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US HIGHWAY 34 FOUR-LANES: ONE STEP CLOSER TO REALITY

by Della Schmidt

Advocacy is not for the faint of heart. Advocating for change, for investment, for growth; it can take years of persistence before success is achieved. Leaders cast the vision and begin the work, oftentimes passing the torch along to others and entrusting them to continue the effort. Such is the story of US Highway 34 and the

pursuit of four-lanes between Burlington and Monmouth. More than 30 years ago, community and business leaders from Southeast Iowa and West Central Illinois came together to form the Highway 34 Coalition. The foundation was laid, and while it has had active phases and quiet phases, the pursuit of improvement to Highway 34 has never stopped. Finally, that work is paying off.

On July 10, the Illinois Department of Transportation announced its FY 2024-2029 scope of work, the first time in more than a decade that IDOT released a comprehensive approach to invest in all modes of transportation. Contained within the plan is \$169.7 million for new construction of 8.7 miles of four-lanes from west of Carman Road to Township Road 111. In addition, another 4.56 miles of four-lanes are planned from the eastern entry of the Biggsville Bypass to 20th Street south of Kirkwood. This is directly due to the work of the Highway 34 Coalition, businesses, organizations, and individuals efforts dating back more than 30 years ago.

The advocacy for Highway 34 will continue. While the announcement is exciting and encouraging, it will be important that the Illinois legislature and the Illinois Department of Transportation hear regularly from citizens, businesses, and community leaders from both sides of the Mississippi River to ensure that the project remains in the plan and that the funding is preserved.

A look back at the early champions of the Highway 34 Coalition:

"According to our records, it was in 1989 that you enlisted our Chamber to support your vision of a four-lane expressway from Galesburg through Burlington and on to Ottumwa and Des Moines. Largely through your personal efforts, the Coalition quickly grew to include dozens of local and county governments, development agencies, transportation interests and civic leaders along a 120-mile span.... The power of your message and the force of your personality have made you the heart and soul of this ongoing campaign. Your work will be an ever-present inspiration and roadmap as others pick up the torch – and when the project is completed as it eventually must be, we will ensure that your vision, leadership, and sacrifice are not forgotten."

~ Letter to Charles E. McChesney, 2002 from Jim Olson, Co-chair of the Burlington/West Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee.

"Please allow our voices to be heard in the choir of those praying for funding an immediate solution to rectify the grave safety concerns on US Route 34. I am writing to show my support for your continued efforts and join you in our mission. This narrow, two-lane stretch of Highway 34 has no safety margin-no margin for error. The number of deaths and serious injuries in this area shows the time for upgrading is now, and the price of delay will be more unnecessary deaths and injuries...."

~ Letter to Illinois Department of Transportation, 2013 from Michele Schnicker, widow of Doug Schnicker who died in a traffic accident on Highway 34 February 11, 2013.



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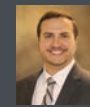
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ON THE COVER

Viking River Cruises

For more than a century, riverboats have graced the shores of Burlington, Iowa. While the mighty steamboats of old frequently carried cargo, today's modern vessels bring people – by the thousands – to explore and enjoy Greater Burlington.

Greater Burlington's riverboat docking season, which begins mid-July and often runs late into October, is on pace to be the busiest in recent memory. Even though scheduling conflicts and ship maintenance have reduced the number of visits from American Queen Voyages, which operates the American Queen, American Duchess, and American Countess ships, there are still fifteen dockings on the schedule, and with them the potential for upwards of 5,000 visitors eager to visit Greater Burlington.

2023 marks the second year for the Viking Mississippi, Viking's first custom vessel and the only Viking ship currently sailing in North America. Said Viking Chairman Torstein Hagen in 2020:

"At a time where many of us are at home, looking for inspiration to travel in the future, I am pleased to introduce a new, modern way to explore this great river. We invented the concept of modern river cruising when we got our start 23 years ago—first on the rivers of Russia and then in Europe. Since then, many people have come to appreciate the unique exploration that comes with river cruising—but currently there are very few options to do so on American rivers."

