partnership, will enhance workforce development efforts and foster deeper community engagement.

Becky Newton has been selected to fill this pivotal role. Originally from rural Illinois, Becky brings a strong background in business administration, customer relations, and administrative services. A 2013 graduate of West Central High School, she has served in the Illinois Air National Guard since 2012 and currently resides in Argyle.

With 12 years of professional experience, Becky has held roles at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center and the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant. She also works remotely as an Executive Assistant for a franchise owner on the East Coast. Her diverse skill set and dedication to community engagement make her a valuable asset to LCEDG's workforce initiatives.

Teli Fedele, Regional Director of Workforce Innovation, expressed enthusiasm for the partnership's growth, stating, "Becky's role will be instrumental in expanding workforce strategies and strengthening connections throughout Lee County." LCEDG looks forward to the positive impact Becky will bring to the community.

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

APRIL 25, 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

IN THE CHAMBER OFFICES, WINEGARD BOARD ROOM

On April 25, new members are invited to join us to learn more about the Chamber of Commerce and its benefits and programs.

Please RSVP to Melissa Jones,
mjones@greaterburlington.com



Coffee with the Chamber at Line Drive

Start your day with a low-key networking & knowledge event – Coffee with the Chamber. The next edition will be held April 29 at Line

Drive, 725 S Roosevelt Ave at 8 AM. Coffee will be provided, or you can bring your own. This event is perfect for any Chamber member – brand new to experienced historians, new employees and those close to retirement. It offers a valuable opportunity to mingle, exchange ideas, share your story, and learn about local events and the community.

If your business has a quiet space for hosting the next Coffee with the Chamber, please contact Mac Holford or Melissa Jones.

BUSINESS after HOURS

Rheinschmidt's Flooring America

1201 N Roosevelt Ave | April 10, 5 - 7 PM

Join Chamber of Commerce member businesses to network and make new connections at Business After Hours!



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A DIVISION OF THE GREATER BURLINGTON PARTNERSHIP



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SPRING OPEN HOUSE BLOOMS IN DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON

APRIL 6, 10 AM - 4 PM

Spring is in the air, and so is the excitement in Downtown Burlington!

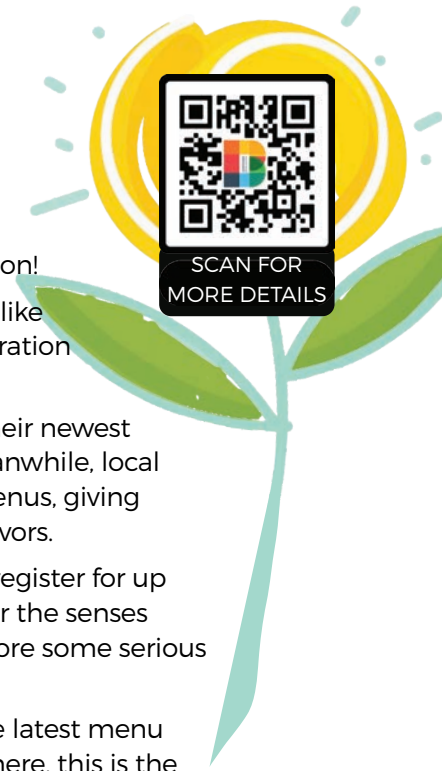
On April 6, from 10 AM to 4 PM, shoppers, foodies, and trendsetters alike are invited to experience the Spring Open House, a seasonal celebration filled with fresh styles, delicious bites, and unbeatable shopping.

As the weather warms up, Downtown businesses are rolling out their newest arrivals, from fashion-forward looks to must-have home décor. Meanwhile, local eateries and drinkeries are unveiling their latest spring-inspired menus, giving visitors the perfect excuse to sip, sample, and savor the season's flavors.

But the fun doesn't stop there! Attendees will have the chance to register for up to \$750 in Downtown Dollars, making this event not only a feast for the senses but also a fantastic opportunity to support local businesses and score some serious shopping perks.

