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President & CEO's Letter



Dear Members and Friends,

February is a month centered on connection, when love is often top of mind. At the Greater Burlington Partnership, we talk frequently about place, but at its core, strengthening place is really about how we care for one another and the community we call home. It is about the business of community love.

Community love is not sentimental. It is strategic. It shows up in the decisions businesses make to invest locally, in employers who prioritize their people, and in partnerships that move our region forward. Communities that thrive are those where people feel connected, valued, and

confident in the future. They are places where people believe they belong and believe tomorrow can be better than today. That sense of belonging does not happen by accident. It is built through intentional collaboration and shared commitment.

Place matters because it directly impacts economic success. Businesses grow where talent wants to live. Workers stay where quality of life is strong. Families choose communities that offer opportunity, affordability, safety, and connection. In Greater Burlington, our place is shaped by vibrant downtowns, strong local employers, accessible amenities, and a deep-rooted spirit of cooperation between the public and private sectors that sets our region apart.

The business of community love also means investing beyond the balance sheet. Supporting housing, childcare, workforce development, education, and infrastructure is an investment in people and potential. These efforts create stability for employers and opportunity for individuals. When businesses and communities grow together, they create momentum that lasts for generations.

At GBP, our role is to connect people and ideas to build momentum. Through economic development, advocacy, tourism, and workforce initiatives, we work to ensure Greater Burlington remains a place people choose not just to locate a business, but to raise families, pursue careers, and build meaningful lives.

This February, we invite you to reflect on what makes you proud to call Greater Burlington home and how each of us contributes to strengthening the place we love. When we invest in community, we are not just doing good. We are doing good business. And together, we are shaping a future worth staying for.

When we lead with purpose and partnership, the possibilities are endless.

Thank you for being a part of what comes next.

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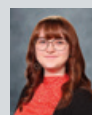
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ON THE COVER

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The Greater Burlington Partnership is involved in public policy through the volunteers of the Government Relations Committee. Each year, the committee drafts a public policy agenda based on the results of surveys and other feedback from Chamber of Commerce members. During the Iowa legislative session, the committee hosts monthly Friday Forums. These sessions are a forum for Chamber of Commerce members to hear from area representatives.

The committee also leads two regional lobbying trips, Southeast Iowa Days - one to Des Moines and one to Washington, D.C. During these events, attendees advocate on policy issues and projects important to all of Southeast Iowa. Locally, the Government Relations Committee also moderates candidate forums for local elections, providing an opportunity for voters to know where candidates stand on important issues.

The volunteers on the committee help express the business perspective on important issues at the local, state, and national level.

Committee members pictured left to right:

Eva Castillo, Hope Haven, A Division of Imagine the Possibilities, Inc.

Brandon Orth, MidWestOne Bank

Bryan Bross, Klingner and Associates, P.C.

Todd Chelf, Great River Health

Chad Bird, City of Burlington

Not pictured:

Cory Johnson, Burlington Community School District

Michaele Niehaus, Burlington Community School District

Chad Palmer, Energyefficient Systems, Inc.

Sara Sandburg, Southeast Iowa Regional Airport Authority

Greater Burlington Partnership and Great River Health Partner to Expand Flint Ridge Business Park

