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President & CEO's Letter

Dear Members & Friends,

One of the greatest challenges facing employers today is matching workforce demand with individuals prepared for that demand. At the Greater Burlington Partnership, we recognize that workforce challenges do not stop at county lines, and neither should the solutions.

In January 2025 we developed a collaboration with Lee County Economic Development Group designed to strengthen talent development, workforce attraction, and employer engagement throughout Southeast Iowa. On July 15, 2026, we reached an exciting milestone as Henry County, through the Mt Pleasant Chamber Alliance, has officially joined our regional partnership, expanding our collaborative efforts beyond Des Moines and Lee Counties. This expansion reflects a simple truth that we are stronger when we work together.

Over the past year, our Regional Workforce team has built strong relationships with public school districts throughout Des Moines and Lee Counties, creating meaningful connections that help students explore career opportunities and understand the pathways available to them right here at home.

Building workforce pipelines also means creating opportunities for young professionals to connect with our community. This year, our Intern Connection program doubled in size. The growth reflects the trust area employers have placed in our Regional Workforce team to provide meaningful experiences beyond the workplace. Through networking events, community engagement activities, and professional development opportunities, Intern Connection helps interns build connections that encourage them to consider Southeast Iowa as a place to build their careers after graduation.

Southeastern Community College serves Des Moines, Lee, and Henry Counties, and plays an essential role in preparing the next generation of workforce. SCC continues to be one of our region's greatest assets in developing talent and connecting students with local opportunities.

As we welcome Henry County into the Regional Workforce Initiative, we are creating new opportunities for collaboration among schools, employers, community organizations, and workforce partners. Together, we are building a stronger talent pipeline, expanding opportunities for students and young professionals, and ensuring that our region remains competitive for years to come.

Workforce development is not a challenge that any one community can solve alone. It requires partnership, innovation, and a shared commitment to the future. Thank you to our investors, employers, educators, and community partners who continue to support this important work. Because of your investment and collaboration we are doing it together, we are growing workforce, growing opportunities, and growing our region.



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ON THE COVER

Viking Riverboat Docking with the South Hill Brass

The South Hill Brass, comprised of members of the Burlington Municipal Band, selflessly dedicates time each docking day to provide a warm musical welcome to Viking Mississippi guests. As waves of visitors disembark the ship, they are immediately greeted with a blend of American and brass band traditional tunes, including sing-along classics like "When the Saints Go Marching In" and staples from John Philip Sousa.

Each docking day, common feedback received from Viking guests centers around the warmth and friendliness received from Burlington residents, the cleanliness of the city, and the uniqueness of Downtown Burlington.

However, when they first arrive, guest after guest will remark on how Greater Burlington offers the best welcome they've received on their voyage. The South Hill Brass, along with the countless volunteer greeters who man the gangway and the route to excursion coaches, are the reason Viking Mississippi guests will not soon forget their stop here. "We haven't seen this anywhere else," remarked one guest during their visit on July 9.

Want to join the action? Email Kaylea at kfelland@greaterburlington.com.

The Greater Burlington Partnership extends its sincere appreciation to Dr. Brad Randolph for his exceptional service and generosity in assisting a visitor to our community.

Recently, a crew member aboard the Viking Mississippi was experiencing significant tooth pain while docked in Burlington. Dr. Randolph graciously worked the individual into his schedule that same day, providing prompt treatment and care.

This act of kindness left a lasting positive impression of our community and exemplifies what many proudly refer to as "Iowa Nice": neighbors helping neighbors and visitors alike simply because it is the right thing to do.Thank you, Dr. Randolph, for representing Burlington with such professionalism and kindness.

Do you have an "Iowa Nice" story to share about a Chamber member? Let us know and it could be featured here or on our social media channels.

STRONG DEMAND DRIVES NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS



Site preparation for the street to support Mediapolis's Averson Subdivision - a 10-lot build to suit single family home development.



Site preparation being done at West Burlington's Penn's landing - a 19 single family home development.







GROUND BREAKING ON IOWA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT'S FUTURE ARTILLERY COMPLEX

Physical construction officially began last month on the Future Artillery Complex at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant (IAAAP), marking a major milestone in one of the largest modernization efforts for U.S. munitions production in recent years.

Crews started site preparation and construction activities in early March 2026, following the U.S. Army's August 2025 award of a $635 million contract to MSM Group North America.

