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# PARTNERSHIP





## Advocacy a Top Priority

by Della Schmidt

The Greater Burlington Partnership is committed to advocating at all levels of government as the voice of business for Des Moines County. Each year, the Partnership adopts a Public Policy Agenda featuring legislative priorities that have been created with the mission of each of the four Partnership entities in mind.

While all the policy positions included in the Partnership's 2022 Public Policy Agenda are important, the Partnership will focus on the following four priorities, listed in no particular order:

- **Workforce & Education:** The future lies with those that are being educated today. Strong relationships between school districts, community colleges, and employers are vital to Greater Burlington's quality of life, as well as a critical attractor of business to the community. The Partnership supports policies that enhance access to quality education and skills development opportunities for pre-kindergarten to adult learners.
- **Talent Attraction:** Workforce needs can only be met through attracting people to Des Moines County. The Partnership supports legislative policies that will aid in growing the population and attracting the talent needed to fill open jobs in Greater Burlington.
- **Housing:** Expanding efforts to address workforce housing shortages. Iowa must be proactive in providing a diverse array of housing options for the attraction of talent. Incentives to defray the development costs for new housing, redevelopment of existing housing and revitalized neighborhoods could provide the needed investments.
- **Infrastructure:** Continued support for broadband, roads, bridges, rail, rivers, waterway, and sewer in Des Moines County. Transit systems are key for economic development and growth. The completion of Highway 61 and Highway 34 into a four-lane highway is vital for Greater Burlington. We support long-term planning and innovative funding mechanisms and delivery methods.

Local, state, and federal elected officials play a significant role in shaping the environment in which businesses operate. The Partnership staff and Government Relations Committee work to ensure that elected officials are aware of the priorities contained within the annual Public Policy Agenda. In addition to direct interactions with legislators, this work is carried out through vehicles such as the Eggs 'n Issues events, Southeast Iowa Days at the Iowa State Capitol, and the Washington D.C. fly-in.

**TO VIEW THE ENTIRE SIX-PAGE PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA VISIT [GREATERBURLINGTON.COM](http://GREATERBURLINGTON.COM).**



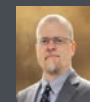
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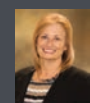
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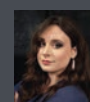
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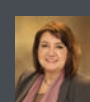
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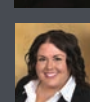
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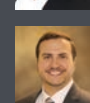
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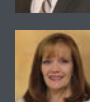
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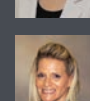
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# ON THE COVER

*Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors*

The Chamber of Commerce Ambassador committee serves as the goodwill arm of the Chamber 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 and its benefits to the general business community. Meetings are at 8 AM on the second Thursday of each month. Contact Cindy Henry for more information or to join the Ambassadors.

**Pictured left to right, front to back:** Deb Fowler, Century 21 Property Professionals; Dominique Cornick, L.J. Roth Restoration Service; Dee Dee Foster McAlister, NANA & ME; Crystal Cole, Two Rivers Bank & Trust; Jordan Springsteen, Two Rivers Bank & Trust; Brenda Wischmeier,

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**Not pictured:** Brock Anderson, Hope Haven Area Development Center Corp.; Julie Andrews, Allstate Insurance; Zane Armstrong, Farmers & Merchants Bank & Trust; Amy Burkhart, Titan Broadcasting & Digital Group; Ashlee Darley, The Views of Burlington; Shauna Freitag, Southeast Iowa Regional Home Health & Hospice; Brent Hartley, MidwestOne Bank; Brandon McCracken, Pilot Grove Savings Bank; Jennifer McMillan, World Insurance; Leah Prall, Century 21 Property Professionals; Delaney Richards, Restore RX at The Spa Catfish Bend Casino; Stephani Smith, Stephani + Co. Consulting; Cody VanFleet, World Insurance

# Greater Burlington Leadership Announces Group Project



## The 2021 - 2022 Greater Burlington Leadership Class Announces Group Project

Annually, participants of Greater Burlington Leadership are tasked with working as a group to provide a project that will improve the community and make an impact on others, while learning to work as a team, broaden their network, delegate, manage conflict, and speak in public. Members of the 2021 - 2022 Burlington Leadership Class are excited to announce their group project! They will be raising money for a 'Welcome to Burlington' mural. Public art helps bring culture and a vibrant welcome to the community. The mural will be located on the side of a building on Court Street, between Main and Front Streets. Stay tuned for more details on how you can participate.



For more information, contact [leadership@greaterburlington.com](mailto:leadership@greaterburlington.com).