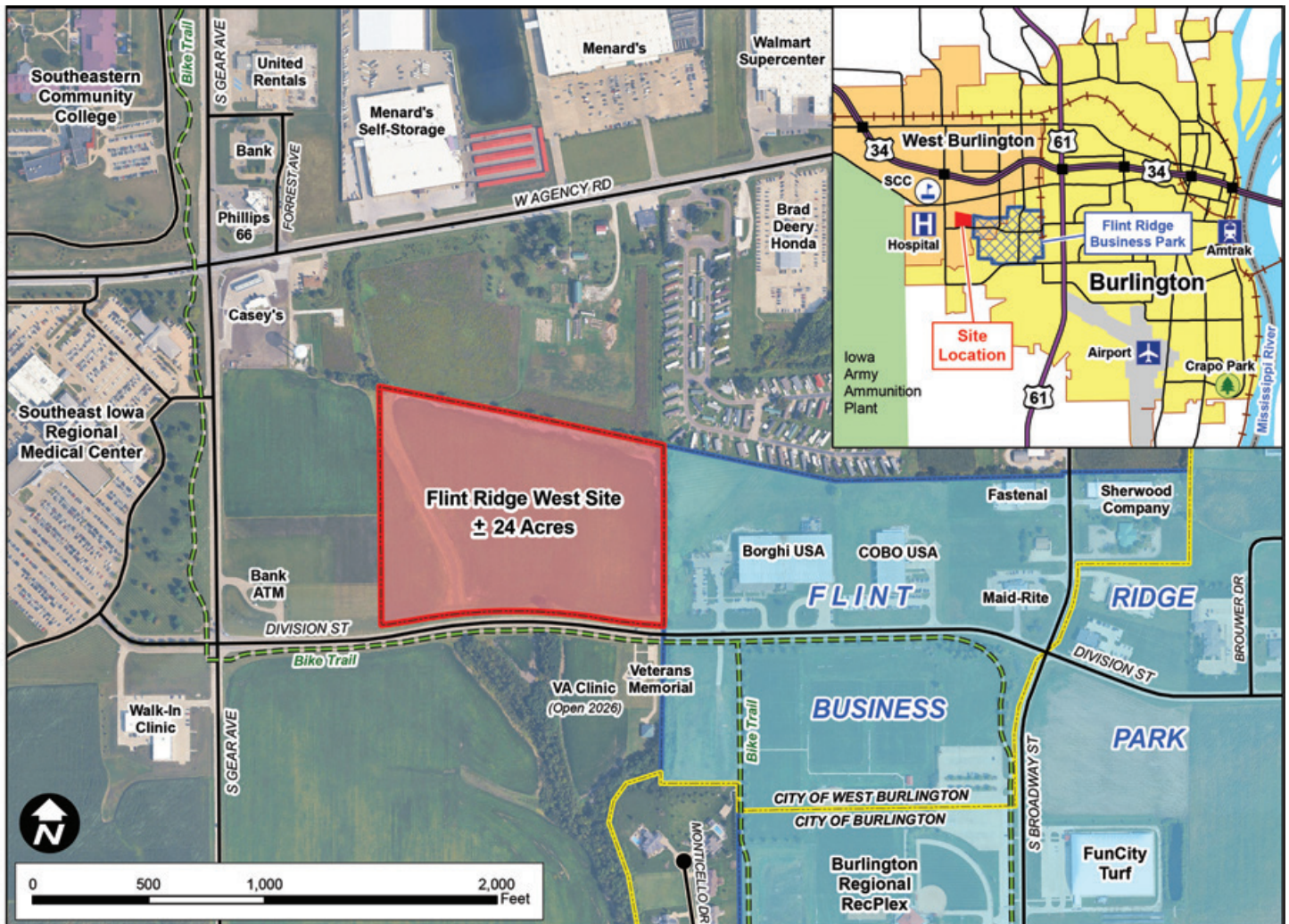
Last month, the Greater Burlington Partnership and Great River Health announced a collaboration to expand the Flint Ridge Business Park. Through this partnership, Great River Health has agreed to list 24 acres adjacent to the business park with GBP's commercial broker, paving the way for the largest expansion of the business park since it was developed.

The park, with ready-to-use utilities and infrastructure, has been a key driver of job creation and investment in the region. By making this property available, Great River Health is contributing to the park's growth while aligning with its mission to support community health and prosperity. "Grow Greater Burlington is thrilled to partner with Great River Health on this exciting expansion," said Taylor Collins, Executive Director of Economic Development and President of the Flint Ridge Business Park Association. "This collaboration not only enhances our ability to attract new businesses but lays the groundwork for continued growth of our communities' tax base. We're grateful for Great River Health's commitment to the community they serve in making this land available for development."

"This partnership is a natural fit for us," said Dr. Michael McCoy, President & CEO of Great River Health. "At Great River Health, we're dedicated to improving the health and vitality of Southeast Iowa—not just through medical care, but by supporting initiatives that drive economic stability and growth."