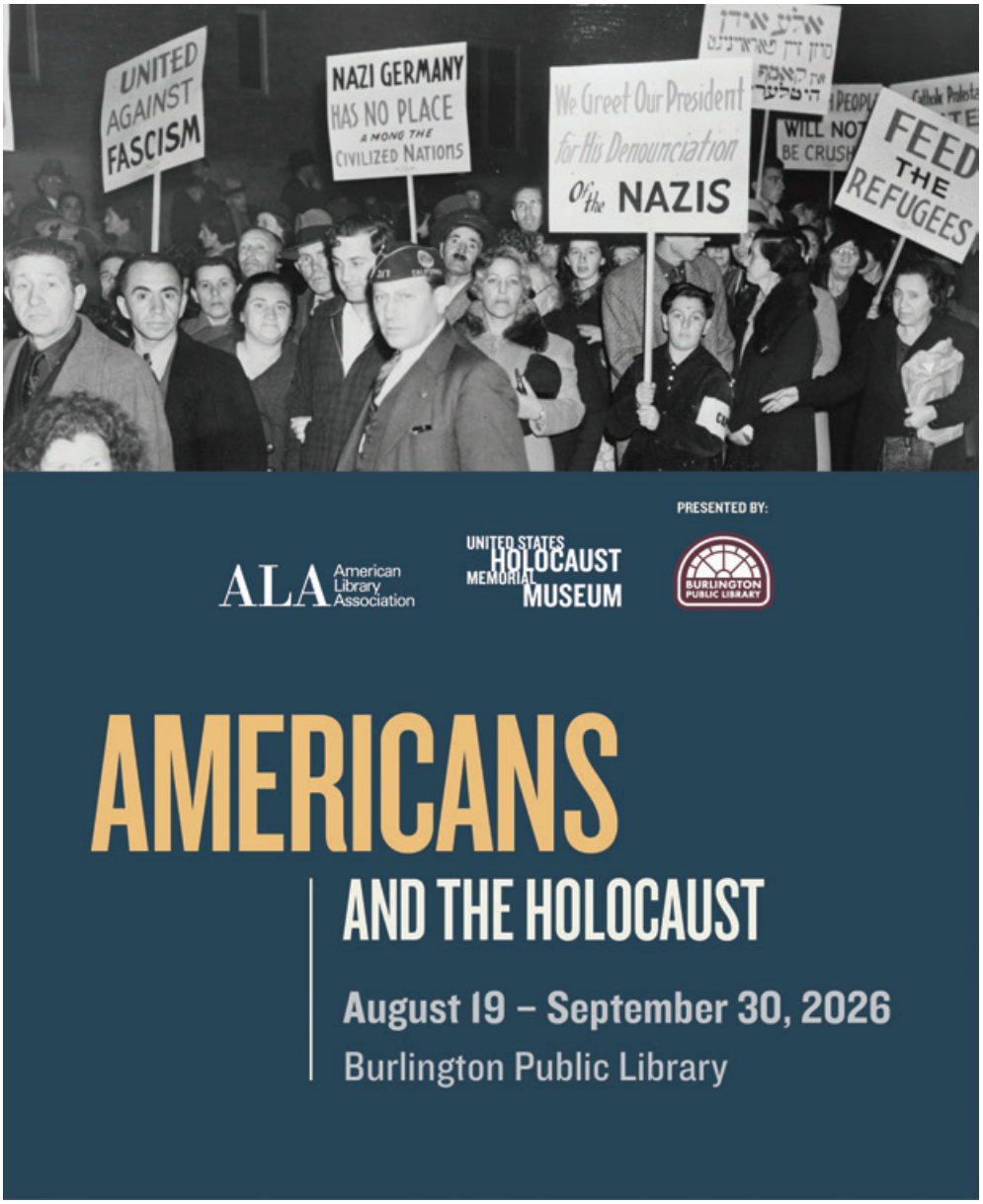
The Future Artillery Complex will become one of the world's most modern explosive load, assemble, and pack (LAP) facilities dedicated to 155mm artillery shells — a critical munition in high demand for U.S. and allied forces.

Established in 1941 and spanning nearly 19,000 acres, the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant continues to play a vital role in national defense under the operation of American Ordnance LLC. The new complex builds directly on that legacy with 21st-century capabilities, strengthening IAAAP's position as a key asset under the U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command.

BURLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY HOLOCAUST EXHIBIT

Americans and the Holocaust: A Powerful Traveling Exhibition Comes to Greater Burlington

History has a way of informing us, inspiring us, and challenging us all at once, and this summer, visitors to Greater Burlington have a chance to experience an exhibit that does exactly that. From August 19 through September 30, the Burlington Public Library will host Americans and the Holocaust, a traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum that invites thoughtful reflection on one of history's most significant and difficult chapters.



Rather than simply recounting historical events, the exhibition looks closely at the role the United States played during the rise of Nazism and the Holocaust, asking visitors to consider the choices, challenges, and responsibilities Americans faced during that era. Through compelling photographs, historical documents, and personal stories, it examines what Americans knew about the events thousands of miles away, how they responded, and why decisions were made the way they were.

Throughout the exhibit, visitors are invited to sit with questions that remain just as relevant today. What did Americans know? Did Americans help Jewish refugees? Why did Americans go to war? How did Americans respond to the Holocaust? These questions aren't meant to offer simple answers. They're meant to encourage reflection on history, civic responsibility, and the importance of confronting injustice.