Whether you're on the hunt for a wardrobe refresh, eager to try the latest menu items, or simply looking to soak in the vibrant Downtown atmosphere, this is the event to mark on your calendar.

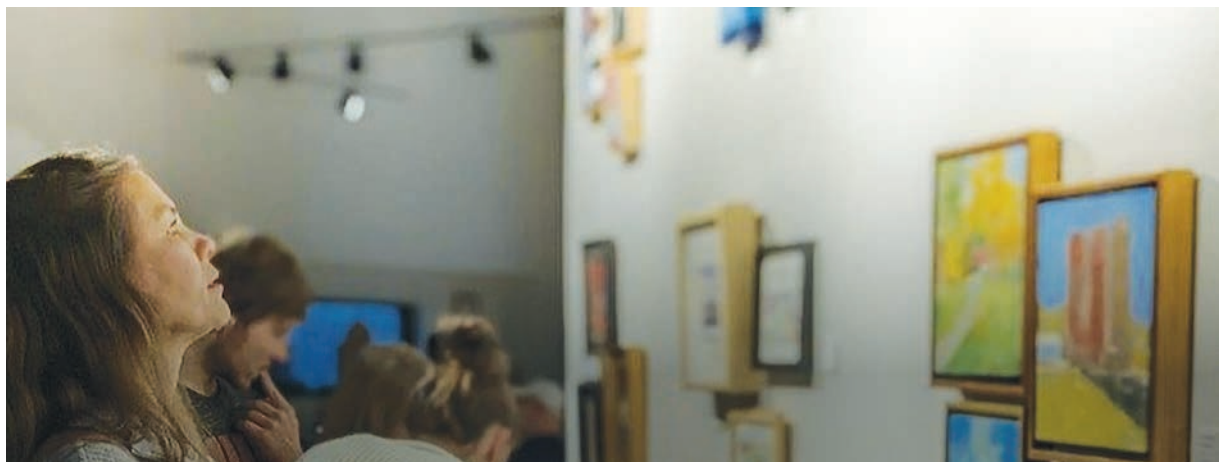
Stay up to date with participating retailers, event specials, and exclusive sneak peeks by following the Downtown Burlington Iowa Facebook page.



IOWA INITIATIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES TEAM CREATES ARTS AND CULTURE PLAN FOR BURLINGTON AND WEST BURLINGTON

This year, a group of University of Iowa students in the School of Planning and Public Affairs is undertaking and creating the first ever arts and culture master plan for the cities of West Burlington and Burlington. Through these communities' yearlong partnership with the UI's Initiative for Sustainable Communities (IISC), the group is assessing existing strengths, talking with residents about their visions, and researching planning models and best practices.

We are happy to share this article with you regarding the Arts and Culture Master Plan, just scan the QR code.



EARTH DAY COMMUNITY CLEANUP EVENT

April 19, Registration 8 - 9 AM
Port of Burlington, 400 N Front Street

Join the Keep Burlington Beautiful Committee for this Free annual community cleanup event as we unite and take action to save our planet, preserve its beauty, and ensure a sustainable future!

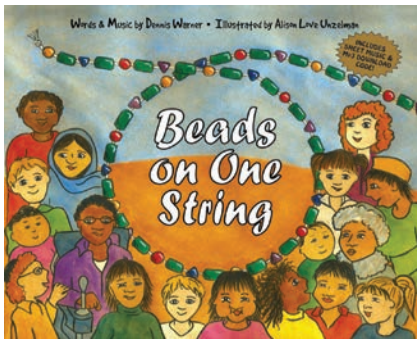
Volunteers of all ages are invited to join. Individuals, families, businesses, and organizations are all encouraged to participate in cleanup efforts.

Return to the Port after cleanup for a provided light lunch beginning at 11 AM.

Let's work together to make our city shine!



Please follow Keep Burlington Beautiful Facebook page for more details.