The 24-acre site will be the largest available site in Grow Greater Burlington's portfolio, enabling the attraction of businesses ranging from light industrial to commercial. Interested parties are encouraged to contact GBP for more details on available sites and development opportunities.

For more information about the Flint Ridge Business Park visit GreaterBurlington.com.





Reviving a Burlington Landmark: The Ongoing Restoration of Apollo Middle School

Perched atop the west hill bluff overlooking downtown Burlington, the majestic Apollo School has stood as a sentinel of the city's educational heritage for over a century. Opening in 1910 as Burlington High School, this three-story Classical Revival gem—listed on the National Register of Historic Places—later became Apollo Middle School and, until the early 2000s, housed the district's alternative school.

For years, the vacant building suffered vandalism, water damage, and the looming threat of demolition. That changed in 2024 when eastern Iowa developer Chris Ales purchased the property and launched a \$20 million adaptive-reuse project to transform it into 45 affordable one and two-bedroom apartments, primarily for seniors and low-income residents.

After securing critical state and federal tax credits, construction began in spring 2025. Current work focuses on stabilizing the structure: sealing the long-leaking auditorium skylight, repairing masonry, and fixing drainage issues that have plagued the building for decades. Throughout the process, historic features like the large original windows, dual gymnasiums, and the grand auditorium will be preserved and repurposed.

Supported by the City of Burlington and regional partners, the project is now on track for completion in September 2026.

Once a ghost of Burlington's past, Apollo Middle School is being reborn as a vibrant community asset. Its halls, once filled with the energy of generations of students, will soon welcome new residents—proof that history and hope can build a stronger future together.



MARKETING MASTERS

5 MARKETING MOVES FOR 2026

Five Marketing Moves Every Local Business Should Prioritize in 2026

Simple, smart strategies to stay visible, relevant and connected in the year ahead

As 2026 gets underway, many businesses are asking the same question: what marketing actually works right now? The good news is that effective marketing does not require chasing every trend or adopting complicated new tools. Instead, the most successful local businesses are focusing on a few core strategies and executing them consistently.

Here are five marketing moves worth prioritizing this year.

1. Get clear about who you are talking to.

Before posting online or launching a campaign, take a step back and define your audience. Who are your ideal customers? What do they need and how do they prefer to hear from you? Clear messaging resonates more than broad, one-size-fits-all promotion and it saves time and resources.

2. Focus on consistency, not volume.

Marketing works best when it is steady. Rather than posting everywhere or running frequent promotions, choose a few channels you can manage well, such as email, social media or in-store signage, and show up regularly. Familiarity builds trust and trust drives decisions.

3. Use your everyday work as content.

You do not need a polished campaign to tell a good story. New hires, customer milestones, behind-the-scenes moments and community involvement all make meaningful marketing content. These authentic snapshots help customers connect with the people behind the business.

4. Think local and collaborative.

Local partnerships can strengthen your marketing. Cross-promotions and shared events allow you to showcase what makes your business unique while being part of a larger experience. In your messaging, focus on the value customers receive, whether it is a special event, a seasonal offering or a collaborative experience. Businesses that confidently highlight their role within the community build stronger connections and lasting trust.

5. Make it easy to find and choose you.

Up-to-date hours of operation, contact information, clear services, recent photos and current reviews all matter. A quick refresh of your website, Google listing or social profiles can make a big difference in how customers experience your brand.

Marketing in 2026 does not have to be complicated. With clarity, consistency and a strong connection to the community, local businesses can stay top of mind and continue building lasting relationships.

For more ideas, resources and opportunities to connect with other local businesses, the Greater Burlington Partnership is here to help.

PREPARE TO STEP INTO SUMMER _____ IN DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON _____



JEFFERSON ST. FARMERS MARKET



Jefferson Street Farmers Market Gears Up for Another Season Downtown

Downtown Burlington is preparing to welcome back one of its most beloved summer traditions as the Jefferson Street Farmers Market readies for another exciting season. Vendor applications for the upcoming market season will be opening soon, offering growers, makers, bakers, and creatives the opportunity to be part of a weekly community favorite.