The exhibit's guiding philosophy echoes the words of Nobel Peace Prize recipient and founding Museum Chairman Elie Wiesel, who said there are no answers, and that the Museum itself is not an answer but a question mark.

Whether you've always had an interest in history or simply want to understand this pivotal period a little better, Americans and the Holocaust offers a chance for meaningful learning and conversation. Admission is free, making it an accessible experience for individuals, families, students, and visitors alike.

As you make your summer plans, set aside some time to explore this nationally recognized exhibit and see how the lessons of the past continue to shape our understanding of the present.







2027 Destination Greater Burlington Grant Now Available

Destination Greater Burlington Grant Applications Open August 1

The Greater Burlington Convention & Visitors Bureau continues its investment in the future of local tourism with the 2027 Destination Greater Burlington grant, funding support for the projects and events that draw visitors to Des Moines County. The CVB has increased the total funding available to $28,000 for 2027, reflecting its growing commitment to strengthening tourism throughout Des Moines County and helping grow the local economy.

The Destination Greater Burlington Grant provides financial assistance to initiatives that enhance the visitor experience, generate overnight stays, and encourage travel to the Greater Burlington area. From large scale festivals and sporting events to projects that enhance the visitor experience, the program is designed to help bring innovative tourism ideas to life.

Applications are welcomed from nonprofit organizations, event coordinators, community organizations, and Greater Burlington residents with projects that have the potential to make a meaningful impact on the region's tourism economy. Priority will be given to proposals that attract visitors from outside the area, encourage repeat visitation, and showcase the unique experiences that make Greater Burlington a destination worth exploring.

Since its inception, the Destination Greater Burlington Grant has supported a growing number of events and projects that continue to enhance the region's reputation as a vibrant place to visit. Grant funding may be awarded to multiple qualified projects or directed toward a single transformational initiative, depending on the strength and scope of the applications received.

Applications for the 2027 grant program will be available at GreaterBurlington.com, under the Convention & Visitors Bureau's grants section. Interested applicants are encouraged to review the program guidelines. The deadline for applications is September 30, 2026.

The deadline is 5 PM on September 30, Scan QR Code to apply.

GREATER BURLINGTON
LEADERSHIP

CALLING ALL GREATER BURLINGTON LEADERSHIP ALUMNI!

It's been a while since we've updated our alumni records, and we're excited to reconnect with the incredible leaders who have been part of Greater Burlington Leadership over the years.

Whether you've changed employers, moved, or simply have a new email address or phone number, we would appreciate you taking a moment to update your contact information. As we begin rebuilding our alumni network, this is the first step in reconnecting with one another and exploring future opportunities to engage our Greater Burlington Leadership alumni community.

Help us reconnect with you. We can't wait to see where your leadership journey has taken you!

Connect with Melissa Jones, mjones@greaterburlington.com or 319-208-0052.

AREA EDUCATOR *EXPO*

Save the Date: Friday, October 30

Connect with the educators shaping tomorrow's workforce at the Area Educator Expo on October 30, from 11 AM – 12:30 PM at Burlington Community High School in the high school gym. Hosted in partnership with the Des Moines County Educator Conference, this event gives your business the opportunity to connect with approximately 575 local educators, showcase your brand, and highlight career opportunities within your organization.

A special thanks goes out to our Platinum Sponsor, Buena Vista University. Sponsorships are still available. Don't miss this chance to build valuable relationships, increase your visibility, and help inspire the next generation of local talent.

Reserve your booth today by contacting: Melissa Jones.



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GREATER BURLINGTON PARTNERSHIP

LEADER LAB

Click QR Code to Apply to GBP Leader Lab

LEADER LAB **APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**

Great leaders aren't born; they're developed. That's why the Greater Burlington Partnership is now accepting applications for the second cohort of Leader Lab, in partnership with BetterCulture's MindSet Leadership Program, an eight-month leadership development program designed to help current and emerging leaders grow their skills and strengthen their impact.

After a successful first year with 21 participants representing healthcare, manufacturing, education, nonprofits, retail, and small and large businesses, Leader Lab is returning to help organizations invest in the people who lead their teams today—and those who will lead them tomorrow. Through BetterCulture's nationally recognized leadership framework, participants gain practical tools to improve communication, strengthen workplace culture, navigate challenges, and inspire high-performing teams.

If your organization is looking to retain employees, build stronger leaders, and invest in your future workforce, Leader Lab is the opportunity to make it happen.

Applications are open and spots are limited, with the program beginning October 1. Learn more and apply at GreaterBurlington.com/Leadership or contact Teli Van Rycke for additional information.





SHIPS HAPPENING
IN DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON
AUGUST 3, 13, 17, 27, 31

Downtown Burlington is excited to welcome Viking River Cruise guests on select Mondays this season through a new downtown activation called Ships Happening.

