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## President & CEO's Letter



Dear Members,

As we step into February, the energy of a new legislative session is palpable. This time of year brings a renewed focus on public policy and advocacy—two essential elements in driving economic growth and improving the quality of life in our region.

At the Greater Burlington Partnership, we believe in the power of collaboration and the importance of making your voices heard. The Government Relations Committee works tirelessly to ensure that the needs and priorities of our members are represented at all levels of government. From drafting our annual public policy agenda to organizing Southeast Iowa Days in Des Moines and Washington, D.C., this committee amplifies the business perspective on the issues that matter most.

If you are interested in joining us for SE Iowa Days in Des Moines on February 5 - 6, please sign up and join us! This is our opportunity to talk with legislators directly and potentially influence policy decisions that will impact our community. You may also meet some new people and have a little fun along the way!

One of the highlights of the legislative session is our Friday Forums, where members have the opportunity to engage directly with our area representatives. These forums provide a platform to discuss pressing challenges and share ideas for the future of Southeast Iowa. Your participation in these sessions not only strengthens our advocacy efforts but also reinforces our commitment to fostering a vibrant, engaged community.

I want to extend my gratitude to the dedicated volunteers of the Government Relations Committee for their leadership and passion. Their work is invaluable, and their commitment is a testament to the spirit of collaboration that defines our region.

As always, we encourage you to stay informed, get involved, and let us know how we can better serve you. Together, we can make a lasting impact for the businesses, families, and individuals who call Greater Burlington home.

Here's to a productive legislative session and a prosperous year ahead!

Warm regards,

President & CEO

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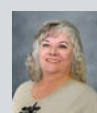
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## ON THE COVER

### 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 speak directly with 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:*

***Chad Bird, City of Burlington***

***Bryan Bross, Klingner and Associates, P.C.***

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

***Todd Chelf, Great River Health***

***Josh DeSotel, Valley Distribution Corporation***

***Cory Johnson, Burlington Community School District***

***Michaele Niehaus, Burlington Community School District***

***Brandon Orth, MidWestOne Bank***

***Chad Palmer, Energyefficient Systems, Inc.***

***Sara Sandburg, Southeast Iowa Regional Airport Authority***

***Craig Smith, Sterzing Food Company***

# fORUM FRIDAY

## Join the Conversation! Friday Forum - February 21, at 8 AM Greater Burlington Partnership or Virtual

The theme for this forum is Education, a topic vital to the future of our community and state. We are pleased to welcome Teli Fedele, Regional Director of Workforce Innovation, as our special guest speaker. Teli will offer valuable insights into the current challenges in education, focusing on partnerships that help prepare students for workforce readiness in the future.

Following Teli's presentation, local legislators will share their perspectives, discuss legislative efforts, and engage with Chamber members to explore potential solutions through policy. Your participation will help foster a meaningful dialogue and strengthen the connection between our community and state leadership.

**Upcoming Forums: March 21 | April 18**

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



## COMMUNITY PROFILE AND MEMBER DIRECTORY

*Get Your Business Noticed*

Connect with thousands of current and new residents and fellow Chamber and community members to help grow your business and market your services to our community. Along with the high-quality, magazine style printed publication, the online and mobile editions will be accessible from the Chamber's website, enabling us to share your story with a global audience.

In addition, Town Square's National Profile Network further extends the online exposure of your advertising message, which increases your search engine optimization.

Don't miss this opportunity to promote your business in 2025 and 2026! Town Square Publications will be wrapping up sales calls about placing ads in the 2025 Chamber Profile & Member Directory soon. These calls are supported by the Greater Burlington Partnership. Any ads placed in the magazine will be published in the guide and distributed in spring of 2025.

Thank you to those who have already committed to advertising in the magazine.

# SOUTHEAST IOWA REGION

## 2025 Southeast Iowa Days - Des Moines - February 5 & 6

**Deadline to sign up: February 3**

Time is running out! Join the Southeast Iowa delegation of business and community leaders in Des Moines on February 5 and 6, 2025. This event offers a valuable opportunity to discuss Southeast Iowa's legislative priorities and stay informed about the latest developments during the 2025 Legislative Session.

### Who Should Attend:

Chamber members and those passionate about advocating for pro-business policies and seeking a hands-on experience at the State Capitol.

Cost: \$150 per person, which includes: Access to the luncheon, legislative reception, and a Q&A session on Southeast Iowa's key issues.