For information on riverboat docking dates, visit GreaterBurlington.com/events.

DOWNTOWN TIGER GRANT - HAVE YOU SEEN THE PROGRESS IN THE DOWNTOWN?

It's Happening in Downtown Burlington and it is beautiful! The new sidewalks, lighting and amenities are creating an environment for more social gatherings, business expansion and vibrancy. The 400 block of Jefferson is seeing completion with new pavers and lighting. Main Street and the 200 and 300 blocks of Jefferson are progressing with the

timeline of being finished by the end of the year. The Riverfront is an amazing space to stop under the shade structure and enjoy a lunch or cool off in the splash pad. Stop Downtown and show support for the businesses that have been impacted by the construction and enjoy the beautiful Downtown.



Follow the most recent TIGER Project updates at: BurlingtonIowa.org

ALL THINGS GREATER BURLINGTON PODCAST



Have you missed All Things Greater Burlington? If you had been listening last month, you would have learned that Young Professional of the Year Mercedes Ponce has been working in the radio industry since she was 14. . . you would have been fascinated to hear how Jerilyn Horn turns photos into amazing charcoal artwork. . . and, you would have heard Joshua Ragar talk about his memorable time as a minor league baseball player. What is more, you would have gotten insight from Small Business of the Year winner L.J. Pritchard into what it takes to operate a radio station.

The podcast and its episodes can be heard on Greater Burlington.com, Amazon Music, Google Podcasts, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Castbox, and Stitcher. Binge listening is highly recommended to get caught up! Make sure to subscribe to stay informed when new episodes become available.

Have a suggestion on who should be interviewed? Please contact Steven Brody.

KEY SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES REMAINING IN 2023

Mark Perna: Unleashing Passion, Purpose, and Performance in Younger Generations (September 14) – Capitol Performing Arts Center.

Teachers Appreciation Reception (September 15) – Premier Sponsor – a great way to show support for local educators! Business logo included in the invitation to educators from all school districts in the Greater Burlington area, event signage, event slide show, and in the Partnership newsletter. A representative of the sponsoring company or organization will give the opening remarks at the event. Also includes a booth at the event! \$750

Greater Burlington Leadership Welcome and Opening Session – Welcome (September 20) ; Opening Session (September 21). \$300

Manufacturers Appreciation Luncheon (October 6) – Booth BINGO Sponsor – Booth BINGO encourages attendees to visit the displays at this event. Several points of recognition, including on the Booth BINGO cards! \$500

Holiday Business Showcase (November 17) – Entertainment Sponsor – Receive Partnership newsletter and Friday Facts recognition with sponsorship of entertainment for this annual event! \$500. Booths remain available as well! \$325 each.

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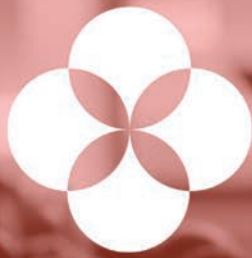
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For more information, please contact
Chris Brough at (949) 253-9361 or email
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Don't miss the virtual Ireland presentation - August 23 @ 12 Noon

Contact Steven Brody for the Microsoft Teams meeting link.



InspireNext SUMMIT

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September 8, 12 - 4 PM | Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center

Registration is open for the InspireNext Summit!

Ignite your potential and join attendees at the InspireNext Summit for a transformative day of professional growth and networking. Experience insightful presentations by expert speakers covering topics such as Embracing Change, Creating a Vibrant Work Environment, Navigating a Healthy Work/Life Balance, and more.

This event also features lunch and a networking after-party. Connect with like-minded individuals, expand your horizons, and unlock new opportunities at the 2023 InspireNext Summit, where we're inspiring the Next Generation.

Attention all Employers:

This is the perfect opportunity to invest in the growth and success of your team members. Offering a unique opportunity for professional development and insight, this summit will equip your team with the tools and motivation they need to excel in their roles and foster great community relationships.