With river cruise visitors arriving in Burlington, Downtown Partners, Inc. is encouraging businesses to open extend hours and help create a welcoming experience for both guests and the local community. The goal of Ships Happening is to showcase downtown shopping, dining, history, hospitality, and local charm while bringing additional activity into the district.

Participating businesses will have the opportunity to welcome new visitors, offer specials or samples, and be featured through Downtown Burlington promotions such as downtown BINGO. Community members are also encouraged to come downtown, shop local, grab lunch, explore participating businesses, and help give cruise guests a warm Burlington welcome.

Ships Happening is another way to highlight the connection between Burlington's riverfront, historic downtown, and local business community. When the ships are in town, Downtown Burlington is open for business.



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AUGUST BRINGS PEAK SEASON TO THE JEFFERSON STREET FARMERS MARKET

JEFFERSON STREET FARMERS MARKET

The Jefferson Street Farmers Market continues to bring fresh flavors, local shopping, and community fun to Downtown Burlington every Thursday evening.

As the market moves into August, visitors can expect some of the best of the summer season, including sweet corn, melons, tomatoes, fresh produce, baked goods, handmade items, food vendors, and unique finds from local makers and small businesses. The market continues to fill Jefferson Street with activity, offering a welcoming space for residents and visitors to shop local, enjoy downtown, and connect with the community.

In addition to the wide variety of vendors, the August markets will continue to feature live music, free horse and trolley rides, and family-friendly activities throughout the district. A special highlight will be the Kid's Market on Thursday, August 20, brought to you by Burlington Black Water Mini Golf. Young entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to showcase their creativity, sell their products, and be part of the market experience.

Shoppers are encouraged to stroll the full market, visit downtown storefronts, grab dinner or a treat, and enjoy a summer evening in the heart of Burlington.

The Jefferson Street Farmers Market takes place Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 PM on Jefferson Street in Downtown Burlington and continues through September.

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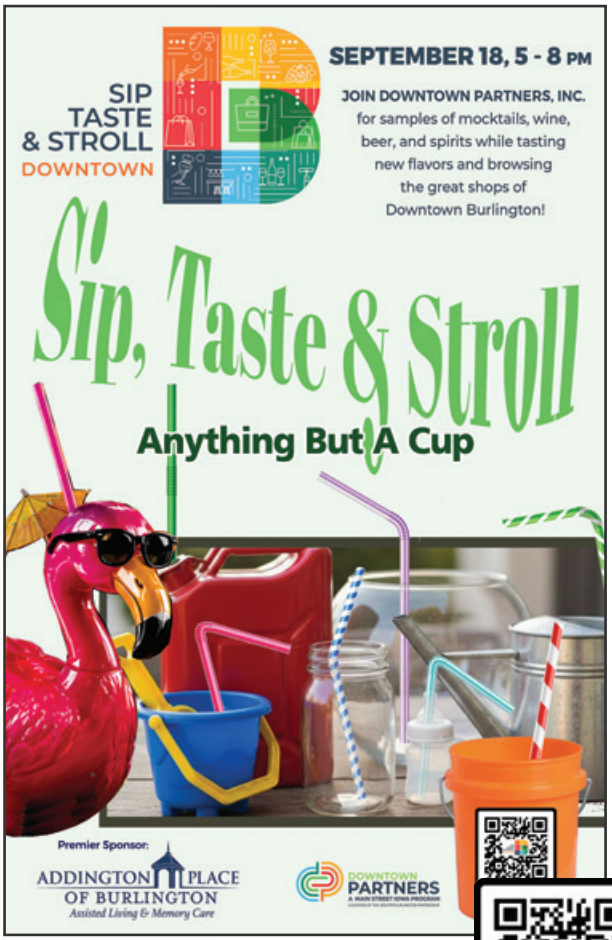
THANK YOU TO AUGUST'S MARKET SPONSOR: First Mid BANK & TRUST

SIP, TASTE & STROLL RETURNS TO DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON

Downtown Burlington is ready to raise a glass to one of the most flavorful nights of the year. Sip, Taste & Stroll returns on Friday, September 18, inviting guests to enjoy an evening of cocktails, wine, beer, mocktails, snacks, treats, and delicious flavor throughout the downtown district. This year's theme, "Anything But a Cup," adds a fun twist to the evening as attendees sip and stroll their way through participating downtown businesses. Guests can look forward to creative drinks, tasty bites, unique stops, and a lively night out in the heart of Burlington.

Hosted by Downtown Partners, Inc., Sip, Taste & Stroll is a great opportunity to explore local businesses, enjoy downtown hospitality, and experience the flavor and creativity that make Downtown Burlington such a special destination.

Tickets are available now. Guests are encouraged to get their tickets early and make plans for a fun night of sipping, tasting, and strolling through Downtown Burlington.



Scan QR Code to purchase tickets and learn more!