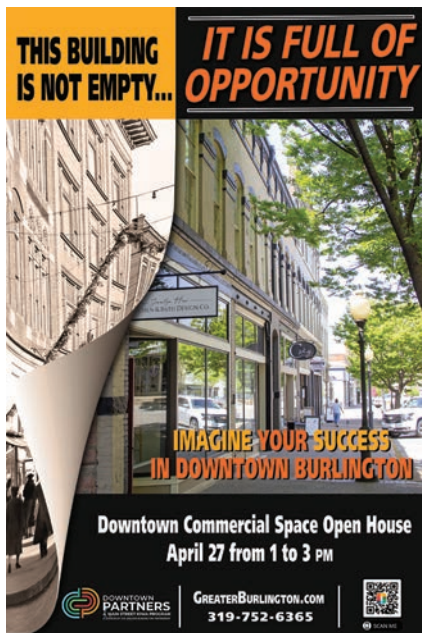


BEADS ON ONE STRING CELEBRATION KICKS OFF APRIL 1

Jefferson Street

The Beads on One String Celebration is bringing art, music, and storytelling to Downtown Burlington! Starting April 5, explore an interactive Story Walk featuring Beads on One String throughout Downtown. Plus, stop by the Art Center of Burlington to create your own unique bead, symbolizing unity and connection.

The celebration leads up to April 17, when singer-songwriter Dennis Warner will inspire local students and perform an evening concert at The Capitol Theater at 7 PM. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to connect, create, and celebrate our community!



EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES AT THE DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON COMMERCIAL SPACE OPEN HOUSE

April 27, 1 - 3 PM

Entrepreneurs, investors, and business owners looking for the perfect location to launch or expand their ventures will have an exciting opportunity on April 27, from 1 to 3 PM. The Downtown Commercial Space Open House, hosted by the DPI Economic Vitality Committee, invites the public to tour available properties and discover the many advantages of doing business in Downtown Burlington.

This free event provides a firsthand look at commercial spaces currently on the market. Participants will receive a directory map of available locations, along with valuable information on business incentives, support programs, and upcoming Downtown projects aimed at strengthening the district's economic vitality.

With a growing mix of retail, dining, and entertainment, Downtown Burlington has become a prime destination for both residents and visitors. The Open House aims to connect property owners with individuals and businesses eager to invest in the district's continued success.

Whether you're looking for a storefront, office space, or a unique spot to bring a new idea to life, this event is an opportunity to take the next step toward establishing your business in the heart of Burlington.

For more details, follow Downtown Burlington Iowa on social media or visit GreaterBurlington.com.





GREATER BURLINGTON
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APRIL 26, 9 AM
BURLINGTON AREA YMCA

SMASH FOR A CAUSE
RAISING BANNERS, BUILDING COMMUNITY

**REGISTRATION
IS STILL OPEN!**



SCAN TO
REGISTER

"SMASH FOR A CAUSE: Raising Banners, Building Community"

Smash For A Cause is a Pickleball Tournament hosted by the 2024-25 Greater Burlington Leadership Class. Their goal is to raise \$10,000 for the creation of banners depicting the wide array of offerings in Burlington and West Burlington through their line up along Burlington's Downtown Jefferson Street and West Burlington's Broadway Street. **The event will be held at 9 AM on April 26 at the Burlington YMCA courts. Beginner, intermediate, and advanced coed divisions are available for \$60 per team aged 14+.** Medals will be awarded to the top 3 teams in each difficulty and division. For questions regarding the event, contact **Robert Berndt** at rjberndt305@gmail.com.

Interested in becoming an Event Sponsor? Any contribution, whether monetary or in-kind, will be greatly appreciated and will directly impact the communities of Greater Burlington. Your generosity will serve as a token towards bridging the two communities of Burlington and West Burlington with banners depicting all the amazing offerings the community has come to love. There are 4 amazing sponsorship levels to choose from.