Running from May through September, the Jefferson Street Farmers Market brings consistent energy to Downtown Burlington with fresh produce, baked goods, handmade items, live music, and the vibrant atmosphere that defines summer evenings on Jefferson Street. Each week, the market draws residents and visitors alike to shop local, connect with neighbors, and experience the heart of Downtown.

Both returning and new vendors are encouraged to apply and take advantage of this high-visibility opportunity to grow their business and connect with loyal customers. Applications are now available at GreaterBurlington.com, so don't miss your chance to showcase your goods at one of the area's favorite weekly events. Stay connected and follow the Jefferson Street Farmers Market Facebook page for exciting updates and announcements.



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Vintage Market

DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON

A Very Vintage Market Prepares to Welcome Vendors for a Signature Downtown Event



One of Downtown Burlington's most anticipated shopping events is returning this summer, and vendor applications will be opening soon for the A Very Vintage Market. Held annually in Downtown Burlington, A Very Vintage Market transforms the district into a treasure hunter's paradise, attracting thousands of shoppers from across the region. Vendors showcase curated vintage finds, repurposed goods, original art, antiques, and handcrafted items, creating a one of a kind shopping experience that has become a summer tradition.

This signature event celebrates creativity, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship, making it an ideal opportunity for vendors looking to expand their reach and connect with an enthusiastic audience. Applications will be available soon at GreaterBurlington.com, with updates shared through the A Very Vintage Market Facebook page.

Vendors interested in being part of this can't-miss Downtown event are encouraged to apply early. Apply online today and follow the A Very Vintage Market Facebook page for updates and details about this can't-miss event. A Very Vintage Market continues to highlight what makes Downtown Burlington a destination for shopping, creativity, and community.

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Putters ready and creativity encouraged! Downtown Burlington invites the community to tee off for a playful, purpose-driven day at the Mini Golf Challenge on March 6 at Burlington Black Water Mini Golf. This one-of-a-kind event brings together friendly competition, over-the-top team spirit, and community pride—all while supporting the ongoing efforts that keep Downtown Burlington vibrant and thriving. Teams will putt their way through creative, unique holes designed to deliver fun for golfers of every skill level.

Participants are encouraged to lean into the excitement with bold team names, themed outfits, and plenty of personality. Whether teams are chasing a hole-in-one or simply playing for the laughs, the Mini Golf Challenge offers a lighthearted way to connect with friends, coworkers, family, and neighbors—while giving back to Downtown.

Spots are filling quickly, so teams are encouraged to register soon. Gather your crew, bring your competitive spirit, and get ready to play for a great cause. The challenge is officially on!

To participate, register online or contact Melissa Jones at mjones@greaterburlington.com for more information.



DOWNTOWN DEETS | MARCH 30

IS YOUR BUSINESS READY TO TRANSITION?

Business owners spend years focused on daily operations and long term growth, but often put off planning for what comes next. Whether retirement is on the horizon or life brings an unexpected change, having a transition plan in place is essential.

This Downtown Deets professional training session is designed to help business owners prepare for a successful next chapter. Participants will explore options for selling, closing, or passing their business to a successor while gaining practical insight into how to prepare both the business and themselves for a smooth transition.

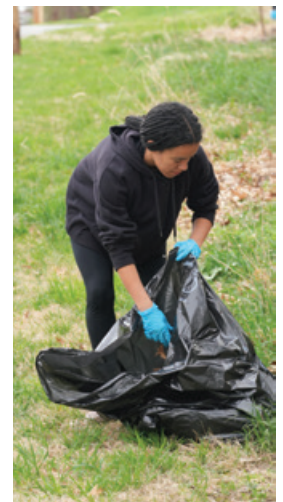
The session includes guided discussion along with hands on materials and worksheets to help participants begin building a clear and confident exit plan.

