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# PARTNERSHIP





## PREPARING THE WORKFORCE OF TOMORROW

by Della Schmidt

The Greater Burlington Partnership continues its commitment to facilitate career exploration programming for area students. Working closely with our partners at Southeastern Community College and school districts across Des Moines County, several workforce development initiatives are underway.

Last month the CEO in the Classroom, a program offered to 8th grade students, kicked off the 2022-23 school year with the 21st Century Learning Class at Burlington's Ed Stone Middle School. CEO in the Classroom brings local business leaders into classrooms to discuss life after high school. Speakers touch on living expenses and lifestyles, and high demand career opportunities. The program is designed to paint the picture of the financial benefits for students when they choose in-demand careers, and education pathways that lead to great paying jobs in SE IA. CEO in the Classroom will continue throughout the 2022-23 school year in all Des Moines County 8th grade classrooms.

Looking ahead, the Future Workforce Committee of the Greater Burlington Partnership will host the 5th and 8th Grade Career Fairs December 14 and 15. Each career fair will last about three hours, and all Des Moines County Schools 5th and 8th grade classes have been invited to participate. The fairs will allow students to learn about six different career pathways: Agriscience, Arts/Communication, Family/Human Services, Health Sciences, Business/Marketing, and Engineering. In addition, 8th Grade students will attend a session on Entrepreneurship. The career fairs are held each year with the help of area businesses. More than thirty business leaders volunteer at the career fair, where they talk with students about their own careers and help students understand the educational path and required skills needed for success.

On Saturday, February 11 the annual Southeast Iowa Regional STEM-Fest will be held at Southeastern Community College. Open to all ages, this exposition of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math is presented with fun-filled hands-on activities designed to encourage students to explore career opportunities in the STEM fields. The family friendly event is free and open to the public. STEM-Fest is made possible by area businesses, Southeastern Community College, the Greater Burlington Partnership, and the Governor's STEM Advisory Council.

The Partnership continues to enhance student resources on the GreaterBurlington.com website. Career Exploration videos have been added to the video library. Students can explore careers such as CNA, nursing, manufacturing, CDL, and careers with Alliant Energy. Next year new videos will be added, including Information Technology, Hospitality/Culinary and more.

For more information regarding these and other workforce development initiatives, contact the Greater Burlington Partnership Talent Development Director, Rachel Lindeen.



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## ON THE COVER

#GBPete

Find #GBPete at Chamber of Commerce member businesses and shop local this holiday season! Santa's favorite little helper is back and out making mischief in Greater Burlington. The area's most famous elf on the shelf, #GBPete, is up to his old tricks again at local businesses all holiday season to help remind you to shop local! #GBPete knows the stress of long road trips and overcrowded stores can zap the holiday spirit out of anyone. Keep a jingle in your step and find the perfect gift for everyone just a few minutes from home. From the most popular new toys for the kids, to the coolest new technology for your spouse, or the hottest new fashion trends for your best friend!

Greater Burlington has all the stores you love to help Santa track down the goodies on everyone's wish list. So, when it's time to start your holiday shopping this season, stay close to home and look for #GBPete. He knows all the best places with perfect gifts for your loved ones and will be making mischief from now until December 20 by giving out clues to his location on Greater Burlington Partnership's social media. Guess correctly where he is and you'll be entered to win that week's grand prize, a gift card or product from each place #GBPete was seen. Each week's gift value is \$300+! One winner will be chosen each week until #GBPete returns to the North Pole. Tune in to the Greater Burlington Partnership's social media and keep an eye out. You won't want to miss the shenanigans he gets into this year!

**Happy Holidays from the members of the Burlington/West Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce.**



## WELCOME ALYSSA FINCHER - GBP MARKETING INTERN

Alyssa Fincher has joined the Greater Burlington Partnership as our current intern and will hold that position until her graduation from Southeastern Community College in May 2023. She will finish with an AAS in Interactive Social Media Marketing, and plans to continue her education at Iowa Wesleyan University with a degree in Digital Media Design. Alyssa is working alongside our Director of Marketing, Dustin Roth, taking on any projects that come her way.

Alyssa is from Fort Madison, where she continues to reside, and was a 2021 graduate of Fort Madison High School. Spare time is spent enjoying the company of friends, family, and especially her nephew and pets. On the weekends Alyssa likes watching the Iowa Hawkeye Football games as well as supporting the Chicago Cubs.