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# The Best is Yet to Come

## NEW DATE: FEBRUARY 18

**What:** The theme for this year's Annual Dinner is "The Best is Yet to Come". Grab your business attire and join your fellow Chamber of Commerce members in celebrating the winners of several prestigious community awards, remembering the many great accomplishments of 2021, and reminding us all that the best is yet to come. In addition to a delicious dinner and drinks, there will be a live auction, a silent auction, and themed raffle baskets for you to enjoy.

**When:** February 18

Doors open at 5:30 PM, with appetizers and drinks beginning at 6 PM.

**Where:** Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center,  
3001 Winegard Dr

To Reserve a table, half table, or individual tickets, contact Cindy Henry.

## Eggs & Issues - February 18 at 8 AM

Attendees will hear from elected officials as they discuss the hot topics for the upcoming Legislative session in Des Moines. Join the conversation in person at the Greater Burlington Partnership or via Zoom.

Watch your inbox for additional details.

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## SUPPORT LOCAL EATERIES AND DRINKERIES!

Stay tuned for exciting offers and events at the local eateries + drinkeries in Downtown Burlington! You never know where Downtown Partners will be next!

**Eat, Drink + Shop Local**

# Kick off your Valentine's Day weekend by shopping for the perfect gift in Downtown Burlington!



**Shop for the perfect gift in Downtown Burlington!**  
**Shoppers can enjoy sweetheart specials from local businesses.**  
**Watch for details to come.**

*And celebrate in one of your favorite Downtown eateries and drinkeries!*

[Check out participating retailers on Downtown Burlington Iowa Facebook Page.](#)

## Preparing for Downtown Construction Guide

On November 10 & 11, Downtown Partners, Inc. presented a 2-day session on "Surviving Construction" to support building and business owners in the Downtown district. With support from the City of Burlington, DPI was able to host Jay Schlinsog and Robin Bostrom from Main Street Iowa to facilitate round tables, peer discussions and consultations regarding the streetscape project.

A customized version of "Preparing for Construction Guide", outlining ideas and proposed implementation activities were delivered and will be utilized in the Downtown District.

**The guide can be found at [Greater Burlington.com](http://GreaterBurlington.com).**

*For more information, please contact  
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### A VERY VINTAGE MARKET

Vendor applications for A Very Vintage Market are now online. Follow the A Very Vintage Market Facebook page for news about the event.

## JEFFERSON ST FARMERS MARKET



Downtown Partners is looking forward to the 2022 season of the Jefferson St Farmers Market!

The market will take place on Jefferson Street on Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 PM beginning May 6.

Follow the Jefferson Street Farmers Market Facebook page for news about the weekly market. Vendor applications available online.

# UPDATE ON CURRENT ISSUES AND THEIR IMPACT ON BUSINESS

**PRESENTED BY: JOHN KIRCHNER**

Executive Director, Midwest Region Congressional and  
Public Affairs Division, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

# Success in BUSINESS

DISCOVER NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES



John Kirchner  
Executive Director, Midwest  
Region Congressional and  
Public Affairs Division, U.S.  
Chamber of Commerce

**When:** February 23, 12 - 1 PM

**Cost:** FREE benefit of Chamber of Commerce membership

**Where:** Virtual Auditorium

**Target Audience:** Anyone whose role includes public policy or who is interested in politics and policy.

**Summary of Presentation:** John Kirchner will be providing an update on key legislative priorities and actions that are happening in Washington, DC and how those issues will affect your business.

**Key Objectives:**

- Awareness of what issues Congress is working on and how it will affect your business
- Action items for you and your business on how to influence the policies that Congress is working on
- For those not currently engaged in policy, a good introduction on what's happening and why they should be more engaged

**ABOUT John Kirchner:** John Kirchner represents chambers throughout the states of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Kirchner helps develop and implement the chamber's grassroots, legislative, and political activities in the area. In addition, he works closely with state and local chambers, as well as with members of Congress in his region to further the legislative priorities of the Chamber.

\* *More information and registration at [GreaterBurlington.com](http://GreaterBurlington.com).*

## TIGER Grant Update . . .

The City of Burlington was awarded a \$17.5 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant in 2018, with plans to use the money to revamp the Riverfront and Main and Jefferson Streets in the Downtown District due to the flood mitigation and sewer separation project. Work on the 800 block of Jefferson Street has finished for the winter and the road will be reopening. Boat ramps are being poured, boring for watermain and sanitary sewer connection on Front and Jefferson Streets, and parking lot reconstruction on the riverfront will continue through the winter.