EARTH DAY COMMUNITY CLEANUP BRINGS BURLINGTON TOGETHER | APRIL 19

Burlington residents are invited to roll up their sleeves and come together for the annual Earth Day Community Cleanup on April 19 at the Port of Burlington, located at 400 N Front Street. Hosted by the Keep Burlington Beautiful Committee, this free, family friendly event unites volunteers of all ages in a shared mission to care for the planet, preserve Burlington's natural beauty, and support a more sustainable future. Individuals, families, businesses, and organizations are all encouraged to take part in cleanup efforts across the community.

Registration will take place from 8 to 9 AM at the Port of Burlington, with cleanup activities following throughout the morning. Volunteers are invited to return to the Port beginning at 11 AM for a light lunch provided as a thank you for their efforts.

The Earth Day Community Cleanup is a meaningful way to give back, connect with neighbors, and make a visible impact on the places that make Burlington special. Community members are encouraged to follow the Keep Burlington Beautiful Facebook page for event updates, volunteer details, and additional information.



MEET AMANDA GREENHALGE

Amanda is excited and thankful for the opportunity to work as an intern for the Greater Burlington Partnership (GBP). She is currently studying Business Office Management at Southeastern Community College and expects to graduate in spring of 2027. She has worked in Burlington throughout the years and is excited for the opportunity to be a part of keeping that “Burlington” spirit alive. Working with the staff at GBP has already been a wonderful experience, and she looks forward to helping continue the legacy of their commitment to the Greater Burlington area.

Amanda grew up in Dallas City (just a hop over the river) and lives there with her husband and three children. In addition to spending time with her family, Amanda enjoys leading worship at her local church, and volunteering in children’s ministry and in youth sports organizations.



The Destination: Greater Burlington Podcast

Introducing Destination: Greater Burlington, the new podcast from the Greater Burlington Partnership aimed at highlighting the businesses and attractions that make Greater Burlington a must-visit for travelers each year.

Catch the latest episodes on all major podcast platforms!

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D.C. Summit
May 19 and 20, 2026

Watch for more information to come.



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LEADER LAB

Update



Leader Lab January Session Highlights

The Greater Burlington Partnership's Leader Lab cohort continued its leadership journey in January with a deep dive into Principle 3: Growth. During this session, participants examined their natural leadership styles and discussed when assertiveness is most effective in different workplace situations. Guided by Dr. Kim Hoogeveen's leadership framework, the group explored how strong leadership requires a balance of coaching and "parenting" skills, along with the psychology behind praise, accountability, and mentorship. Participants also completed a hands-on activity in which they evaluated hypothetical employees against performance standards and began developing clear action plans, including how to deliver constructive conversations and support employees who are not meeting expectations.

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Des Moines County CEO Program Facilitator Needed

The Des Moines County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) Program is now hiring a part-time Facilitator to lead this hands-on, experience-based entrepreneurship program launching in Fall 2026. This role guides high school students through real-world learning by coordinating business visits, engaging community leaders, and supporting student-led ventures.

The CEO Board is seeking a candidate with a background in business or a related field who is willing to meet State Board of Education licensing requirements and is interested in part-time, flexible work. Classes meet during the school year from 7:30-9:00 AM, with additional flexible hours during the school year and summer. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to info@desmoinescountyceo.com.

Planning is also underway for student recruitment, with applications opening soon for current sophomores and juniors in Des Moines County high schools.

To stay up to date on facilitator hiring, student applications, and program milestones, follow Des Moines County CEO on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn @desmoinescountyceo.





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



Danville Community School District Designated as a High-Performing District

Danville Community School District is proud to share that we have been officially designated as a High-Performing District on Iowa's new State District Performance Profiles. This recognition places us among the top districts in Iowa and reflects strong academic outcomes, student growth, and a continued commitment to excellence for every learner we serve.

Over the past year, Danville CSD has demonstrated measurable gains across key academic and student success indicators, including increased student proficiency in Math, Reading, Writing, and Science, along with an improved graduation rate and reduced chronic absenteeism. Students are also benefiting from an expanded focus on career readiness, with increased work-based learning and real-world career exploration opportunities connecting classroom learning to future success.