### Travel and Lodging:

Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements. For lodging, contact Embassy Suites at 515-244-1700 and mention "Southeast Iowa Days" to book a room from the reserved block. Availability is limited, so act quickly.

*For more information and to RSVP, contact Telisha Fedele.*



Register for 2025  
Southeast Iowa Days



## BUSINESS *after* HOURS

### Premier Physical Therapy of Iowa

2750 Mt. Pleasant St., Ste 104 | February 13, 5 - 7 PM

Join Chamber of Commerce member businesses to build your network at Business After Hours and grow your business!



# — MAIN STREET IOWA —

# OPEN 4 BUSINESS



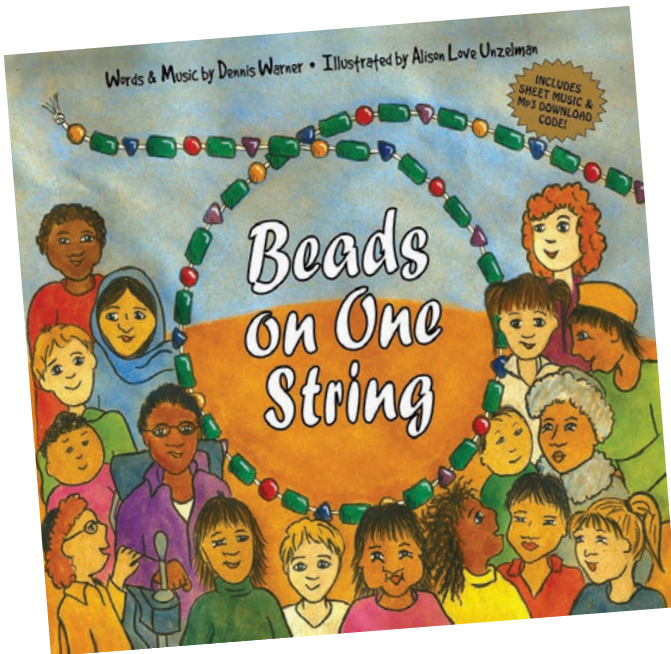
2024 WINNERS - THYME & SPICE COMPANY

## 2025 OPEN 4 BUSINESS COMPETITION: APPLY NOW!

In partnership with Main Street Iowa and the Iowa Economic Development Authority, Downtown Partners, Inc. is excited to present the 2025 Open 4 Business Competition! This competition is open to for-profit businesses located within the Main Street district, with each Main Street organization eligible to nominate one business. If your business has been operating since March 31, 2024, and is located or planning to locate in Downtown Burlington, you qualify!

To apply, complete the online application and submit a three-minute "video pitch" about your business idea. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain exposure and funding to help your business grow!

For more details and to apply, visit [GreaterBurlington.com](http://GreaterBurlington.com). Don't miss your chance to take your business to the next level!



## BEADS ON ONE STRING - BEADS ON ONE STRING CELEBRATION Make Your Bead at the Art Center of Burlington!

Be part of something special this April during the Beads on One String Celebration in Downtown Burlington! Stop by the Art Center of Burlington to create your own personalized bead, symbolizing unity and connectedness.

This hands-on activity is a great way to express your creativity and be part of a larger community effort. Don't miss out—join the celebration and make your bead today!

Mark your calendars for an inspiring week in April as the Beads on One String Celebration takes over Downtown Burlington! On April 17, 2025, singer-songwriter Dennis Warner will share

his powerful message of unity and positivity with local elementary students during the day, followed by an evening concert at The Capitol Theater featuring his song, Beads on One String.

This collaborative event, hosted by The Capitol, Burlington Public Library, Art Center of Burlington, and Downtown Partners Inc., will highlight themes of diversity, inclusion, and connectedness. Leading up to the concert, the community is invited to participate in unique projects: create personalized beads at the Art Center, share stories through a Human Library Project at the Burlington Public Library, and enjoy an interactive Story Walk downtown, bringing Warner's book *Beads on One String* to life.

These activities provide an opportunity for individuals of all ages to celebrate creativity, foster connections, and support local businesses. The event highlights the importance of unity and showcases the vibrant spirit of the Burlington community.



## DON'T MISS THE MINI GOLF CHALLENGE AT BURLINGTON BLACK WATER MINI GOLF! *Do you have your teams?*

Mark your calendars for March 6 and get ready to tee off in Downtown Burlington's Mini Golf Challenge! This one-of-a-kind event is your chance to enjoy a day of fun, friendly competition, and community spirit.