**Follow the most recent updates at:  
[GreaterBurlington.com/TigerGrant](http://GreaterBurlington.com/TigerGrant)**

JOIN US AFTER WORK



# BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Burlington Riverfront Entertainment  
Memorial Auditorium  
February 10, 5 - 7 PM

**Enjoy music by Eric Pettit Lion and fun surprises!**

Join us with your co-workers to build your network at Business After Hours and grow your business!



## SCHEDULING Business After Hours for 2023!

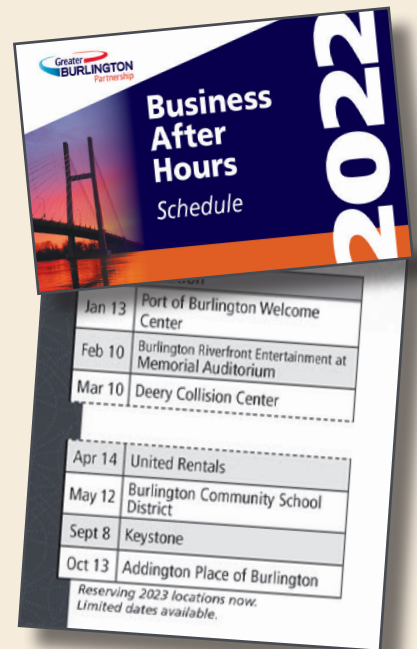
Because of interest and to be able to promote the event in advance, businesses can reserve a spot now to host Business After Hours next year.

Available 2023 dates: January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, September 14, October 12

**Contact Cindy Henry for more information or to reserve a spot.**

## New 2022 Business After Hours Schedule Available

Contact the Greater Burlington Partnership if you would like cards mailed to your business.





## Southeast Iowa STEMFest

The Greater Burlington Partnership, with the STEM Hub and regional partners, are partnering with local community leaders and educators to host an engaging festival to expose students to the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Exhibitors from throughout the region will spark student and parent interest with hands-on learning activities ranging from robotics and healthcare simulations to magnetism and wind energy. This free, hands-on event is open to preK-12 children and their families.

March 11 for High School Students / March 12 for the Public



## 5th and 8th Grade Career Fairs

March 14 & 15 at 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.

# Connect with your future workforce at STEM Fest!

## NEW FORMAT: 2 Day Event:

Friday, March 11, 8:30 - 11:00  
High School students

Saturday, March 12, 10 am - 1 pm  
Fun for the entire family!

at SCC West Burlington Campus




Showcase your company to students and parents!

Event presented by:







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



# GAP MYTHBUSTERS

**Myth:** The Chamber of Commerce is a division of the City and funded by tax dollars.

**Busted:** The Chamber of Commerce is a private, nonprofit, 501c6. The Chamber of Commerce is an organization of businesses seeking to further their collective interests, while advancing their region. They operate under the direction of a board of directors who are elected by the membership.

As a non-governmental institution, a chamber of commerce has no direct role in the writing and passage of laws and regulations that affect businesses. It may, however, lobby in an attempt to get laws passed that are favorable to businesses.

**Myth:** The Chamber of Commerce is part of the Better Business Bureau.

**Busted:** Under the private, volunteer membership model, which exists in the USA and many other nations, companies are not obligated to become chamber members. Chambers do not operate in the same manner as a Better Business Bureau or trade association, which can bind its members under a formal operations doctrine (and thus can remove them). Businesses and other employers pay dues to belong and expect to receive the benefits of membership as long as they continue to invest in the organization.

**Myth:** The Chamber of Commerce in Greater Burlington is the same as the Chamber of Commerce in Fort Madison, Mount Pleasant, Des Moines or New York City. If I belong to one of them that's all I need to belong to.

**Busted:** There is no inherent hierarchical structure in the Chamber of Commerce world. While each organization uses the same name, they are not connected. Each Chamber of Commerce has the ability to set their own programs, benefits, services and investment structure. In Southeast Iowa, each Chamber of Commerce serves a different geographical territory. If you do business in Des Moines County you can join the Burlington/West Burlington area Chamber of Commerce.

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## Upcoming YP Events

### Lunch & Learn - February 17 The Mainstreet Program & Downtown Updates Greater Burlington Partnership, 12 PM

Young Professionals are invited for lunch at the Art Center of Burlington for a presentation by Amy Moyner on The Main Street Program!

Learn more about what The Main Street Program is, and get details on Downtown events, the TIGER Project, and upcoming developments in the downtown area.

Catered by Dillon's BBQ.

*For more information or to RSVP, contact Mac Holford.*

Find more details about upcoming events in The Voice, the Young Professionals eNewsletter, or on the Facebook Group page by using the QR code, or email Mac Holford.