Adding to this celebration, Danville Elementary School has achieved one of the highest rankings in the state of Iowa. Recent data places Danville Elementary 45th out of 576 public elementary schools statewide, scoring in the 92nd percentile, officially placing their elementary school in the top 8% of all Iowa elementary schools. These results reflect the dedication of our students, staff, families, and community partners who continue to make Danville a place where students succeed.

Pat Wallace, Superintendent of Danville Community School District, added "I am so proud of the hard work and dedication of our staff, students, families, and community in earning this High-Performing designation. This recognition really reflects the intentional work, strong instruction, and commitment to excellence that happens in our school every single day. As both the superintendent and a parent of two students in the district, I'm truly proud to call Danville home. Go Bears!"



Mediapolis Community School District Designated as a High-Performing District

Mediapolis CSD was proud to be recognized as a high-performing school district in Des Moines County. The root of this achievement stems from a commitment to a supportive, relationship-focused learning environment in a small, tight-knit community, where personalized instruction, high expectations, and student engagement drive success. "At Mediapolis Community School District, we collaborate with our dedicated staff to set ambitious academic goals while personalizing instruction to meet the unique needs of every student. This intentional approach is clearly paying off, as evidenced by our impressive student growth and proficiency in math, reading, and science—consistently ranking us among the top-performing districts in Iowa," Dr. Magliari replied.

Mediapolis CSD scored exceptionally high across several key metrics in its district rating, including 86% of students performing at grade level in English Language Arts, 84% in mathematics, and 79% in Science. Each area exceeded the state average by double-digit points. They also reduced chronic absenteeism by 50% and increased work-based learning opportunities for all students, including dual credit coursework.

Mediapolis school leaders extend deep gratitude to their exceptionally talented team of educators, whose daily dedication and passion continue to inspire excellence in every student.

With this recognition as a high-performing district, the entire Mediapolis Community School family is energized and excited about the future—eager to build on today's successes and reach even greater heights together.

trivia Night



The Greater Burlington Leadership Class is excited to announce this year's class project. The class will be supporting local veterans with funding for name engravings and ongoing improvements at the Mississippi Valley Veteran's Memorial.

To raise funds, the class will host a community trivia night and silent auction, bringing together businesses and residents in support of this meaningful cause. Local businesses are invited to participate through donations, sponsorships, or other forms of support to help make this event a success.

Additional details and opportunities to get involved will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.

FORUM FRIDAY




Friday Forum Returns!

Friday, February 13 at 8 AM | Greater Burlington Partnership, Wineyard Board Room or Virtual

Join us for our second Friday Forum of 2026. Area legislators will provide firsthand updates from the Statehouse, highlight priority bills, and answer your questions about issues affecting local businesses and our community.

Mark Your Calendar for the Final Forum of This Legislative Session:
March 13, 8 AM

Chamber members are invited to join in person or online for these engaging, informative discussions.

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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!

Fraternal Order of the Eagles #150

2727 Mount Pleasant St., 319-752-4781

Fraternal Order of Eagles #150 is a local fraternal organization dedicated to community service, fellowship, and charitable giving. Guided by the mission of "People Helping People," they support local causes through events, fundraisers, and community engagement.

Freedom Insurance Group, LLC

204 Broadway St., West Burlington; freedominsuranceia.com
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Freedom Insurance Group LLC, an independent agency dedicated to providing personalized insurance solutions for individuals, families, and businesses. With years of industry experience and a commitment to exceptional service, Nick Baker leads a team of seasoned professionals across two Iowa locations, helping clients protect what matters most with tailored coverage options.

Beckman Heritage Farms, LLC

13984 N Prairie Grove Rd., <http://www.beckmanfarm.com>

Beckman Heritage Farms is a historic family-owned farm north of Burlington that blends rich heritage with community-focused events and gatherings. The property features a beautifully restored 1895 barn and scenic outdoor spaces for weddings, seasonal markets, and family activities. The farm also hosts an annual Fall Market with local vendors, food, and fun for all ages, creating memorable experiences in a picturesque rural setting.

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2025 Annual Report - A YEAR IN REVIEW -



The Greater Burlington Partnership's Annual Report is now available online. As a cost-saving measure, it is no longer mailed to every Chamber member; however, printed copies are available by request at any time. Copies were also distributed to attendees at the Annual Dinner.