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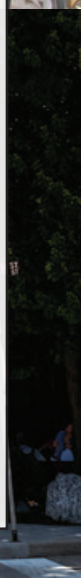












To see more pictures of the 2026 A Very Vintage Market Scan Here.

A VERY VINTAGE MARKET ONCE AGAIN FILLED DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON WITH INCREDIBLE ENERGY, CREATIVITY, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

This year's market welcomed 9,389 visitors to Jefferson Street for a full day of shopping, exploring, dining, and supporting small businesses. Guests traveled from throughout the region, with nearly 48% of attendees coming from outside Des Moines County. Even with the extreme heat, our community showed up, supported local, and made the day truly special.

That incredible turnout is a powerful reminder of how much this event means to our community and how strongly our vendors, businesses, and downtown continue to draw people to Burlington.

Visitors enjoyed an amazing variety of vintage finds, antiques, handmade goods, boutique items, home décor, clothing, delicious food, and one-of-a-kind treasures from talented vendors throughout the region. More than anything, the day was a celebration of what makes Downtown Burlington so meaningful. It was found in the busy sidewalks, welcoming storefronts, creative displays, friendly conversations, and the many people who chose to spend their day supporting local businesses, makers, and entrepreneurs.

Downtown Partners, Inc. extends its deepest gratitude to every vendor, sponsor, volunteer, downtown business, community partner, and visitor who helped make this year's event possible. Your time, hard work, generosity, flexibility, and enthusiasm created an unforgettable day in the heart of our community.

Events like A Very Vintage Market do more than bring people downtown. They strengthen small businesses, celebrate creativity, welcome visitors to Burlington, and remind us of what can happen when a community comes together.

Please enjoy a few photos from this year's A Very Vintage Market. Thank you for showing up, supporting local, and being part of such an incredible day in Downtown Burlington.



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CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
A DIVISION OF THE GREATER BURLINGTON PARTNERSHIP

PORT OF BURLINGTON WELCOME CENTER

Looking for that perfect souvenir or need information on how to spend a day in Burlington? Head on down to the Port of Burlington Welcome Center! Come in and stock up on brochures and maps for that next road trip. There are even weekly specials on highlighted merchandise.

Enjoy the beautiful views of the Mississippi River and Great River Bridge while visiting.

2026

MANUFACTURERS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 2

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Huffman's Farm & Home

Nominate a Manufacturer

Nominations are open for Manufacturer of the Year!

The Greater Burlington Partnership will celebrate Manufacturers Appreciation Month with the annual appreciation luncheon on October 2. This event features lunch, vendors, and an award ceremony.

Nominate a Manufacturer or reserve your table today by contacting: Melissa Jones at mjones@greaterburlington.com.





Robert Ciszewski – Southeast Iowa Regional Airport Manager

Robert Ciszewski joined Southeast Iowa Regional Airport on July 1st as airport manager. Robert comes with a wide level of aviation experience with Airline/ Airport Operations, Airline Station Management, and Fixed Based Operations. During his career in aviation, he has leadership experience in multi-site operations, strategic growth, negotiations, and workforce development. He is also a veteran and a former U.S. Navy Aircraft Electrician and received specialized electrical leadership training.

Robert studied Professional Aviation Management with a wide range of professional certifications including OSHA, ATA 103, GSC Trainer, Far Part 139.321 Fire Safety, Airport Security, and HAZMAT Trainer, among others.

Outside of work, Robert enjoys mentoring future leaders, traveling with family, and volunteering in veteran support organizations. He is passionate about building strong, value-driven teams and believes that trust, clarity, and accountability are the cornerstones of lasting operational success.

Great River Health - Great news! We've been reaccredited!

Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, West Burlington, and Fort Madison have been surveyed by the Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ) and have successfully met the requirements for Hospital Accreditation by demonstrating compliance with CIHQ Standards and the Conditions of Participation by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center underwent a rigorous unannounced onsite assessment in November. The CIHQ team toured the hospital, reviewed medical records, observed care practices, and interviewed staff and patients.

Christin Pritchard, Vice President of Quality at Great River Health, said, "We are dedicated to providing high-quality care in a safe environment throughout the health system. The accreditation from CIHQ validates the outstanding effort our staff commits to this pursuit. We are very proud of this accomplishment and all it means for our patients."

This recognition reflects the hospital's continuous commitment to safety and quality patient care.

NOMINATIONS

The Boards of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development, and Downtown Partners, Inc. are looking for candidates who are interested in establishing the direction and policies for the organization. The nominating committees seek candidates with a variety of perspectives who will serve from January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2029.

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the Partnership for more information.



The Greater Burlington Community Cup

The Greater Burlington Community Cup is a community-wide challenge that invites local businesses, nonprofits, and organizations to compete for the title of Community Cup Champion.

Teams earn points by being active throughout Greater Burlington. Whether it's attending local events, supporting small businesses, volunteering, enjoying live music downtown, exploring local attractions, or taking part in community programs, every activity brings your team one step closer to the top of the leaderboard.