**All Things Greater Burlington Podcast** – The podcast can now be heard on GreaterBurlington.com, Amazon Music, Google Podcasts, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Castbox, and Stitcher. Current interviews include The Collective Food Hub Owners Alex & Sarah Beames, and Des Moines County Conservation Director Chris Lee. Upcoming interviews include Burlington Bees Manager of Operations Tad Lowary, Art Center of Burlington Executive Director Elizabeth Pappas, and Iowa Wesleyan University representatives Derek Zander and Meg Richtman. Make sure to subscribe to stay informed when new episodes become available. Have a suggestion on who you would like us to interview?

Please contact Steven Brody at 319-208-0054 or [sbrody@greaterburlington.com](mailto:sbrody@greaterburlington.com).

*You never know who you'll hear from next!*



## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD ADOPTS NEW MISSION STATEMENT

The Burlington/West Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based association of businesses, professional leaders and individuals working together to promote economic growth, employment opportunities, government advocacy, excellence in education, and quality of life.

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*Join Della Schmidt and Jeremy Hess, along with their spouses, on this magnificent tour of historic Italy, home base to three Greater Burlington manufacturing businesses; Alfacomma, Borghi USA, and Cobo USA. Touch the beauty of Tuscany & Lake Como, splendors of Rome, history in Florence and style of Milan!*

Price per person on double occupancy:  
**\$3079**

Single Person Supplement:  
**\$729**

Are you tired of stressing out every year looking for that special Christmas gift for your loved one? Have we got the answer for you! Surprise him or her with a trip to Italy in May 2023 with the Greater Burlington Partnership! Registrations are filling up and final payments are due in February. Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime opportunity.

**Reserve your spot today and prepare to be amazed! | Deadline to complete registration is February 15.**



# ANNUAL DINNER

*Friday, January 27, 2023*

*Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center*

Be our guest, be our guest... The Greater Burlington Partnership proudly presents the 2023 Annual Dinner. Come dressed in your formal or semi-formal attire and celebrate the award winners who have made a difference in the Greater Burlington community throughout 2022. We'll keep the night entertaining with live music, auctions, raffle baskets, and an after-party. Watch for more details in the January newsletter.

There are a few tables remaining, so reserve your seats by calling Marty Mogk today!

Tables of 8: \$750, Half Table: \$375, Individual Tickets: \$75

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## SOUTHEAST IOWA DAYS

DES MOINES - FEBRUARY 1 & 2

Join the delegation of Southeast Iowa business and community leaders in Des Moines February 1 & 2. Share your thoughts on 2023 legislative priorities and hear the latest news from the State of Iowa.

**Who should attend:** Any chamber member interested in advocating for pro-business legislation and interested in a hands-on experience at the State Capitol while the 2023 Legislative Session is in full-swing.

**Cost:** \$150 per person, which covers the legislative luncheon, reception, and breakfast with legislative leadership, plus numerous Q&A sessions highlighting Southeast Iowa's key issues.

**Travel details:** Participants are responsible for their own travel. Lodging arrangements can be made by calling Embassy Suites at 515-244-1700 mention "Southeast Iowa Days." A block of rooms is reserved until January 2.

**For more information and to RSVP, contact Rachel Lindeen.**



## PUBLIC OFFICIALS MEET & GREET

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PUBLIC OFFICIALS MEET & GREET  
JANUARY 5 AT 4:30 - 6:30 | THE BROADWAY BAR & GRILL**

Join us for a Public Officials Reception. A great opportunity exclusively for Chamber of Commerce Members to meet and greet our local leaders, elected and non-elected from the City of Burlington, City of West Burlington, Des Moines County, and local schools. Light appetizers will be provided.

**To RSVP contact Rachel Lindeen at 319-208-0046  
or [rlindeen@greaterburlington.com](mailto:rlindeen@greaterburlington.com)**

# FRIDAY FORUMS

**Join the conversation December 16  
with Des Moines County Public  
School Superintendents**

**Greater Burlington Partnership or Virtual, 8 AM**

The Government Relations committee is excited to announce the new Friday Forums (formerly known as 'Eggs & Issues') the committee has refocused and grown the forums to include, city, county, schools, and state. Each session will inform you about hot topics regarding the community and business focused issues.

**Mark your calendars for the third Friday of the  
month October – April**

**Greater Burlington Partnership – Wineyard Room  
or virtually at 8 AM**

December 16 – Des Moines County Schools

January 20, February 17, March 17, and April 21 – State Legislators

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



**GREATER BURLINGTON  
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TO DISTRIBUTE IN JANUARY**

A big THANK YOU to all of the advertisers who help to make the guide a success!

The annual Community Guide is distributed not only to visitors, but is also used by residents, prospective employees, and potential businesses of Greater Burlington. The guide is a great resource for anyone seeking information about Greater Burlington. The guide also serves as the printed membership directory of the Chamber of Commerce. Members in good standing are featured in the guide as a benefit to membership.