This event is open to any and all ages, professions, and communities Register or find more information at greaterburlington.com/InspireNext

2023

MANUFACTURERS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 6

Manufacturers Luncheon – 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 6. This event features lunch, vendors, and an award ceremony.

Find the nomination form at greaterburlington.com/Nominate or by using the QR





The Greater Burlington Partnership
is Proud to Announce. . .

Teachers Appreciation Reception

New date! New time! New location! September 15, 7:30 - 8:45 AM at Southeastern Community College in the new Blackhawk Recreation Center. Celebrate the kickoff to a new school year and honor educators with the Teachers Appreciation Reception event. This event will be held prior to the Mark Perna Teacher event.

For event or sponsorship information contact Telisha Fedele at tfedele@greaterburlington.com.



New Blackhawk Recreation Center at Southeastern Community College



TELISHA FEDELE SELECTED FOR US CHAMBER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation announced that Telisha Fedele, Talent Development Program Manager for the Greater Burlington Partnership, has been awarded a \$10,000 scholarship and selected to participate in the eighth cohort of its premiere business leadership program.

The Business Leads Fellowship Program trains and equips leaders from state and local chambers of commerce, economic development agencies, and trade associations with resources, access to experts, and a network of peers to build their capacity to address the most pressing education and workforce challenges.

Following a competitive application and selection process, Fedele was selected along with 34 other state and local chamber executives, economic development professionals, and association leaders to participate in the eighth class of this program. The six-month program, consisting of both in-person and virtual meetings, will cover the entire talent pipeline, including early childhood education, K-12, postsecondary education, and workforce development.

Upon completion, Business Leads Fellows will join the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's dedicated network of more than 250 chambers of commerce and statewide associations nationwide that regularly engage in education and workforce initiatives.

“Unleashing Passion, Purpose, and Performance in Younger Generations”

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A father to two successful young people, Mark delivers key insights on how they think, what makes them tick, and how they make decisions. Mark will show you how to connect, engage, and answer why with clear action steps you can implement immediately in your home. Get ready to:

- Forge a deeper human connection with your teen
- Move them from static to active purpose
- Motivate them to achieve at a higher level

Purpose-driven education is the heartbeat of this inspiring call to action. Though they’re often painted in a negative light, today’s young people have incredible power to change the world. We just have to unleash it. Give your student the tools to set goals, plan their future, and succeed in their education and career journey!

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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING:

“Mark is an individual that will push you and your school to strive to be the best you can be for your students.”

ROBERT SCOTT
Burlington Community School District Superintendent

“I have had the pleasure of working with Mark Perna before. Perna has inspired parents, school, and business leaders across the country to reframe how to engage students to discover their potential. I am so excited that we will finally have him here in Greater Burlington!”

DELLA SCHMIDT
Greater Burlington Partnership President

“The Mark Perna event marks the beginning of a promising relationship between local schools and employers. This partnership will create a pathway for students to gain job skills that are relevant not just in Des Moines County, but also beyond.”

ADAM MAGLIARI
Mediapolis School District Superintendent

“His message and work serve as a guide post of what could be for our students and our regions especially if we work together.”

LISA BEAMES
West Burlington Independent School District Superintendent

“We are excited about this event and the momentum it will help generate as we pursue this work into the future!”

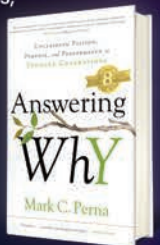
PAT WALLACE
Danville Community School District Superintendent



MARK C. PERNA
SPEAKER | AUTHOR | CEO

Mark C. Perna is the founder and CEO of [TFS Results](#), a full-service strategic consulting firm at the forefront of the national paradigm shift in education and workforce development. As a generational and performance expert, Mark has spoken at Harvard University and today delivers 70+ in-person and virtual keynotes annually across North America. He [writes weekly](#) for [Forbes.com](#), where he reaches an audience of 3.3 million. His micropodcast, [The Perna Syndicate](#), is heard in more than 60 countries every weekday.