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL	DONATION	BENEFITS & RECOGNITION
Titanium	\$1,500+	Single team entry signage at the event Social media video promotion Social media recognition Logo recognition on scorecards Company mention radio ads
Platinum	\$1,000	Single team entry Signage at the event Social media recognition Smaller logo on event signage Logo recognition on scorecards
Gold	\$500	Logo recognition on signage Logo recognition on scorecards Social media mentions
Silver	\$250	Logo recognition on signage Social media mention

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, reach out to **Brianna Akers** at bakers@scciowa.edu!

YOU'RE INVITED

2025 Small Business Awards

May 13, 7 - 9 AM



In honor of Small Business Month, the Small Business Breakfast event will be held at the Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center on May 13. RSVP now* to celebrate the announcement of 2025 Small and Micro Business of the Year awards! These awards shine a spotlight on the incredible impact that small businesses have in the Greater Burlington community and the event serves as a networking opportunity between local entrepreneurs and businesses leaders.

The Small Business Breakfast kicks off with a breakfast buffet spread, includes a short presentation, and concludes with the highly anticipated announcement of the award winners.

*** Tickets are free for members of the Chamber of Commerce and their staff. RSVP by using the QR code above or visiting greaterburlington.com/rsvp.**

LEADERSHIP 2.0:



The March 18 Leadership 2.0 session focused on the Creative Process, inspiring participants to think outside the box and embrace innovation in problem-solving. Through interactive discussions, they explored how creativity isn't just for artists—it's a powerful tool for leadership, decision-making, and workplace success.

The session introduced proven strategies used by top organizations to foster creativity, from brainstorming techniques to design thinking. Participants engaged in scenario-based applications, working through real-world challenges to develop innovative solutions. By collaborating and sharing diverse perspectives, they discovered how a creative mindset can drive progress and adaptability in any industry.

By the end of the session, attendees left with practical tools to enhance creativity in their teams and organizations, unlocking new possibilities for growth and success.

CONNECT YOUR INTERNS. STRENGTHEN YOUR WORKFORCE.



Give your interns the tools to succeed while building their connection to Greater Burlington! The Intern Connection Program helps local interns expand their professional networks, engage with the community, and gain valuable experiences that encourage them to stay or return after college.

By signing up, your business will receive The Intern Insider e-newsletter—packed with local events, business highlights, and opportunities designed to help interns thrive. Plus, your interns will be invited to the Intern Connection Luncheon, where they can network, learn about the region, and explore career possibilities.

Invest in your interns today! Sign up now to ensure they have access to resources, connections, and experiences that will enrich their time in Greater Burlington.

Need help finding local interns? Contact Teli Fedele, Director of Regional Workforce Innovation, to list your internship opportunities on the Greater Burlington Partnership website and connect with motivated local high school and college students!



SCAN ME

TO THOSE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thank you to our members below for renewing their membership for 2025 and providing the resources to accomplish the ongoing goals of the Chamber of Commerce.