Teams will putt their way through creative and unique holes, making it an unforgettable experience for everyone. Whether you're aiming for a hole-in-one or just in it for the laughs, it's the perfect way to support Downtown and have a blast.

Spots are filling up fast, so don't wait—gather your friends, family, or coworkers to form a team and register today! The challenge is on!

**Register online or contact Melissa Jones for more information.**



## GET READY FOR THE 2025 JEFFERSON STREET FARMERS MARKET!

Downtown Partners, Inc. is gearing up for another incredible season of the Jefferson Street Farmers Market, and we want YOU to be part of the action!

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.

Join us as we bring the heart of the community together for another unforgettable market season in Downtown Burlington!



SCAN FOR APPLICATION



## BE PART OF THE MAGIC AT A VERY VINTAGE MARKET!

Vendor applications are now open for the 10th Annual A Very Vintage Market, happening on July 19 in Downtown Burlington! This beloved event draws crowds from near and far, celebrating all things vintage, repurposed, and handmade.

Apply online today and follow the A Very Vintage Market Facebook page for updates and details about this can't-miss event.



SCAN FOR APPLICATION

## ▶ DOWNTOWN DEETS

Mark your calendar for the first Downtown Deets gathering on February 19 from 8:30 - 9:30 AM! This is your chance to stay informed about all things Downtown Burlington, gain valuable business tips, connect with peers, and share your insights on our community's growth.

Let's come together to shape the future of our vibrant Downtown, we hope to see you there! Tama Too 305 N 3rd Street.

**Contact Amy Moyner with questions.**



**SAVE THE DATE:  
SMASH FOR A CAUSE  
PICKLEBALL  
TOURNAMENT**

**SMASH FOR A CAUSE**  
RAISING BANNERS, BUILDING COMMUNITY

The Greater Burlington has seen a wealth of years, particularly with Downtown Burlington new businesses opening, and local organizations offering a bounty of opportunities for connection, entertainment, and engagement.

community growth in recent the revitalization of and West Burlington,

highlights of Burlington and West Burlington will line the light posts of each community.

The fundraising event will have novice and advanced divisions among men's, women's, and mixed tournaments available for \$60 per team aged 16+. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 teams in each difficulty and division. Keep an eye out for sign-up information on the Greater Burlington Leadership Facebook and Instagram pages!

"SMASH FOR A CAUSE: Raising Banners, Building Community" is the 2024-25 Greater Burlington Leadership Class project. The mission of the project is to further community pride and celebrate success through one of the most popular rising sports: pickleball. With the goal of raising \$10,000, banners representing

Questions? Interested in becoming an event sponsor? Contact Robert Berndt at [rjberndt305@gmail.com](mailto:rjberndt305@gmail.com).

*\*Time subject to change.*





## A Look Back on RAGBRAI 2024

The announcement of RAGBRAI's 2025 route across Iowa serves as an excellent opportunity to recognize and thank the area businesses and organizations that helped make Greater Burlington the memorable final stop for RAGBRAI 2024.

Volunteers from **CNH Industrial America, LLC** were instrumental in the success of the event, providing the means and facility to provide the bike rack utilized by RAGBRAI riders as they prepared to wrap up their ride across the state. **Andy Crowner and the City of West Burlington** saved the day with traffic cones needed to secure one of the sites set aside for riders.

**Both Carl A. Nelson & Company and Flint Cliffs Manufacturing** selflessly volunteered space at their respective facilities to allow parking for RAGBRAI volunteers.

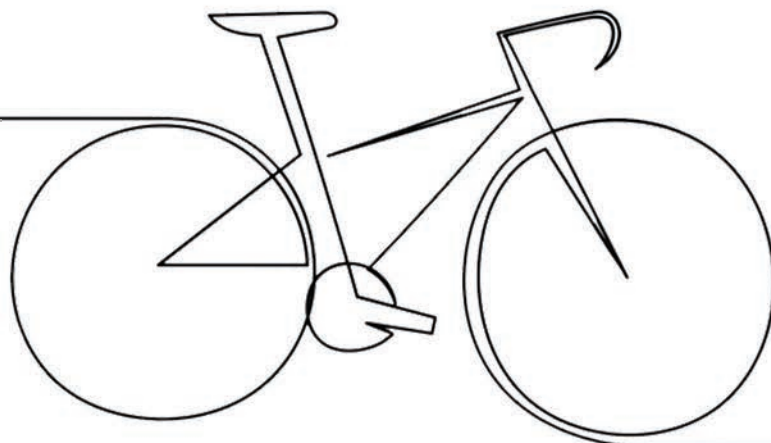
**Craig Jacoba and Luke Gerling**, with supplies donated by **Diamond Vogel, Inc., Bickel's Cycling & Fitness, and Standard of Beaverdale**, provided the unique aesthetic

of artwork at the Mississippi River and Snake Alley destinations, helping set Greater Burlington apart from other stops along the route.