Designed to celebrate community pride and encourage local involvement, the Community Cup is a fun way to engage your team while discovering everything our community has to offer.

At the end of the competition, the team with the highest point total will take home the traveling Community Cup trophy and earn a place on the championship plaque displayed at the Greater Burlington Partnership office.



Who Can Participate?

Any business, organization, or nonprofit is welcome to form a team. Teams can be made up of employees, members, volunteers, or any group representing the same entity.

Teams are 4 players, and an entity can have multiple teams.
Team registration is $100.

More Information

More details including the full activity list and registration can be found by scanning this QR code or by visiting GreaterBurlington.com/CommunityCup.

Register Here!

Questions?
Please reach out to the Greater Burlington Partnership, (319) 752-6365.

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!

7 Brew
3314 E Agency St., Burlington, 7Brew.com

7 Brew is a fast-growing drive-thru coffee experience offering highly customizable espresso drinks, energy drinks, smoothies, and teas made just the way customers like them. Rooted in community connection and spreading positivity, it brings a genuinely joyful, neighborhood feel to every stop.

Innovaire Primary Health
515 N 3rd St., Burlington, InnovairePrimaryHealth.com

Innovaire Primary Health provides personalized healthcare through an integrative approach that combines modern medicine with holistic wellness practices. Focused on treating the whole person, their team offers comprehensive care, preventive services, and individualized treatment plans designed to support long-term health and well-being.

Teal Butterfly Boutique
Burlington, TealButterflyBoutique.com

Teal Butterfly Boutique Started in 2020 to express my corky side. I offer custom apparel for events, businesses, and much more. Have a design in mind? I can help make it come to life. Teal Butterfly Boutique attends many local events including A Very Vintage Market, Beckman Heritage Farms Fall Market, and Midwest Old Threshers providing on-site press options.

Hy-Vee Health Exemplar Care
1000 N. Roosevelt Ave., Ste 9, Exemplar.care

Hy-Vee Health Exemplar Care in Burlington provides primary care and urgent care through a membership model. Members receive same-day or next-day availability, longer appointments focused on listening, and 24/7 access to a provider. Memberships include unlimited primary and urgent care visits, preventive physicals, chronic condition management, vaccines, routine and annual labs, EKGs, and select generic medications dispensed in the clinic. Transparent monthly pricing makes care predictable, with referrals to specialists at negotiated cash rates when needed. Care is designed around access, time, and your long-term health.

RIBBON CUTTINGS & *CELEBRATORY EVENTS*

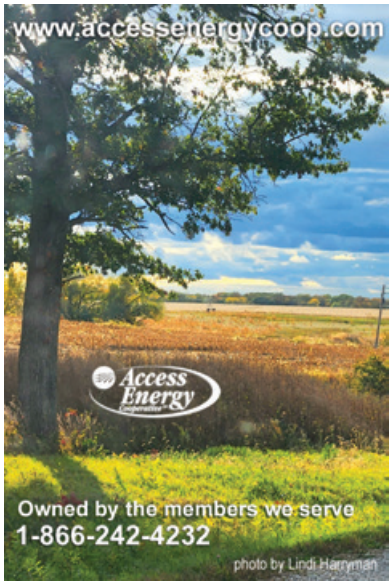


BIG RIVER POPCORN & TREATS
NEW LOCATION

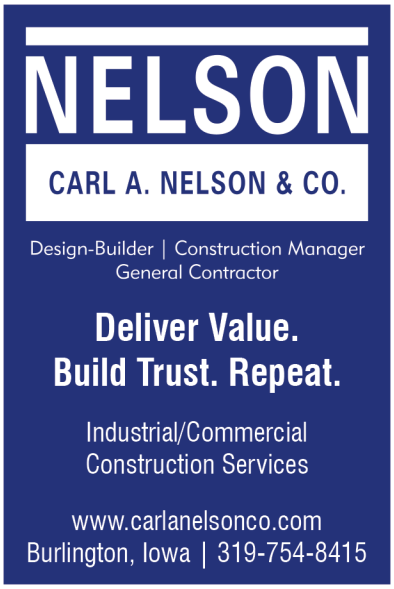
TIME FOR A QUICK INFO CHECK

Chamber members can now add Member 2 Member Benefits in GrowthZone to promote exclusive offers available only to fellow Chamber of Commerce members. This is a simple way to showcase discounts, special promotions, consultations, or other member-only incentives while encouraging local business support. Adding a benefit helps members increase visibility, build connections, and provide added value to the Chamber network. Log in to GrowthZone to submit a Member 2 Member Benefit and start connecting with fellow members.