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## YP SPOTLIGHT Colten Tennison

Employer: Farm Bureau Financial Services

YP Member: 1.5 years

**Why did you join YP?** After moving to the Burlington area, I knew that I wanted to expand my network and meet other business professionals my age. Fortunately, I knew a few people that had connections to YP.

**Which community organizations/events do you volunteer for?** I am a part of the worship team for Harmony Bible Church.

**What do you enjoy most about Greater Burlington?** I really enjoy how much of a "small town" feel Burlington has, while still being a larger city for Iowa. I grew up in the Des Moines area, where it was very unlikely to run into people you know. That is definitely not the case here!

**Share one thing about yourself that makes you stand out from other YP members.** I was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes when I was a child. While maintaining a somewhat restricted diet and taking insulin injections for the majority of my life, I still enjoy staying active by playing disc golf at Dankwardt Park and participating in Tough Mudders.

### Greater Burlington Young Professionals

A professional and social group for individuals between the ages of 21 - 40.

### Thinking of joining YP?

Email [youngprofessionals@greaterburlington.com](mailto:youngprofessionals@greaterburlington.com) for more information.

# 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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## The Local Reserve

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Stephani Smith, CEO, [stephani@thelocalreserve.com](mailto:stephani@thelocalreserve.com)

The Local Reserve is an ultra-innovative, high energy, multi-media team that specializes in 21st century marketing communications from websites to TV streaming productions. Their solutions are designed to maximize growth opportunities for local businesses and manufacturing facilities. They are NOT your ordinary marketing company!

## Mae's Formals

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### SCC Auto Technology Program Earns Re-Accreditation

The automotive technology program at Southeastern Community College earned re-accreditation for Master Automobile Service Technology. This accreditation is the highest level of program accreditation recognized by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

Dr. Ashlee Spannagel, Dean of Career and Technical Education, says this re-accreditation affirms the high quality of SCC's automotive technology program. "Our students are able to earn ASE credentials because of the level of qualified faculty, our exceptional coursework, and the equipment used for training."

Automotive Technology Assistant Professor Wes Carpenter says that earning a certificate or degree from an ASE accredited program ensures that students graduate with the skills area industry partners want from their employees. "Employers look for someone with an ASE certification," he said. "It means that person knows their stuff and can perform quality work." The accreditation is active through December 2026.

### Hope Haven Area Development Center Corp Names New Chief Executive Officer

We are pleased to announce that the Hope Haven Area Development Center has selected Cheryl Plank to serve as their CEO, effective January 11, 2022.

Prior to joining Hope Haven, Plank served as CEO at Vision 20/20 in Muscatine, Iowa. At Vision 20/20 Plank advocated for and supported human services in the Muscatine community, impacting the lives of individuals with disabilities, seniors, and the homeless. Plank has years of experience in human services also serving as CEO at Tenco Industries and VP of Programs and Services at Lutheran Services in Iowa. Plank has been an active member and leader with the Iowa Association of Community Providers, most recently being on the Board of Directors.

Plank holds a BA in Sociology from Iowa Wesleyan College and a Master of Public Administration from Drake University.



### ITC Midwest Continues Greater Burlington Community Support

After providing support during the pandemic to area food pantries and later to members providing mental health and substance abuse services, ITC Midwest once again collaborated with the Chamber of Commerce to support the community. The Chamber identified community projects in development by various members to benefit the greater Burlington community. The Chamber then submitted grant requests for a few different projects. One of those projects was selected and approved. As a result, ITC Midwest will be presenting the Burlington Area YMCA with \$2,500 towards installation costs of an ADA accessible handicap ramp leading to the lodge at Camp McBride. The Burlington Area YMCA Camp McBride offers programs that strengthens families, encourages healthy living and social responsibility.

Area youth are afforded the opportunity to develop personal and interpersonal skills in a fun, highly interactive, unique, and safe camping, and retreat experience. Camp activities are available to people of all ages and include group or solitary access to water sports, hiking, and wildlife to the surrounding communities. Gina Crabtree, Chief Executive Office responded to the news, "I am so grateful that ITC Midwest selected The Burlington Area YMCA to receive \$2,500 in funding to go towards the installation of a handicap accessible ramp leading up to our YMCA Camp McBride lodge. I really appreciate their support in allowing us to better serve all people and making a meaningful impact in our community."