The **Burlington Fire Department**, along with **Ryan Courley and Burlington Parks & Recreation**, worked tirelessly to clean up from recent flooding and prepare the Mississippi River dip site hours before riders were due to arrive. **LaVeine Sanitation** provided the means for volunteers to help keep Downtown Burlington clean during the event.

Finally, **Wayne Riniker and Westland Mall** generously volunteered the use of their parking lot the entire week of RAGBRAI, offering riders a place to park as they began their journey across the state.

Thanks to these organizations and many more, as well as the scores of volunteers who gave their time and energy, Greater Burlington left an indelible mark on the thousands of riders who completed the trek across the state in 2024.





# MARKETING MASTERS

## A MARKETING CALENDAR

Welcome to "Marketing Masters," a new series designed to empower business owners, marketing professionals, and anyone involved with crafting marketing strategies.

In this series, we aim to provide you with practical tips, innovative tricks, and effective strategies to elevate your marketing efforts. Whether you're looking to refine your approach or expand your knowledge, we will guide you towards more dynamic and successful marketing outcomes. Join us as we explore tools and techniques that can transform your marketing and help your business thrive.

Kicking off with our first topic as we step into a new year, it's the perfect time to emphasize the importance of organization through a marketing calendar. Especially if you didn't set one up in the fourth quarter, organizing now can be just as effective. A marketing calendar is an essential tool that can fundamentally change how you plan and execute your business's promotional activities.

### What is a Marketing Calendar?

A marketing calendar is a comprehensive overview that maps out all your marketing initiatives, sales promotions, and creative ideas across the entire year. It allows you to visualize your marketing strategy at a glance, ensuring that no opportunity slips through the cracks. By laying everything out, you can easily spot where there are gaps in your strategy, giving you ample time to brainstorm new ideas or repurpose successful ones.

### The Benefits of a Marketing Calendar

1. **Strategic Organization:** Say goodbye to the last-minute scramble of "What do I need to post this week?" With a marketing calendar, everything from daily posts to major campaigns is planned well in advance.
2. **Gap Identification:** A clear layout helps you identify periods lacking in engagement or promotions, allowing you to proactively plan instead of reactively posting.

3. **Performance Tracking:** Over time, your calendar will help you understand what resonates with your audience. You'll learn what works, what doesn't, and you can adjust your strategy accordingly to maximize effectiveness.

4. **Cost Efficiency:** A well-planned calendar helps prevent wasteful spending on last-minute ideas or ineffective strategies, ensuring that your marketing budget is spent wisely.

### Setting Up Your Marketing Calendar

Starting a marketing calendar doesn't require expensive software subscriptions. Here are some accessible tools you can use:

- **Spreadsheets:** Platforms like Microsoft Excel or Google Sheets are perfect for those who love customization and control over every detail.
- **Digital Calendars:** Tools like Google Calendar or Microsoft Outlook can be excellent for those who prefer a digital approach that integrates with their daily schedules.
- **Paper Calendars:** Sometimes, a traditional wall calendar is all you need. Writing down your plans can make them feel more tangible and real.

For an effective marketing calendar, it's important to start simple. Don't feel pressured to plan out every single day right away. Begin by scheduling major campaigns and then gradually fill in more details as you go along. Remember to be flexible. Your marketing calendar isn't set in stone. Adjust it as new opportunities arise or as you evaluate what's working and what isn't. Additionally, make it a habit to review your calendar regularly. Monthly or quarterly reviews can help you stay on track and make timely adjustments as needed.

A marketing calendar is more than just a tool, it's a roadmap to success. By taking the time to plan, you're ensuring that your marketing efforts are thoughtful, consistent, and ultimately more impactful. So, grab your tool of choice and start planning today. Your future self will thank you!

Download a free Marketing Calendar template at [GreaterBurlington.com/MarketingMasters](https://GreaterBurlington.com/MarketingMasters).