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CHAMBER AMBASSADORS *Spotlight*



BRE HELMERS

STEWARDSHIP COORDINATOR

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM & RAPE VICTIM ADVOCACY PROGRAM (DVIP & RVAP)

After spending many years in higher education, Bre returned to Southeast Iowa in 2020 during the pandemic. She wanted to be in a familiar place where people take care of each other in a time of uncertainty. In 2026 she joined Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Crisis Services (DVIP/RVAP) as the Stewardship Coordinator on the Community Engagement Team. DVIP/RVAP provides life-saving resources for victim-survivors of domestic and sexual violence in 8 Southeast Iowa Counties including Des Moines County. She enjoys building community connections and learning about what Southeast Iowa has to offer individuals living here.

As soon as she learned DVIP/RVAP was a member of the Greater Burlington Chamber of Commerce, she knew she wanted to become an ambassador so she could jump right into being part of the community her organization serves. She enjoys building connections with people who care about their community, and the Ambassador program allows her the opportunity to interact with people who care greatly about Burlington and the surrounding areas. You'll see her at tabling fairs, ribbon cuttings, and helping raise funds and awareness for victim-survivors in Southeast Iowa.

KEY SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES REMAINING IN 2026

Manufacturers Appreciation Luncheon (October 2, Burlington Golf Club) – VIP Reserved table for 6 ($300)

Area Educator Expo (October 30, Burlington High School) – Premier Sponsor ($800), Platinum Sponsor ($450), Booth Sponsor ($175)

Reason for the Season Expo (November 16, Great River Casino) – Booth Bingo Sponsor ($500), Booth Sponsor ($200)

Downtown Holiday Open House (November 7) – Premier Sponsor ($600)

EMAIL MELISSA JONES FOR MORE INFORMATION.









AUGUST *august* EVENTS

View more events at GreaterBurlington.com/Events

1 and 15 – Chess Club
Burlington Public Library, 9 AM
Burlington.Lib.ia.us

1– 34 for Kids Night
34raceway, 5 PM
34Raceway.com

1 – Great River Pottery Throwdown
Art Center of Burlington, 6 PM
BTownArt.com

1 – 2026 Iowa Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Inductees
Capitol Theater, 7 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

1 – TruRev MMA
Memorial Auditorium, 7 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

1 – Tru Rev 65
Memorial Auditorium, 7 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

2 and 9
Burlington Municipal Band
Crapo Park, 7:30 PM
MuniBand.org

3, 13, 17, 27, 31 – Viking Mississippi
Port of Burlington, 8 AM
GreaterBurlington.com



4 - 29 – August Gallery Show:
A Sense of Home
Art Center of Burlington, times vary
BTownArt.com

6, 13, 20, 27 – Jefferson Street Farmers Market
Downtown Burlington, 4:30 – 7 PM
facebook.com/DowntownBurlingtoniaMarket

7 – Artist Reception: Gina Swartz
Art Center of Burlington, 5 - 8PM
BTownArt.com

8 – Old Couch Music Festival
Capitol Theater, 3 – 10 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

8 – Weekly Racing
34 Raceway, 5 PM
34Raceway.com

8 – Matt Landon
La Bohême, 8 PM
facebook.com/61552960887564

11– Ladies' Invite
Flint Hills Golf Course, 8:30 AM
facebook.com/FlintHillsGolfCourse

13 – Annual Chamber Golf Classic
Burlington Golf Club, 10 AM
GreaterBurlington.com

15 – Dog Days of Summer
Longmeadow Park, West Burlington
9 AM – noon
DesMoinesCountyHumaneSociety.org

1 5– Southeast Iowa Pagan Fest
Dankwardt Park, 10 AM – 5 PM
facebook.com/TheBroomCloset2014

15 – Matt & Emma
La Bohême, 8 PM
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August 19 – September 30
Americans and the Holocaust
Traveling Exhibit
Burlington Public Library, 9 AM
USHMM.org

20 – Forest Spaulding and the Library Bill of Rights
Burlington Public Library, 6 PM
Burlington.Lib.ia.us

21 – Gretchen Wilson
Great River Casino Resort, 8 PM
GreatRiverResort.com

22 – Season Championship
34 Raceway, 5 PM
34Raceway.com

22 – Horror Double Feature: Popcorn & Fade to Black
Capitol Theater, 7 PM
Burlingtoncapitoltheater.com

26 – Shepherd's Table Free Community Meal
First Congregational Church, 4:30 PM
FCCBurlington.org

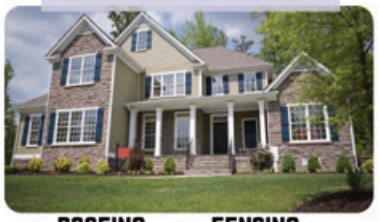
28– Fourth Friday Concert Series: Linc & The Drifters
Burlington riverfront, 5 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