A total of 30,000 guides are being printed and will be distributed all over the world during 2023. The digital version will soon be available at [GreaterBurlington.com](http://GreaterBurlington.com). In 2022, visitors spent an average of over 6 minutes viewing the guide.

## Downtown Holiday Market

December 10, 10 AM – 4 PM

### The Burlington Apartments

Downtown Burlington will be the last stop to finish off your holiday shopping with the Downtown Holiday Market!

The historic Burlington Apartments will host 40+ vendors during the Downtown Holiday Market. While Downtown, also check out the 30+ unique shops and get all of your holiday shopping complete and eat at one of the 20+ eateries and drinkeries!

## Santa's Cottage

The jolly old elf himself will be greeting visitors in Downtown Burlington on the corner of 5th and Jefferson.

There is no cost, and cameras are welcome. Creating fond memories of Downtown for families today helps build support for Downtown tomorrow.

Many thanks to Carl A. Nelson & Co., Boy Scouts Troop 3, and the DPI Design Committee for their assistance with Santa's Cottage and special thanks to the Kiwanis Club for bringing Santa to Downtown Burlington.

Santa will be in Santa's Cottage Dec 3, Dec 10, Dec 17, 11 AM - 1 PM, and Dec 8, 5 - 8 PM (during Living Windows).

Thank you to the Premier Sponsor, Addington Place of Burlington for bringing Santa and Santa's Cottage to the Downtown!



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## Living Windows

December 8, 5 – 8 PM

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Dozens of storefronts will come alive during the 20th Annual Living Windows celebration on December 8! This favorite holiday event includes lights, carolers, story readings, crafts, decorations, gingerbread houses, free horse-drawn carriage rides, ice carving and much more. Of course, Santa Claus will be on hand at his cottage in Nancy Neafie Park at Sixth Street and Jefferson Street.

Living Windows includes complimentary food and beverages at many Downtown stores. It's a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping, see friends and enjoy the holiday season.

If you would like to participate in a window, please visit [Greaterburlington.com](http://Greaterburlington.com) or contact Amy Moyner.

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## Downtown Destination Brand – Watch for Exciting News!

Downtown Burlington was selected to receive branding technical services. The selection was based upon the application submitted by Downtown Partners, Inc. to Main Street Iowa. This service, a value of \$15,000 to the local community, brought Ben Muldrow of Arnett Muldrow & Associates to Downtown Burlington.

After a week-long of charrettes with local leaders and stakeholders, Ben delivered the new Downtown Destination Brand to Downtown Partners, Inc. The Downtown Branding Committee is excited to unveil the new Downtown Destination Brand by the end of the year!

Ben Muldrow is a talented graphic artist who has been designing for over 25 years with experience in a wide variety of marketing applications. He provides community identity and branding services for communities across the United States. Ben has worked on a number of projects specializing in the development of city and neighborhood identities, wayfinding strategies, and promotional marketing material.



## Regional Partners join forces to address Natural Gas Shortage

by Jeremy Hess

Most people recognize that for Economic Development projects to have a fighting chance, there needs to be good infrastructure in place. The first things that come to mind are roads, water and sewer. Natural Gas is often overlooked, that is until there isn't enough available. This is the case for Southeast Iowa. In general, we are well served and have major pipelines in the area provided by American Natural Resources (ANR). However, we also have massive consumers of natural gas that call Southeast Iowa region their home. In fact, the Iowa Fertilizer Company is the single largest consumer of natural gas between the Mississippi River and the Permian Basin in south Texas. Couple that with large users such as Roquette in Keokuk, and Alliant Energy's generation station in south Burlington, and the region is tapped out for any future expansion requiring gas. We found that out the hard way after having to pass on multiple development projects that had zeroed in on Greater Burlington. That's a problem and it needs to be addressed.

The Greater Burlington Partnership, Lee County Economic Development Corp, SE Iowa Regional Planning, IFCo Fertilizer, and other Industries are partnering to truly get to the bottom of the problem. Because the problem is complex, these regional partners have retained both a legal firm who specializes in this particular area, Brown Winick Law, as well as HDR Engineering, who is a recognized leader in the Oil and Gas services field. We need to get our head around how much Natural Gas at high pressure we have, how much do we need to help these industries grow and expand, and then how much extra capacity we need to be able to attract new projects. And of course, how much will that cost? That's a lot of math!

The State of Iowa and Iowa Economic Development Authority Director Debi Durham are fully engaged with our regional team and are committed to helping find long term solutions. This problem won't solve itself, but we have the right team assembled to start getting answers. Stay tuned.