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.

## Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center Earns CIHQ Accreditation

Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center has received Hospital Accreditation from the Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ). This recognition highlights compliance with CIHQ Standards and Medicare and Medicaid requirements, reflecting the hospital's commitment to safety and quality care.

Following an unannounced assessment in November, which included facility tours, medical record reviews, and staff interviews, CIHQ CEO Richard Curtis commended the center's dedication to improving community health-care. Vice President of Quality Christin Pritchard called the accreditation a testament to the staff's efforts to deliver high-quality, safe care. Visit the CIHQ Accredited Hospital website for more information.

## SCC Staffers and Hospital Partnership Honored at Iowa Community College Awards Banquet

Two SCC employees and a novel public-private partnership initiative were honored at the annual Outstanding Community College Awards at the Community Colleges for Iowa Annual Convention and Trade Show in Des Moines on December 4. Michelle Brown earned the SCC Outstanding Staff Award for her remarkable contributions to student success. Jim Steffen received Outstanding Faculty Award for his leadership in EMS education and his dedication to community outreach. Great River Health won Outstanding Business and Industry Award for a number of novel initiatives implemented by the two institutions to enhance and expand SCC's health programming.

The awards highlight SCC's dedication to excellence in education and community development. "We're all extremely proud of our award winners, Michelle and Jim," said SCC President, Dr. Michael Ash. "They are amazing examples of what it means to live out the College's mission to provide accessible, quality programs and services to promote student success."

## Community Foundation of Des Moines County Grants

**In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and comes back to us.** Every year, the Community Foundation of Des Moines County distributes grants to area nonprofits. CFDMC will be using a new online grant application process. The 2025 grant application link will open for submissions on February 3 at [CFDMC.org/grants](https://CFDMC.org/grants). Applications and accompanying materials are due on or before Friday, March 14.

The Grants and Due Diligence Committee is a volunteer grant committee made up of board members from the Community Foundation of Des Moines County and makes awards from various endowed funds held in trust by the Foundation through its partnership with the Keokuk Area Community Foundation. The Community Foundation of Des Moines County Board of Directors has the responsibility of approving grants. For questions send an email to: [cfdmc52601@gmail.com](mailto:cfdmc52601@gmail.com).

## Sterzing Food Company is Proudly Distributing Howe's Candy in Southeast Iowa and West Central Illinois

Our founder Barney Sterzing began his career as a candy confectioner and now we have come full circle as a distributor for this brand of old-time favorites like Saltwater Taffy, Root Beer Barrels, Circus Peanuts and more. Thank you for supporting local businesses.



# RIBBON CUTTINGS & CELEBRATORY EVENTS



CB'S IOWA STORE AT CATFISH BEND CASION

GRAND OPENING



THE LAMP POST BAR AT CATFISH BEND CASION

GRAND OPENING

TO SCHEDULE A RIBBON CUTTING,  
CONTACT MELISSA JONES AT  
MJONES@GREATERBURLINGTON.COM



# 2024 Annual Report A YEAR IN REVIEW

The Partnership's Annual Report is now available. Copies will be mailed out to Chamber member main contacts in early February. The Annual Report features quantifiable objectives for each of the five Partnership divisions as well as facts about the organization.

Although there is a cost to producing, printing and mailing the booklet, it is important that the organization be held accountable to its members, investors and stakeholders.

We encourage you to share the publication with your employees and display it in your waiting room.



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# 2025 MARKETING & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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- Downtown Mini Golf Challenge
- Downtown Spring Open House Premier Sponsorships
- Sip, Taste & Stroll Platinum Sponsorship
- Witches Night Out Premier Sponsorship

Don't miss your chance to get your business in front of event-goers—secure your spot today!



Contact Melissa Jones, 319-208-0052, or [mjones@greaterburlington.com](mailto:mjones@greaterburlington.com) to secure your opportunity or for more information.

# CHAMBER AMBASSADORS *Spotlight*



## LENA JONES

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
FOR ADMINISTRATION,  
ALCOHOL & DRUG  
DEPENDENCY SERVICE  
OF SE IOWA

Lena Jones is a proud New London, IA native with deep ties to her community. After earning a Bachelor's in

Business Administration with an emphasis in Management from the University of Iowa, Lena relocated to Indiana to manage a Buckle store in Lafayette before returning to New London to marry her husband of 25 years. The couple has two children: Tate (22), a graduate student, and Morgan (18), a senior in high school. Lena and her family have always been active participants in local sports and community events, with a shared love of live music and concerts.