28 – Little Mania Wrestling
Memorial Auditorium, 8 PM
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29 – Touch-A-Truck
Westland Mall, 10 AM - 1 PM
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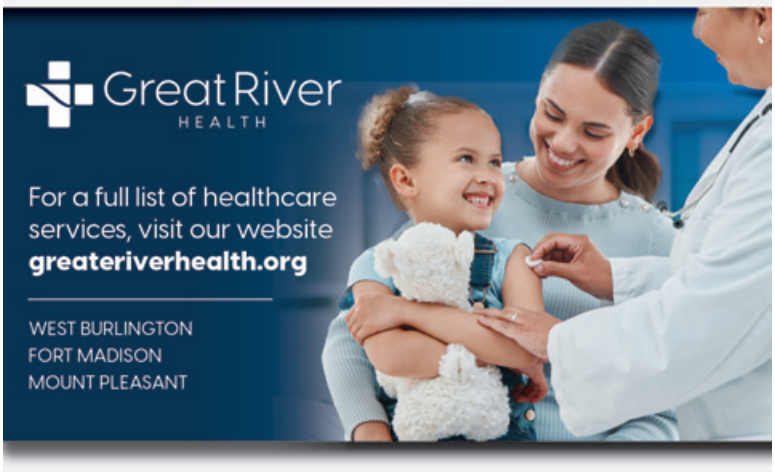
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BURLINGTON MUNICIPAL BAND

August 2 & 9 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm | Crapo Park Arboretum

Load up the wagon with picnic basket, blanket and bug spray: it's time for summer band concerts in the park! Every Sunday evening through August 9, enjoy these free Municipal Band concerts at Crapo Park bandshell.

For more information, follow Burlington Municipal Band on Facebook or visit: MuniBand.org.

OLD COUCH MUSIC FEST

August 8 | 3 - 10 pm | The Capitol

This epic night of outdoor music, food and fun is FREE for all ages; cold beer and delicious food available for purchase. Created in 2017 to showcase local and regional Americana, folk, bluegrass, country, blues, and rock music, the Old Couch Music Fest has become one of Greater Burlington's favorite outdoor music festivals.

Featuring: The Tap Root Wranglers, Eric Pettit Lion, Trophy Dads and Classic Reason. Music starts at 6 pm. For more information, follow the Capitol on Facebook or visit: LiveAtTheCapitol.com.

BURLINGTON RIVERFRONT ENTERTAINMENT

Tru Rev MMA #65, August 1, 7 pm
True Revelation Mixed Martial Arts is a family owned business based in Ottumwa Iowa. MMA is competition focusing on matchmaking athletes based on skill set.

K-Pop Warriors, August 20, 4:30 and 7 pm
Highly energetic, family-friendly stage production designed for kids and fans of all ages. Features dynamic choreography, K-Pop-inspired music.

Little Mania Wrestling, August 28, 8 pm
Midget Mayhem officially invades Memorial Auditorium and these pint-sized powerhouses are packing a serious punch!

JEFFERSON STREET CRUISE NIGHT

August 21, | 5 - 10 pm | Downtown Burlington

Shop, dine, and reminisce in downtown Burlington as classic cars and hot rods cruise the traditional "strip" through the heart of the historic commercial district.

For more information, follow the Burlington Police Department on Facebook.: Facebook.com/BurlingtonIowaPolice.

GRETCHEN WILSON

August 21, | 8 pm | Great River Casino Resort

Gretchen WON The Masked Singer Season 13 in May 2025 as "Pearl." She is re-recording her Here For The Party album with special guest duets to be released in 2026.

Recently starred as the Tour Manager on the new CBS series THE ROAD produced by Taylor Sheridan, Blake Shelton and Keith Urban. As "tour manager," Gretchen provided support and guidance to the emerging musicians while they made their way across America, ensuring the tour's success while sharing her own expertise and experiences on the road as a touring artist.

1ST ANNUAL (REDUX) TOYS FOR TOTS GOLF

August 22 | 8am | Flint Hills Municipal Golf Course

Toys for Tots 1st Annual Golf Tournament! Four man best shot. All proceeds to Toys For Tots. Flighted tournament, Prizes are donated. The tournament includes: hole prizes, hole games, door prizes, and a 50/50 drawing. Sign up 7 am, breakfast provided and dinner available after play is completed.

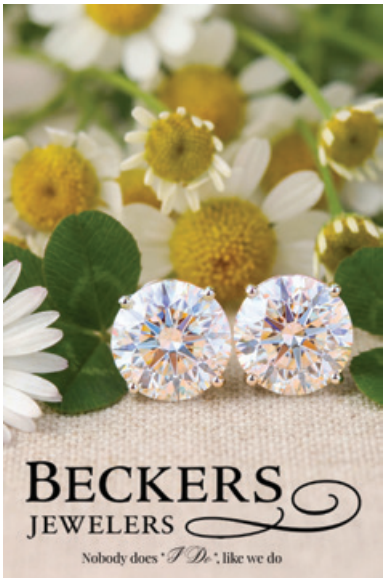
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