The Annual Report highlights quantifiable objectives and outcomes across all divisions of the Partnership, along with key organizational facts and year-in-review accomplishments. Sharing this information helps us remain transparent and accountable to our members, investors, and community stakeholders.

We encourage members to review the report online, share it with employees, and request a printed copy for your office or waiting area if desired.



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CHAMBER AMBASSADORS *Spotlight*

JENNIFER SCHUSTER
BUSINESS SOLUTION
CONSULTANT,
IowaWORKS



Growing up in Southeast Iowa has given me a unique perspective on the economic development and business needs in the local area. I am proud to call Burlington my hometown, and it has

been a privilege to witness our continued growth, drive, and dedication toward developing the area into a welcoming, safe, and prosperous community for families. Burlington offers a rich history filled with the arts, music, education, and outdoor adventure for community members and visitors to enjoy.

As a Business Solutions Consultant at IowaWORKS, I get the opportunity to be hands-on in developing the community while supporting businesses in Des Moines, Henry, Lee, and Louisa counties. In my role, it is incredibly rewarding to help build a stronger workforce and see job seekers learn new skills through the Career Bridge and Accelerate Iowa programs that focus on employment and training needs, giving job seekers and employers a chance to work cohesively to build a skilled workforce.

Being a Chamber Ambassador has allowed me to build professional relationships with fellow ambassadors, community leaders, and businesses. As a trusted business partner, I welcome the opportunity to collaborate in ways IowaWORKS can help your business, your neighbor, and our community.

FEBRUARY

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View more events at
GreaterBurlington.com/Events

EVENTS

2, 9, 16, 23 - Mindful Mondays
Burlington Public Library, 6 PM
Burlington.Lib.ia.us

3 - 28 - February Gallery Show:
Susan Cunningham
Art Center of Burlington, hours vary
BTownArt.com

3, 10, 17 - Bridge for Beginners
Burlington Public Library, 2 PM
Burlington.Lib.ia.us

4 - 5 - Southeast Iowa Days
Low State Captiol: Des Moines
GreaterBurlington.com

4, 11, 18, 25 - History Club
Des Moines County Historical Society
11:30 AM
DMCHS.org

4, 11, 18, 25 - Historic Newspaper Reading
Des Moines County Historical Society
11 AM
DMCHS.org

5 - Comedy Thursday: Hypnotist Doug T
Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

6 - First Friday: Ulysses S. Grant
Burlington Public Library, 10 AM
Burlington.Lib.ia.us

6 - Artist Reception: Susan Cunningham
Art Center of Burlington, 5 - 8 PM
BTownArt.com

6 - Matt Landon & Emma Reynolds
Night Cap Listening Lounge, 7 - 9 PM
facebook.com/nightcaplisteninglounge

7 - That's Yesterday's News
Burlington Public Library, 10 AM
Burlington.Lib.ia.us

7 - Voices of Light
Capitol Theater, 7 PM
SEISO.us

9 - Pack the Gym in Pink
Loren Walker Arena at SCC, 7 PM
SCCIowa.edu

11 and 12 - JA Inspire Career Expo
Armed Forces reserve Center
GreaterBurlington.com

12 - Art of the Cocktail
Night Cap Listening Lounge, 6 PM
facebook.com/nightcaplisteninglounge

13 - Friday Forum
Greater Burlington Partnership
8 AM
GreaterBurlington.com

13 - Valentines Crush Show
Wake N Bake Breakfast Company, 7 PM
facebook.com/wakenbakebreakfast

13 - Galentine's Day Comedy Night
Night Cap Listening Lounge, 8 PM
facebook.com/nightcaplisteninglounge

14 - TruRev MMA
Memorial Auditorium, 7 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

14 - Gypsies, Doves & Dreams
Capitol Theater, 7:30 pm
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

17 and 18 - Carden Circus
Memorial Auditorium, 6:30 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

18 - Burlington Lunchtime
Chamber Music Series
First United Methodist Church, 12:15 PM
facebook.com/
lintonLunchtimeChamberMusicSeries