34 Raceway
3E Electrical Engineering & Equipment Co.
5 Star Community Credit Union
ABC Fire Extinguisher Inc.
Access Energy Cooperative
Access Systems
Accounting Professionals of Burlington, Inc.
Addington Place of Burlington
Adobe
Advanced Home Health Care
Afinitas
AIM Credit Union
Alcohol & Drug Dependency Service of SE Iowa
Alfagomma America, Inc
Allen Agency - Country Financial
Allen Blasting and Coating, Inc.
Allen Roofing & Construction
Alliant Energy
Alter Metal Recycling
Alzheimer's Association
American Eyecare
America's Car-Mart of Burlington
AmericInn
Ameriprise Financial
Anderson, Roberts, Porth, Wallace, Stewart, & Werner LLP
Apollo Senior Apartments - Pioneer Property Management
Appleberry Orchard
Arby's Restaurant
Arnold Refrigeration, Inc.
Art Center of Burlington
Aspelmeier, Fisch, Power, Engberg & Helling PLC
BANK
Bark & Play Daycare and Suites
Barking Dog Promotions
Beames Welding & Repair, Inc.
Becker's Jewelers & Gemologists
Bel Canto Chorale
Beurico Beauty Supply
Bickel's Cycling & Fitness
Bickford of Burlington
Big River Popcorn & Treats
Big River Resources, LLC
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BNSF Railway
Bob Dodds Insurance Agency
Borghi USA, Inc.
Brent Slocum Foundation
Brockway Company, Inc.
Brockway Mechanical & Roofing Company, Inc.
Brown's Shoe Fit
Brueck Construction
Bruner, Cooper, & Zuck, Inc.
Buckingham Strategic Wealth
Buena Vista University
Burlington Area Homeless Shelter
Burlington Area YMCA
Burlington Bees Baseball Association
Burlington By the Book
Burlington Civic Music Association, Inc.
Burlington Community School District
Burlington Family Eyecare
Burlington Golf Club
Burlington In Bloom
Burlington Jet Stop
Burlington Junction Railway - Short Line Railroad
Burlington Little League
Burlington Municipal Band Foundation
Burlington Noon Lions Club
Burlington Notre Dame
Burlington Riverfront Entertainment
Burlington Rotary Club
Burlington Trailways
Burns & Sons Direct Appliances
Byrider/CNAC
Cardon Industries, Inc.
Carl A. Nelson & Co
Carpetland USA
Casebine Community Credit Union
C-Cat, Inc.
CDM Real Estate Services
Century 21 Property Professionals
Child Care Resource & Referral of Southeast Iowa
Children's Dental Center of SE IA
City Hope Foundation
City of Burlington
Clean Sweep Chimney Care
CNH Industrial America, LLC
COBO USA
Collision Center
Comfort Suites
Community Action of Southeast Iowa
Community Foundation of Des Moines County
Community Health Centers of Southeastern Iowa
Connection Bank
Coppes Pest Solutions
Corked 101
Cray Law Firm, PLC
Credit Bureau Services of Iowa
Crossroads RV Park
CSI Ltd
Culligan and Great River Coffee
CURE Solutions
DAME Fine Coffee
Danville Community School District
Danville Telecom/icomnectyou
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Des Moines County Conservation
Des Moines County Farm Bureau
Des Moines County Heritage Museum
Des Moines County Humane Society
Des Moines County Regional Solid Waste Commission
Designer's Viewpoint
Divine Mercy Parrish
Dixon's Seamless Gutters
DMC Democratic Central Committee
DMC Republican Central Committee
Dolores' Resale Shop
Domestic Violence Intervention Program & Victim Advocacy Program
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Farm Bureau Financial Services - Tim Lundgren
Farmers & Merchants Bank & Trust
Farmers Savings Bank
Farney's
Federal Mogul Ignition LLC, A Tenneco Group Company
Ferguson Enterprises
First Christian Church
First Congregational Church
First Interstate Bank
First Presbyterian Church
First Resources Corp.
First United Church of Christ
First United Methodist Church
Flint Cliffs Manufacturing
Frank Millard & Company
French-Reneker-Associates, Inc.
Friedenheim Community
Friends of Community Field, NPC
Fye Excavating Inc.
George's Lawn Mower, Inc.
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois
Goodwill of the Heartland
Great River Christian School
Great River Health
Great Western Supply Co.
Greater Burlington Area Sports Facilities, FunCity Turf
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Harvest Financial