For the past four years, Lena has served as the Associate Director of Administration for Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services of Southeast Iowa. She is an active Chamber Ambassador, where she appreciates the opportunity to connect with the community she serves. Lena values building relationships both in her hometown of New London and in Greater Burlington, believing that fostering these bonds is key to thriving both personally and professionally.

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# FEBRUARY

## february

View more events at  
GreaterBurlington.com/Events

### EVENTS

January 31 - February 1 -  
Downtown Winter Wipe Out  
Downtown Burlington, 10 AM - 5 PM  
GreaterBurlington.com

1 - Vice Night  
Art Center of Burlington, 5 PM  
BTownArt.com

1 - Tru Rev 59  
Memorial Auditorium, 7 PM  
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

1 - The Wizard of Oz  
Legacy Theater, Carthage, IL  
2 PM and 6 PM  
TheLegacyTheater.com

4 - 26 - February Gallery Show:  
Joshua Steele Photography  
Art Center of Burlington, hours vary  
BTownArt.com

5 - 6 - Southeast Iowa Days  
Iowa State Capitol: Des Moines  
GreaterBurlington.com

5, 12, 19, 26 - Historic Newspaper  
Readings  
Des Moines County Historical Society  
10 - 11 AM  
DMCHS.org

5, 12, 19, 26 - Burlington History Club  
Des Moines County Historical Society  
11 AM - 12:30 PM  
DMCHS.org

6 - Comedy Thursday: April Macie  
Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 PM  
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

7 - First Friday: Iowa's Black History  
Burlington Public Library, 10 AM  
Burlington.lib.ia.us

7 - Artist Reception: Joshua Steele  
Art Center of Burlington, 5 - 8 PM  
BTownArt.com

7 - Matt Landon Duo feat.  
Richie Bliesener  
Night Cap Listening Lounge, 7 PM  
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

10 - Garden Circus  
Memorial Auditorium, 6:30 PM  
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

12 - Pack the Gym in Pink for Hospice  
Lauren Walker Arena, 7 PM  
facebook.com/GreatRiverHealth

13 - Business After Hours  
Premier Physical Therapy, 5 - 7 PM  
GreaterBurlington.com

13 - Black History Month: 42  
Capitol Theater, 7 PM  
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

14 - Dessert & Wine Tasting  
Corked 101, 7 - 9 PM  
facebook.com/corked101

15 - 2025 Home Show  
Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center  
10 AM - 4 PM  
facebook.com/pritchardbroadcasting

15 - Sounds of the Past: Valentine Tunes  
Des Moines County Historical Society  
10 AM - 12 PM, DMCHS.org

15 - ComedySportz Quad Cities  
Legacy Theater, Carthage, IL, 2 PM  
TheLegacyTheater.com

15 - Matt Landon  
Night Cap Listening Lounge, 7 PM  
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

19 - Tubman: Road to Freedom  
Legacy Theater, Carthage, IL, 10 AM and 1 PM  
TheLegacyTheater.com

20 - World Travelogue Series:  
Rick Steves' Rome  
Capitol Theater, 1:30 PM and 7:30 PM  
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

20 - Matt Landon Duo feat.  
Logan Mitchell  
Night Cap Listening Lounge, 7 PM  
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

21 - The Negro Artist  
Capitol Theater, 7 PM  
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

22 - Winter Games  
Big Hollow Creek Recreation Area  
7 AM - 12 PM  
DMCdmconservation.com

22 - Jive Radio/Crime Stoppers  
Fundraiser  
Memorial Auditorium, 7 PM  
facebook.com/BurlingtonCrimeStoppers

22 - Dancing Queen: An ABBA Salute  
Capitol Theater, 7:30 PM  
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

25 - Burlington Trailways Open House  
Burlington Trailways, 3 - 5 PM  
BurlingtonTrailways.com

26 - Shephard's Table Free  
Community Meal  
First congregational Church, 4:30 PM  
FCCBurlington.org

27 - Sew What?  
Burlington Public Library  
Burlington.Lib.ia.us

27 - Get On Up  
Capitol Theater, 7 PM  
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

27 - Comedy Thursday: Shelly Belly  
Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 PM  
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

28 - Matt Landon  
Night Cap Listening Lounge, 7 PM  
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28 - Pam Tillis  
Legacy Theater, Carthage, IL, 7 PM  
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**FEBRUARY 15, 10 AM - 4 PM AND FEBRUARY 16, 11 AM - 2 PM**  
**CATFISH BEND CONVENTION & EVENT CENTER**

The area's oldest and largest annual home show features vendors from across the region who specialize in home improvement projects.