19 - World Travelogue Series: Australia
Capitol Theater, 7:30 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

20 - TJ Hooker-Taylor
Capitol Theater, 7:30 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

21 - David Kroll & Heartland
Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center
6 PM
BurlingtonIowa.org

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

27 - Be Like Blippi
Memorial Auditorium, 5 pm
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

28 - Kevin Burt
La Bohème, 8 - 10 PM
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MINDFUL MONDAYS

FEBRUARY 2, 9, 16, 23 | 6 - 7 PM
BURLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

All are welcome to join this fun and relaxing hour of mindfulness every Monday evening in the Create Space at Burlington Public Library.

Activities vary by week and may include short creative exercises, gentle yoga, or a short guided meditation while enjoying herbal tea. This program is free and open to the public, but please register to ensure there are adequate materials for all participants.

For more information, follow Burlington Public Library on Facebook or visit: burlington.lib.ia.us.

VOICES OF LIGHT

FEBRUARY 7 | 6 - 7 PM | BURLINGTON CAPITOL THEATER

Burlington Civic Music, the Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra and the Capitol Theater team up to bring one incredible evening of film and music to downtown Burlington.

This extraordinary performance pairs the legendary silent film *The Passion of Joan of Arc* (1928) - one of the greatest silent films ever made - with a live performance of Richard Einhorn's evocative oratorio *Voices of Light*, featuring the Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra and choral accompaniment.

Because of its emotional intensity, this performance is recommended for ages 12 and older.

Adult tickets are \$50 and include a pre-concert social hour with complimentary hors d'oeuvres beginning at 5:30 PM in the Night Cap Listening Lounge; doors open at 6:30 PM for general admission seating and the performance begins at 7 PM.

Tickets are available at seiso.us.

COMEDY THURSDAY: HYPNOTIST DOUG T

FEBRUARY 5 | 10 PM | MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

BRE's Comedy Thursdays are bringing some seriously funny folks to town. This month: stand-up-comedian-turned-hypnotist Doug T returns to the stage at Memorial Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 (general admission, balcony seating) or \$25 (table seating; tables of six are \$150) and available online and at the auditorium box office. Adults age 21 and older.

For more information, follow Burlington Riverfront Entertainment on Facebook.

FRIENDS OF COMMUNITY FIELD ANNUAL BANQUET

FEBRUARY 6 | 5:30 - 8:30 PM

CATFISH BEND CONVENTION & EVENT CENTER

Support your Burlington Bees at this fun social event, with live & silent auctions, social hour and a delicious meal, keynote speaker and special guest former Cardinals first baseman Matt "Big City" Adams and much more!

Tickets are \$90; tables of 8 \$650 are available by calling the Bees office at 319-754-5705 or emailing jessica@gobees.com.

For more information, follow the Burlington Bees on Facebook.

CARDEN CIRCUS

FEBRUARY 17 AND 18 | MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

The biggest circus show in the country comes to Burlington's riverfront!

A limited number of discounted general admission tickets are available online; each adult ticket is accompanied by a free kids' ticket (does not apply to reserved floor seating). Tickets are \$10 - \$35 at glowcircus.com.

For more information, follow Burlington Riverfront Entertainment on Facebook.

Submit member information to Brenda Levitt at blevitt@greaterburlington.com

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LIGHTS, CAMERA, OPPORTUNITY: OPEN 4 BUSINESS RETURNS TO DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON



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In partnership with Main Street Iowa and the Iowa Economic Development Authority, Downtown Partners, Inc. is excited to launch the 2026 Open 4 Business Competition, a statewide initiative designed to spotlight and support small businesses shaping the future of Iowa's Main Street districts.

Each Main Street community is eligible to nominate one for profit business, and Downtown Burlington is ready to champion its next standout success story. Businesses that have been operating since March 31, 2025, and are located in or planning to locate in Downtown Burlington are eligible to apply. Participants will complete an online application and submit a three minute video pitch sharing their business story, vision, and plans for growth.

Applications are now open. Downtown Burlington businesses are Open 4 Business. Contact Amy Moyner for more information.

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