Harvestville Farm
Hawaiian Café
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HealthFirm, LLC
Heart Song, Inc.
Heartland Packaging Corporation
Hinterland Dairy Inc.
Hope Haven,
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Huffman's Farm & Home
Hutcheson Properties, LLC
Hy-Vee Food Stores/medidate
Ideal Ready Mix Company
Industrial Motors, Inc.
Industrial Service Corp
Iowa State University Extension
and Outreach, Des Moines County
IowaWORKS Mississippi Valley
Iris City Cleaners & Laundering Co.
ITC Midwest
J&M Displays, Inc
Jeffrey & Joyce Taeger
Jerilyn Horn Kitchen & Bath Design
Jerry's Main Lunch
Jet Air, Inc.
Jimmy John's
Jim's Lock & Safe, Inc.
Jolin Media
Jonescapes
Junior Achievement of the Heartland, Inc.
JWC Wealth Management
KCPS Radio
Kempker's True Value
Ken Petersen State Farm
Kenny's Roller Ranch & Rec Center
Keystone Home
KimAnne Portrait Design
King Kleen LLC
Kiwanis
Klingner and Associates, P.C.
Koch Fertilizer Wever, LLC
Kozlowski Law Group, LLC
KPI Concepts, LLC
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Legacy Retirement Solutions, LLC.
LGH, LLC
Lindon Wines
Line Drive
LISCO
Lunning Chapel, Inc.
Mann's McDonald's
Manpower, Inc.
Martini's Grille
Matthew Rinker State Farm
McConnel Lofts
Mediacom
Mediacom Business
Mediapolis Community School District
Meditate Burlington
Menke & Company
MFS Mutual Insurance Company
Midwest Eye Clinic
Midwest Land Surveying, PLC
Midwest Realty Group, Inc.
MidWestOne Bank
Miracle Car Wash
Mississippi Valley Council, Scouting America

Mississippi Valley Veterans' Memorial, Inc.
Mitchell Arms & Outdoors
Mobil 1 Lube Express Burlington ProLube
Modern Welding Company of Iowa, Inc.
Mohrfeld Electric
MTC Technologies
Myers Construction, Inc.
Napoli Pizza and Restaurant
Nature's Corner
Nick's Cycling & Fitness
Norris Asphalt Paving Co., LC
Nurse at Home
Optimae LifeServices
Optimist Club
of Burlington/West Burlington
Our Savior Lutheran Church
Our Yesterday Farm
Paddle Wheel Lounge, Inc.
Parrott Farms, Inc.
Peck Properties, LLC.
Pierson Inc.
Pilot Grove Savings Bank
Pizza Ranch
Players Workshop
Preferred Pet Containment
Premier Physical Therapy of Iowa
Preservation Station
Pritchard Broadcasting
Prugh Funeral Service
QPS Employment Group
Queso's Mexican Bar & Grill
Ramsey Financial Services
dba Welch's Insurance Associates
RE/MAX Real Estate Specialists, Inc.
Record Securities
Refreshment Services Pepsi
Reid's Landscapes & Turf, Inc.
Reif Oil Company
Reign's Legacy Dog Grooming
Reliable Pest Solutions
REM Iowa Community Services
Renewal by Andersen
Rheinschmidt's Flooring America
Ritter's Landscaping Home & Garden Center
River Basin Publications, LLC
Robberts & Kirkman LLLP
Roberts Tire Center
Royal Printing
Ruhl&Ruhl Realtors
Ryan Harvey State Farm
Sade Suites
Saphalta Services Global LLC
Schlueter's Auto Service
Seither and Cherry Company
Service Master Cleaning & Restoration
Serving It Safe with Ann
SERVPRO of Burlington
SG Construction
Shearer's Snacks
Sherwood Company, Inc.
Shottenkirk Superstore
Silgan Containers
Smile Shoppe, Dr. Amy Groeltz, DDS, FAGD
Snake Alley Inn, LLC
Snyder & Associates, Inc.
Southeast Iowa Builders Association
Southeast Iowa Building & Construction
Trades Council