“Natural Gas is often overlooked, that is until there isn't enough available.”



## Slate of Nominees for Downtown Partners, Inc. Board of Directors

In accordance with Article II, Section 3 of the bylaws of Downtown Partners, Inc., owners of property in the Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District (SSMID) may, if they so choose, nominate other persons by submitting a petition to the DPI office with the signature of fifteen (15) SSMID property owners, nominating such person to such Directorship.

The Nominating Committee of Downtown Partners, Inc., met and nominated the following persons to serve a term on the Downtown Partners Board of Directors commencing January 2023.

### The Slate of Nominees:

- Suann Wells, The Beancounter Coffeehouse & Drinkery – 3 Year SSMID
- Tom Burch, Farmers & Merchants Bank & Trust – 3 Year SSMID
- Kansha Tiwari, Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission – 3 Year At- Large
- Elizabeth Pappas, Art Center of Burlington – 3 Year SSMID
- Brittany Jacobs, Burlington Public Library – 3 Year SSMID

# STEMFest

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## 5TH AND 8TH GRADE CAREER FAIRS

December 14 & 15 | Southeastern Community College

Engaging the future workforce! The Future Workforce Committee is again hosting the 5th and 8th Grade Career Fairs. It is a time to showcase your business while engaging students with hands on learning.

If your business is interested in participating in the 5th and 8th Grade Career Fairs, please contact Rachel Lindeen.



# Greater BURLINGTON Young Professionals *The Voice of the Future*

## **Lunch & Learn, Lend a Helping Hand December 1 | 12 - 1 PM**

Young Professionals are invited to a free lunch at the Greater Burlington Partnership offices to learn about some of the great resources that are available in Greater Burlington and how to get involved. Hope Haven is a non-profit organization that provides services to mentally and physically challenged persons in Southwest Iowa, and is always looking for volunteers.

Sponsored by the Hope Haven Area Development Center Corp.

## **Registration for 2023 Young Professional Membership is Open!**

The Young Professional Council has put tremendous effort into revitalizing and reimagining the Young Professional program for 2023. There has never been a better time to enroll yourself or your employees to take advantage of the many benefits included with a Young Professional membership.

### **Take a look at all of the great things planned for the new year:**

**Regional Field Trips:** Travel with us to one of our neighboring communities to explore their attractions, eateries, breweries, and experiences.

**Burlington Behind the Scenes:** We'll go behind the scenes in our local shops and factories to see how things are made right here in Greater Burlington.

These will range from soap making classes, museum tours, or even learning how to make the perfect cup of coffee.

**Networking at Night:** Social events where members can network and develop friendships. These may include trivia nights, bowling, golfing, etc.

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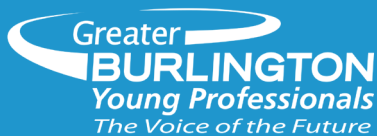
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Asbury United Methodist Church has a deep love for their community, a passion for mission and ministry, and are quick to demonstrate concern for all, which provides a tangible witness of God's love and presence in their lives. Come meet our new Pastor, Kathleen Moore.

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# December Events

November 17 – December 23  
All-Member Art Show  
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1 – Comedy Thursday  
Memorial Auditorium, 7 PM  
BurlingtonRiverfront.org

2 and 3 – Semis of Love: Toys for Tots  
Westland Mall  
Dec 2, 12 - 7 PM | Dec 3, 7 AM - 12 PM  
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2 – Friday Night Art Hop  
Art Center of Burlington, 6 - 7:30 PM  
BTownArt.com

2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11 – Lost (and Found) in Ikea  
Players Workshop Theater  
2 PM and 7:30 PM shows  
PlayersWorkshopTheater.com

3 and 4 – Holiday Craft Show  
Memorial Auditorium, 9 AM  
BurlingtonRiverfront.org

3, 10, 17 – Santa's Cottage  
5th and Jefferson, 11 AM - 1 PM  
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3 and 10 – Miracle on Jefferson Street  
Downtown Burlington, 10 AM - 4 PM  
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3 – Trivia Night  
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3 and 4 – Lessons & Carols \*

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Capitol Theater, 7:30 PM  
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

5 – Guys' Night at De Luxe Above  
De Luxe Aesthetics, 6 :30 PM  
DeluxeAestheticsAndWellness.com

6, 13, 20, 27 – Tot Tuesday \*

8 – Living Windows  
Downtown Burlington, 5 - 8 PM  
facebook.com/DowntownBurlingtonIowa