Mark, who serves on the Advisory Council for the Coalition for Career Development in Washington, DC, founded the [Education with Purpose & Employment with Passion](#) movement to help communities connect education, business, and economic pipelines. His bestselling book, [Answering Why](#), has won eight national awards, including the Nautilus Award which is given to books thought to make a positive difference in the world. Find out more at [MarkCPerna.com](#).



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Dee Dee Foster McAlister OWNER OF NANA & ME BOUTIQUE

Dee Dee has been a resident of Greater Burlington since 1968 and a Chamber Ambassador for more than a year. Wanting to be more active and a part of the community, she became a Chamber Ambassador.

Dee Dee recalls a funny time as an ambassador, "During a morning meeting where everyone was, even those who choose not to speak at ribbon cuttings, took turns being the speaker at the 'mock ribbon cutting.' It was so much fun. The group laughed a lot." Dee Dee went on to say, "My favorite Chamber Ambassador activity is Business After Hours. I like to volunteer at the registration table, greeting and meeting guests." Dee Dee enjoys the Burlington area because of all of the community activities, growing Downtown, historic landmarks, beautiful parks, and especially the people! You might spot her enjoying a pizza at Napoli Pizza and Restaurant.

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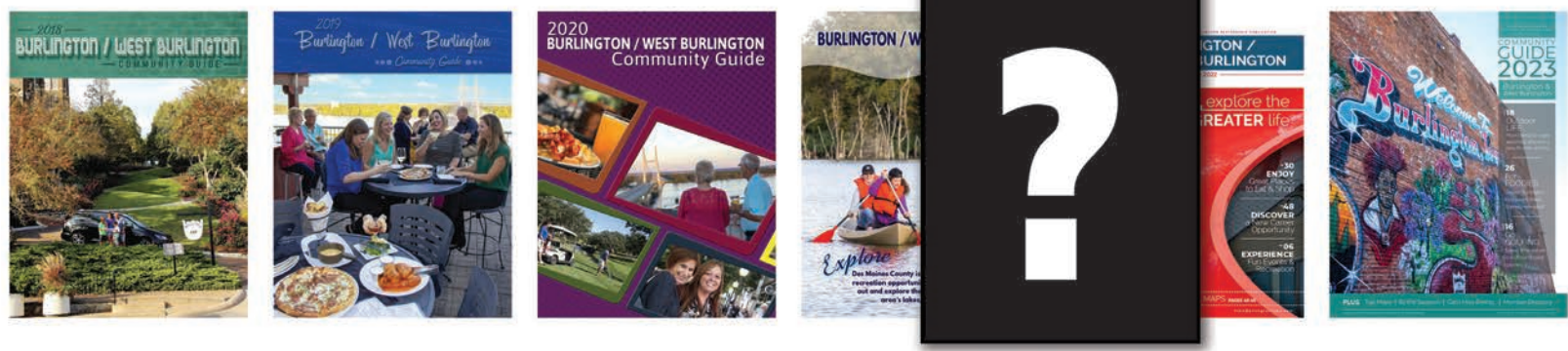
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New Tourism Publication Coming in 2024

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Tourism continues to be a key ingredient to economic growth, and the Convention & Visitors Bureau is constantly exploring new ways to attract visitors to Greater Burlington. January 2024 will see the

release of its new tourism publication, one that is devoted exclusively to enticing visitors to experience Greater Burlington. This ambassador-in-print will be widely distributed to welcome centers and hotels all over the Midwest, to potential tourists interested in the Greater Burlington area, and digitally to anyone perusing the Greater Burlington Partnership website.

Do you want to attract travelers and tourists to your business? If so, the new 2024 visitors guide is a perfect opportunity to advertise your products and services to thousands of potential visitors from every corner of the country. Don't wait! Contact Marty Mogk today to discuss your interest in future marketing opportunities!



NEW DOWNTOWN BRANDED PRODUCTS!