## BURLINGTON LUNCHTIME CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

**FEBRUARY 19, 12 PM | FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Spend your lunch hour expanding your cultural horizons in downtown Burlington! September - June, these free performances take place on the third Wednesday of each month. This month: The BLCMS Ensemble presents the US premiere of James Romig's Fortna for guitar, bass clarinet, violin & string bass. Mr. Romig, a faculty member at Western Illinois University, will be in attendance to speak about his composition. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, follow Burlington Lunchtime Chamber Music on Facebook.

## SEW WHAT?

**FEBRUARY 27, 6 - 7 PM | BURLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

If you haven't sewn in ages and need to refresh your skills; if you have a sewing machine and no idea what to do with it; if you've never sewn a thing but would love to learn - this class is for you! The group meets monthly at the library and sewing machines are provided - but feel free to bring your own if it is easily portable. Knowledgeable instructors will provide patterns, materials and help, and experienced participants can share tips, tricks and patterns, too.

Registration is required, but the class is free.

For more information, follow Burlington Public Library on Facebook or visit: [Burlington.Lib.ia.us](http://Burlington.Lib.ia.us)

## BURLINGTON TRIALWAYS OPEN HOUSE

**Join Us for an Open House at Burlington Trailways!**

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 25th, from 3 to 6 PM, and come explore all that Burlington Trailways has to offer!

Tour our maintenance shop and facility, meet our skilled mechanics and auto body experts, and learn about the services we provide for fleet maintenance and vehicle repairs. Our charter team will be on-site to answer your questions about booking group charters, and you'll have the opportunity to meet our tour director and staff to discover our exciting lineup of group tours planned for 2025. Step aboard our luxury charter and tour buses for an exclusive look and even reserve your spot for an upcoming tour!

Interested in a career with Burlington Trailways? Our HR team will also be available during this event to discuss exciting career opportunities and answer any questions you may have about joining our team.

This is a fantastic opportunity to see what we're all about and connect with our team. We can't wait to welcome you to Burlington Trailways!

For more information, visit our website or contact us at [marketing@burlingtontrailways.com](mailto:marketing@burlingtontrailways.com).

## DANCING QUEEN: AN ABBA SALUTE

**FEBRUARY 22, 7:30 PM | THE CAPITOL**

Dancing Queen: An ABBA Salute is the ultimate tribute to the music of ABBA - sure to capture the hearts of fans and audiences of all ages! This live show is full of musical precision, fabulous flair and fashion, and promises a mesmerizing ABBA experience for every Chiquitita, Super Trouper, Fernando, and Dancing Queen around!

With a repertoire of over 40 all-time favorite hits. Audiences won't be able to help singing and dancing along with their high-energy homage to everything ABBA!



Submit member information, to [Brenda Levitt at \[blevitt@greaterburlington.com\]\(mailto:Brenda.Levitt@greaterburlington.com\)](mailto:Brenda.Levitt@greaterburlington.com)

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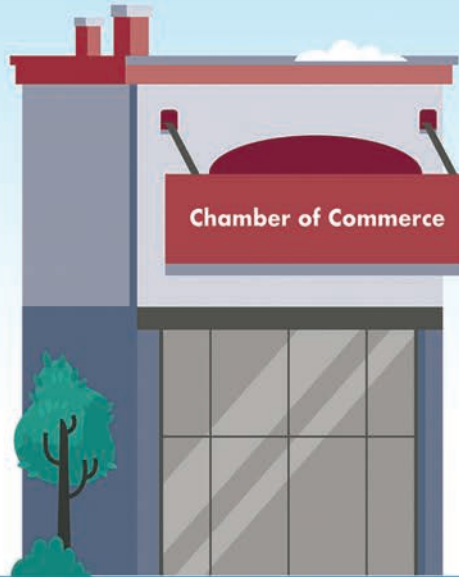
Are a trusted resource/  
 partner for businesses

**76%**

Are stewards of a  
 strong local economy

**77%**

Are a collective voice of  
 businesses in their community



**74%**

Create jobs and promote  
 local community  
 development

**72%**

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 community challenges

% Strongly/somewhat agree

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