# FEBRUARY

## Events

**2**  
Tango Argentina  
Memorial Auditorium  
7:30 PM  
BurlCivicMusic.org

**3**  
Night Hike & Owl Prowl  
Starr's Cave Nature Center  
7 PM  
DMCConservation.com

**10**  
Business After Hours  
Burlington Riverfront Entertainment  
5 - 7 PM  
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

**17**  
YP 505 Social, Mainstreet Program &  
Downtown Updates  
12 PM  
GreaterBurlington.com

**17**  
Night Hike & Owl Prowl #2  
Starr's Cave Nature Center  
7 PM  
DMCConservation.com

**18**  
Eggs & Issues  
Greater Burlington Partnership  
8 - 9 AM, Zoom Optional  
GreaterBurlington.com

**18**  
Annual Dinner, The Best is Yet to Come  
Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center  
6 PM  
GreaterBurlington.com

**23**  
Success in Business Seminar  
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Virtual 12 PM  
GreaterBurlington.com

**24**  
Night Hike & Owl Prowl #3  
Starr's Cave Nature Center  
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## Girl Scouts Have Kicked Off the 2022 Girl Scout Cookie Season

Girl Scouts have kicked off the 2022 Girl Scout Cookie Season in eastern Iowa and western Illinois. Purchase your favorite cookies online and in person. Try the new Adventurefuls, an indulgent brownie-inspired cookie with caramel-flavored crème and a hint of sea salt.

Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, girls also get a taste of being entrepreneurs and learn important online and offline business skills that set them up for success in life. In 2022, Girl Scouts will have many opportunities to sell cookies in different ways, through the digital cookie platform, in person, and Cookie Booths. Beginning February 18, cookie orders will arrive and Cookie Booths will begin again. If you know a Girl Scout, ask how she's selling cookies! If you do not know a Girl Scout, visit [GirlScoutsToday.org](http://GirlScoutsToday.org). A digital map is available for customers to select a nearby troop to order cookies online. Traditional Girl Scout Cookie flavors are \$5/package and the gluten-free Toffee-tastics are \$6/package.

## Night Hike & Owl Prowl February 3, 7 - 8:30 PM

### Night Hike & Owl Prowl No. 2, February 17 Night Hike & Owl Prowl No. 3, February 24

Join Des Moines County Conservation and Starr's Cave Nature Center for a fun family night hike and prowl for owls! The program includes a short presentation from Des Moines County Conservation Naturalist and a 2-mile hike; participants will learn to call for barred owls - and hopefully get to hear and perhaps see the owls respond.

Registration is required; to register, call the Nature Center at 319-753-5808.

For more information, visit [dmconconservation.com](http://dmconconservation.com) or follow Starr's Cave Nature Center on Facebook.

## New Bridal & Formal Boutique

Mae's Formals is now open! It's a perfect time with winter formals and Prom right around the corner! Visit them to see top designer Prom gowns featuring Ellie Widle, Colette, Amarra, Dave & Johnny, Scala, Rachel Allen & Jovani!

Top designer bridal gowns from Maggie Sottero, Rebecca Ingram and Augusta Jones! Bridesmaids by Kenneth Winston and Bill Levoff! Little girls from Amalee! Women's gowns by Camron Blake & Lavaletta! Tux & Suit rentals by Jim Formal Wear and Geno's Formal Wear! Accessories by Ariel Taub and much more! Mentions Maes22 for 15% off through February!

## Community Foundation Grant Applications

### Open January 18

The 2022 Grant applications for the Community Foundation of Des Moines County funds will open on January 18. The applications can be downloaded from the Community Foundation of Des Moines County website: [CFDMC.org/grants](http://CFDMC.org/grants). Each approved Grant will be awarded between \$500 - \$2500. Completed applications are due on March 1. Recipients of 2022 CFDMC Grants will be notified by March 18.

If your non-profit organization was a 2021 recipient of a CFDMC grant, you are required to submit a completed Grant Report by March 1. Your organization will not be eligible for a 2022 Grant if a Grant Report has not been received.

Please visit our website for more details:  
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# 2022 Downtown OPEN 4 BUSINESS COMPETITION

With Main Street Iowa and the Iowa Economic Development Authority, Downtown Partners presents the Open 4 Business competition for a for-profit business located in the Main Street district. Each of the state's Main Street organizations can nominate one business.

If you have been in business since March 31, 2021 and are either currently or planning to be located in Downtown Burlington, you qualify!

The complete application and accompanying video must be submitted by March 1. Downtown Partners will choose a contestant for the May 26 semifinal judging to compete for a chance at \$8,000. The five state finalists will then present their ideas in a statewide contest for up to an additional \$20,000 in funding.

Contact Amy Moyner for more information.

To apply for the Open 4 Business competition,  
 visit [GreaterBurlington.com](http://GreaterBurlington.com).



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