Southeast Iowa Regional Airport Authority
Southeast Iowa Regional
Planning Commission
Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra
Southeastern Community College
Southeast Soccer Academy
Spearfish Development, LLC -
Uptown Village Apartments
Special Needs Foundation
of Des Moines County
Spirit Hollow
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Steindler Orthopedic Clinic
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Styltique
Subway -- Roosevelt
Summer Street Animal Clinic
Taco John's
Taeger Electric
TAG Communications, Inc.
TDT CPAs and Advisors
Team Staffing Solutions, Inc.
Temp Associates
Tenderfoot Carpets, L.P.
The Beancounter Coffeehouse & Drinkery
The Broadway Bar & Grill
The Buffalo Tavern
The Busted Cup Brewhouse
The Capitol
The Collective Food Hub
The Drake, LLC
The Hawk Eye
The Medium Art Store
The Salvation Army Thrift Store
The Sherwin-Williams Company
The Views of Burlington
(dba Oakview Nursing & Rehabilitation)
Thyme & Spice Company
Titan Broadcasting & Digital Group
TK Industries
Traces Boutique
Transitions DMC
Tru Art Color Graphics
Two Rivers Bank & Trust
U.S. Bank, N.A.
United Rentals
United Way of Southeast Iowa
US Cellular
Valley Distribution Corporation
Wake N Bake Breakfast Co.
Weird Harold's
Wemiga Waste
Wendy's
West Burlington Hydraulic & Supplies
West Burlington Independent
School District
Western Smokehouse Partners, LLC
Westland Mall
Wilson Rentals
Window World of Davenport
Winegard Company
World Insurance Associates
WQAD
Yash Management
Young House Family Services, Inc.
Zaiser's Landscaping, Florist & Greenhouse

**Those listed are renewals received by
March 20. (Parent Company Listed Only)**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome these new Chamber of Commerce members by sending an email, liking their Facebook page or visiting their website. Even better, stop by to introduce yourself, exchange business cards and help grow their network as well as your own!

K-Y Nails

411 W Agency, Ste 9, 319-209-2064, KYNailSalon.com

K-Y Nails is a nail salon located in West Burlington, IA. We offer a variety of services, including manicures, pedicures, and nail enhancements. We accept both walk-ins and appointments.

American Family Insurance – Carlos Capdevila Agency

601 Jefferson St., 319-752-1479

The Carlos Capdevila Agency has been a multiline insurance company since 1989, providing insurance for personal, commercial, and farms. We are here for all your insurance needs. At Carlos Capdevila Agency, we pride ourselves on providing outstanding customer service.

The P-A-R-K Indoor Dog Park & Pup Emporium

2807 Summer St., 319-759-5948, TheParkBurlington.com

The P-A-R-K Indoor Dog Park and Pup Emporium is a clean, safe, interactive space for your dog to play when you can't, or just don't want to, go outside. Unlike a boarding or daycare facility, at The P-A-R-K, you stay with your pet during your hour-long visit in our interactive facility. Our Pup Emporium provides carefully sourced treats, toys and accessories for your four-legged friend! Stop to shop...stay to P-L-A-Y!

Midwest Land Surveying, PLLC

Biggsville, IL, 309-337-1712, MidwestLandSurveyingpllc.com

Midwest Land Surveying PLLC is your reliable source for precise land surveying services in Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana and Nebraska. We specialize in providing land surveying services that meet your unique needs.

Whether you're buying, selling, or developing land, Midwest Land Surveying PLLC is here to guide you through the process with professionalism and expertise.

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Jimbo and his wife, Lisa, grew up in Burlington and

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- Small Business Breakfast Speaker Sponsor (1) - \$500
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- Chamber Golf Classic Birdie Sponsor (2) - \$600
- Chamber Golf Classic Hole Sponsor (1) - \$250
- Chamber Golf Classic Drink Ticket Sponsor (1) - \$300
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Don't miss your chance to get your business in front of event-goers—secure your spot today!