Downtown Burlington is thrilled to announce the launch of the new collection of t-shirts and stickers showcasing Downtown Burlington. Purchase swag, show off love for Downtown Burlington, and support the local businesses that make Downtown such a vibrant and unique place.

The t-shirts are made from high-quality, soft cotton and are available in a variety of sizes and colors.

The stickers are perfect for decorating water bottles, laptops, and notebooks. They are made with durable vinyl material that is resistant to scratches, water, and sunlight.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to show support for Downtown Burlington and its small businesses. Visit the Port of Burlington Welcome Center to pick up Downtown swag today!

Member

BUSINESS BRIEFCASE

Do you have something special to announce? A work anniversary, a retirement, a special award or recognition, a conference attended, a sales record, a name change, a new location? We would love to share this with our membership. Please contact Brenda Levitt.

Weigert's Handyman Service LLC Begins Remodel of Historic Building

Weigert's Handyman Service LLC, owned and operated by Nick & Rhonda Weigert for over 7 years, has started the complete remodel of 520 Washington St in Downtown Burlington. This is considered one of Burlington's historical buildings. Keep watching Weigert's Facebook page to see the progress.

Weigert's Handyman Services takes pride in their work, and customer satisfaction is their business! They do a variety of work, from fixing a doorknob to building houses. Most of their work is in the Burlington area, but they will travel as far as Wapello, Mount Pleasant, Donnellson & Montrose. Weigert's is now a certified Andersen Window & Door installer as well. They specialize in bathroom & kitchen remodels and offer a wide range of products. They also do paint projects and use Sherwin Williams paint.

Weigert's currently has 5 employees, two have been with them since the first year. They are always looking for new workers to join their expanding team of professionals. Weigert's Handyman Services offers free estimates, so give them a call, 319-209-2013.



Before photos of 520 Washington St, at the bottom of Snake Alley.

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!

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319-850-9137, info@whiteoakpainting.com, Isaac Mumma, Owner
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August Events

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1 – Pancake Breakfast
 Des Moines County Fairgrounds, 7 - 9 AM
DesMoinesCountyFair.com

1, 10, 14, 24, 28 – Viking Mississippi
 Docking
 Port of Burlington, 8 AM
Facebook.com/VisitBurlingtonIowa

1 – Market Livestock Auction
 Des Moines County Fairgrounds, 9 AM
DesMoinesCountyFair.com

2 – ARTIST to ARTIST
 Art Center of Burlington, 6 - 8 PM
BTownart.com

3 - 29 – August Gallery Show: Janice Bell
 Art Center of Burlington, hours vary
BTownArt.com

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – Jefferson Street
 Farmers Market
 Downtown Burlington, 4:30 - 7 PM
Facebook.com/DowntownBurlingtonIAMarket

3 & 4 – Burlington Bees vs
 Clinton Lumberkings
 Community Field, 6:30 PM
GoBees.com

5 – Town Hall
 Des Moines County Heritage Museum
 12 - 1 PM
DMCHS.org

5 – 34 For Kids Night
 34 Raceway, 4 PM
34Raceway.com

5 – Burlington Bees vs
 Quincy Gems FIREWORKS
 Community Field, 6:30 PM
GoBees.com

5 – TruRev Mixed Martial Arts
 Memorial Auditorium, 7 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.org

6 – Burlington Municipal Band Concert
 Crapo Park, 7:30 PM
MuniBand.org

11 – Adult Swim
 Huck's Harbor, 6 - 9 PM
FunCityResort.com

12 – American Queen Docking
 Port of Burlington, 8 AM
Facebook.com/VisitBurlingtonIowa

12 – 5th Annual Des Moines County
 Summer Celebration
 Starr's Cave Nature Center, 12 - 3 PM
DMCConservation.com

12 – Old Couch Music Fest
 Capitol Performing Arts Center, 5:30 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

17 – Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic
 Burlington Golf Club, 10 AM - 5 PM
GreaterBurlington.com

19 – Ron Bennett Memorial Car Show
 Deery Brothers, 11 AM
Facebook.com/DeeryBrothers

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

25 – IRA Sprint Car Series
 34 Raceway, 5 PM
34Raceway.com

25 – Friday Fest
 Burlington Riverfront, 5:30 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.org

26 – Pint By Number: Riverfront
 Art Center of Burlington, 4 PM
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26 – Season Championship
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34 RACEWAY AUGUST EVENTS

34 for Kids Night - August 5, 4 - 10 PM

It's Kids Night at 34 Raceway, with special events, drawing and prizes including toys, games, backpacks, bikes, scooters and more – and the evening ends with fireworks!