8 – Santa's Cottage  
5th and Jefferson, 5 - 8 PM  
facebook.com/DowntownBurlingtonIowa

8 – Festival of Trees  
The Burlington Apartments, 5 - 8 PM  
TheHistoricBurlington.com

9 – The Prophecy Show  
Legacy Theater, Carthage, IL, 7 PM  
TheLegacyTheater.com

10 – Downtown Holiday Market  
The Burlington Apartments, 9 AM - 3 PM  
GreaterBurlington.com

10 – 1st Annual United Methodist Holiday Bazaar \*

10 – Christmas Carols with Bel Canto Chorale  
Burlington Public Library, 10 AM  
Burlington.lib.ia.us

10 – Hollydaze Concert \*

16 – Friday Night Art Hop \*

16 – Family Night Unplugged: Hot Cocoa  
Painting Party  
Burlington Public Library, 6 PM  
Burlington.lib.ia.us

16 – Trivia Night  
Cornerstone Wedding & Event Center, 6 PM  
TheCornerstoneIA.com

16 – Ed Bassmaster  
Capitol Theater, 8:30 PM  
BburlingtonCapitolTheater.com

17 – Pint By Number: A Christmas Story Edition  
Art Center of Burlington, 5 - 9 PM  
BTownArt.com

17 – Christmas in the 615 with David Kroll  
Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 PM  
BurlCivicMusic.com

17 – Ghost of Judas  
Outpost Bar & Grill, 9 PM  
TheOutpostBarGrill.com

18 – A Cornerstone Christmas  
Cornerstone Wedding & Event Center, 1 - 4 PM  
TheCornerstoneIA.com

21 – Holiday Concert  
First United Methodist Church  
12:15 - 12:45 PM  
facebook.com/BurlingtonLunchtimeChamberMusicSeries

23 – Polar Express  
Burlington Public Library, 2 PM  
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31 – Wreckless Whiskey \*

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## LESSONS & CAROLS

December 3 and 4, 7 - 8:30 PM

Iowa Wesleyan University invites the community to celebrate the holiday season with the time-honored tradition of Lessons & Carols, a service highlighting the students of the Iowa Wesleyan Music Department and music performers within the Southeast Iowa Community.



This sacred concert service, entitled "Let My Love Be Heard," will be held live on Saturday, December 3, and Sunday, December 4 at 7 PM in the Iowa Wesleyan University Chapel Auditorium in Mount Pleasant.

Join us as we celebrate the holiday season with traditional and contemporary choral and instrumental music paired with scriptures that recount the Christmas story.

For more information visit: [IW.edu/Carols](http://IW.edu/Carols)

## TOT TUESDAYS

December 6, 13, 20, 27 | 10 - 11 AM

Cornerstone Wedding & Event Center announces Tot Tuesdays, a very special weekly event just for the little ones. With a dance party, story time, snacks and more, Tuesdays may just become your family's favorite day! Admission is \$2 per child.

For more information, follow Cornerstone Wedding & Event Center on Facebook, or visit: [TheCornerstoneIA.com](http://TheCornerstoneIA.com)

## 1ST ANNUAL UNITED METHODIST HOLIDAY BAZAAR

December 10, 9 AM - 3 PM

Join us at Asbury United Methodist Church, 2128 S Main St, for a fundraising opportunity to directly benefit our 12 local United Methodist Churches' missions and ministries. Fresh Greens, Goodies and Gifts will be provided for anyone on your Christmas list.

## HOLLYDAZE CONCERT

December 10, 3 - 5 PM

The Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra's free holiday extravaganza featuring chorus, orchestra and the audience - is back at Iowa Wesleyan University's Chapel Auditorium. Celebrate the holidays with a variety of traditional and new seasonal music.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit: [SEISO.us](http://SEISO.us)

## FRIDAY NIGHT ART HOP

December 16, 6 - 7:30 PM

Need an adult moment (or 90 of them)? Kids enjoy an art project, snack, and a story for just \$10 every first and third Friday at the Art Center - and adult caregivers enjoy a grown-up time out!

For more information, follow the Art Center of Burlington on Facebook or visit: [BTownArt.com](http://BTownArt.com)

## WRECKLESS WHISKEY UNPLUGGED

December 31, 10 PM - January 1, 1 AM

Country music fans, grab your dancing boots and head to the Boogaloo this New Year's Eve! Central Illinois' hottest country cover band, Wreckless Whiskey, is ready to entertain you with music from artists like Luke Bryan, Jason Aldean, Luke Combs, and other top country artists. Age 21 and over; no cover.

For more information, follow The Boogaloo on Facebook or visit: [FunCityResort.com](http://FunCityResort.com)

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