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EVENTS

1 - 17 - Beads on One String Celebration
Art Center of Burlington
BTownArt.com

3 - I♥County Parks Annual Banquet
Barn on the Ridge, 5:30 PM
DMCConservation.com

5 - Starr's Cave: History, Stories & Treasures
Starr's Cave Nature Center, 10 AM
DMCConservation.com

5 - Free Movie: Wild Robot
Capitol Theater, 12:30 PM
BCSDS.org

5 - Beads on One String - Story Walk
Downtown Burlington
GreaterBurlington.com

6 - Downtown Spring Open House
Downtown Burlington, 10 AM - 4 PM
[Facebook.com/DowntownBurlingtonIowa](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownBurlingtonIowa)

7 - Busted Cup Bingo
Busted Cup Brewhouse, 6 - 8 PM
BustedCup.com

9 - Mayor's Volunteer Awards
Cornerstone Wedding & Event Center, 12 PM
UnitedWaySEIA.org

10 - Business After Hours
Rheinschmidt's Flooring America, 5 PM
GreaterBurlington.com

10 - Comedy Thursday: Jimmy "JJ" Walker
Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.org

11 - LINC & Learn
Burlington City Hall, 12 - 1 PM
UnitedWaySEIA.org

12 - I Like It Spooky: Double Feature
Capitol Theater, 7 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

19 - Earth Day Community Cleanup
Port of Burlington, 8 AM Registration
UnitedWaySEIA.org

17 - Beads on One String Concert
Singer-Songwriter Dennis Warner
The Capitol, 7 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

18 - Friday Forum
Greater Burlington Partnership, 8 AM
GreaterBurlington.com

24 - LINC Up: Taps & Tour
Busted Cup Brewhouse, 6 PM
UnitedWaySEIA.org

25 - New Member Luncheon
Greater Burlington Partnership
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM
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26 - Smash for a Cause - Pickleball Tournament
Greater Burlington Leadership
Burlington YMCA Courts, 9 AM
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26 - Mom & Me Tea Party
Art Center of Burlington, 10 AM
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27 - Commercial Space Open House
Downtown Burlington, 1 - 3 PM
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29 - Coffee with the Chamber
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30 - Shepherd's Table Free Community Meal
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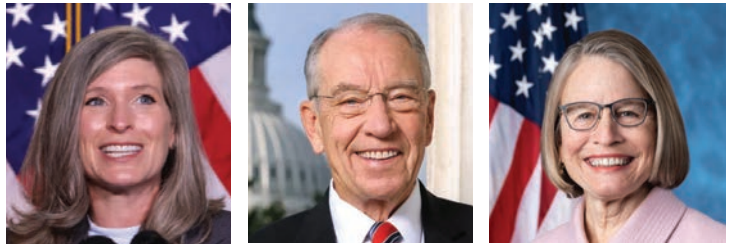
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APRIL 18 AND 19

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If you're interested in joining the delegation or would like more details, please reach out to Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Melissa Jones.

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BURLINGTON RIVER DAYS

Celebrate Community and Conservation on the Riverfront

A new event is set to make its debut along the Greater Burlington riverfront as Burlington River Days takes place June 12 - 14. What began as a vision among local river enthusiasts has quickly evolved into a community celebration, designed to highlight the town's strong boating culture and deep connection to the Mississippi River. This festival will feature live music, outdoor competitions, and community engagement—all while supporting conservation efforts and riverfront enhancements.

Live Music and Entertainment

A major highlight of the event: free live music, headlined on Saturday night by the Grammy-nominated rock band Saliva. Additional performances will feature Jive Radio, Jake Clayton, Ghost of Judas, and Fivefold, ensuring hours of entertainment for music fans of all stripes.

Competitions and Exclusive Perks

For those looking to fully immerse themselves in the festivities, a \$40 all-access pass will serve multiple purposes: it acts as an entry into the array of giveaways on Saturday night (grand prize: a boat), grants access to the River Days Olympics—which includes competitions such as casting contests, decoy tossing, archery, and BB gun stations—and provides additional perks such as VIP benefits, complimentary drinks, and discounts at local businesses.

The goal of Burlington River Days is to become more than just a festival - and instead a testament to the town's commitment to its riverfront culture and community development. Greater Burlington residents and visitors alike are invited to experience this unique event and become part of a new annual tradition.



For more information, follow @BurlingtonRiverDays on social media or visit BurlingtonRiverDays.com. Those interested in sponsorship, donations, or volunteer opportunities can email BurlingtonRiverDays@gmail.com.

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