Collision Center Night - August 19, 4 -10 PM

IRA Sprint Car Special Event - August 25, 4 -10 PM

Pepsi Season Championship - \$5 Fan Appreciation - August 26, 4 -10 PM

Adult admission \$12, students and seniors \$10, kids age ten and under admitted free with paying adult. For more information, follow 34 Raceway on Facebook or visit 34Raceway.com.

BURLINGTON BEES VS QUINCY GEMS

August 5, Gate 5:30 Game 6:30 - 10:30 PM

Let's Go Out With a BANG! - The season was a BLAST, so let's finish with some FIREWORKS!

Hazell Agencies Super Saturdays! Bring your family and friends for a spectacular night at Community Field, PLUS, all fans can run the bases after the game! Sponsored by Hazell Agencies.

Come on out to the LAST Bees home game at Community Field for the season!

DES MOINES COUNTY CONSERVATION

Pat Rogge Retirement Party - August 12, 12 PM

After 33 years, Pat Rogge, the "Rock-N-Ranger" is retiring from Des Moines County Conservation. Join us as we bid him farewell, tell embarrassing stories, and celebrate a career that has impacted countless people in Des Moines County.

5th Annual DMCC Summer Celebration - August 12 - 3 PM

This free, family friendly event will feature activities throughout the day the entire family can enjoy. Come check out Starr's Cave Nature Center, hike the Starr's Cave portion of the Flint River Trail, wade in Flint Creek during the Critter Catch, enjoy one of our yard games, or make a s'more!

For more information, visit DMCCconservation.com.

BURLINGTON RIVERFRONT ENTERTAINMENT UPCOMING EVENTS

Tru Rev MMA - August 5, 7 - 10 PM

True Revelation Mixed Martial Arts is a family-owned business based in Ottumwa, Iowa. When you come to a Tru Rev MMA shows it is about true competition. MMA looks for athletes that want to push themselves and test their abilities. The ultimate goal for those competing is to get to the UFC.

Friday Fest - August 25, 5:30 - 8 PM

Live music on the Riverfront in Downtown Burlington.

BURLINGTON MUNICIPAL BAND CONCERT

August 6, 7:30 PM

The Burlington Municipal Band in its final concert of the 2023 season. These family-friendly concerts are free and take place at the beautiful Crapo Park Bandshell overlooking the Mississippi River. Park benches are provided; concert-goers often bring lawn chairs and blankets.

For more information, visit MuniBand.org.

DOWNTOWN BAR CRAWL

August 26, 4 PM

Pick up your paint by numbers 'canvas' at the Art Center, then make your way to pre-selected bars throughout Downtown. Each participating bar will have a couple different colors of paint waiting for you to fill in your painting. Take your time and enjoy a drink while you paint! You'll need to stop at every bar to complete your piece. Last stop is at the Art Center for final touches! Super fun awards and prizes will be given for different categories.

Cost includes 8x10 paper mounted on a board, paints, and brushes. Drinks may be purchased at each participating bar. You'll be given a map and list of 4 bars when you pick up your "canvas" at the Art Center.

The Theme will be Burlington's Riverfront. Tickets are \$25 per participant in advance or \$30 at the door (if space is available). Visit BTownArt.com for more information.

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AUGUST Live Music Line Up:

- August 03 - Ruby Orr
- August 10 - Jared Rouggy
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- August 24 - Diane DeJaynes
- August 31 - Jared Rouggy



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