

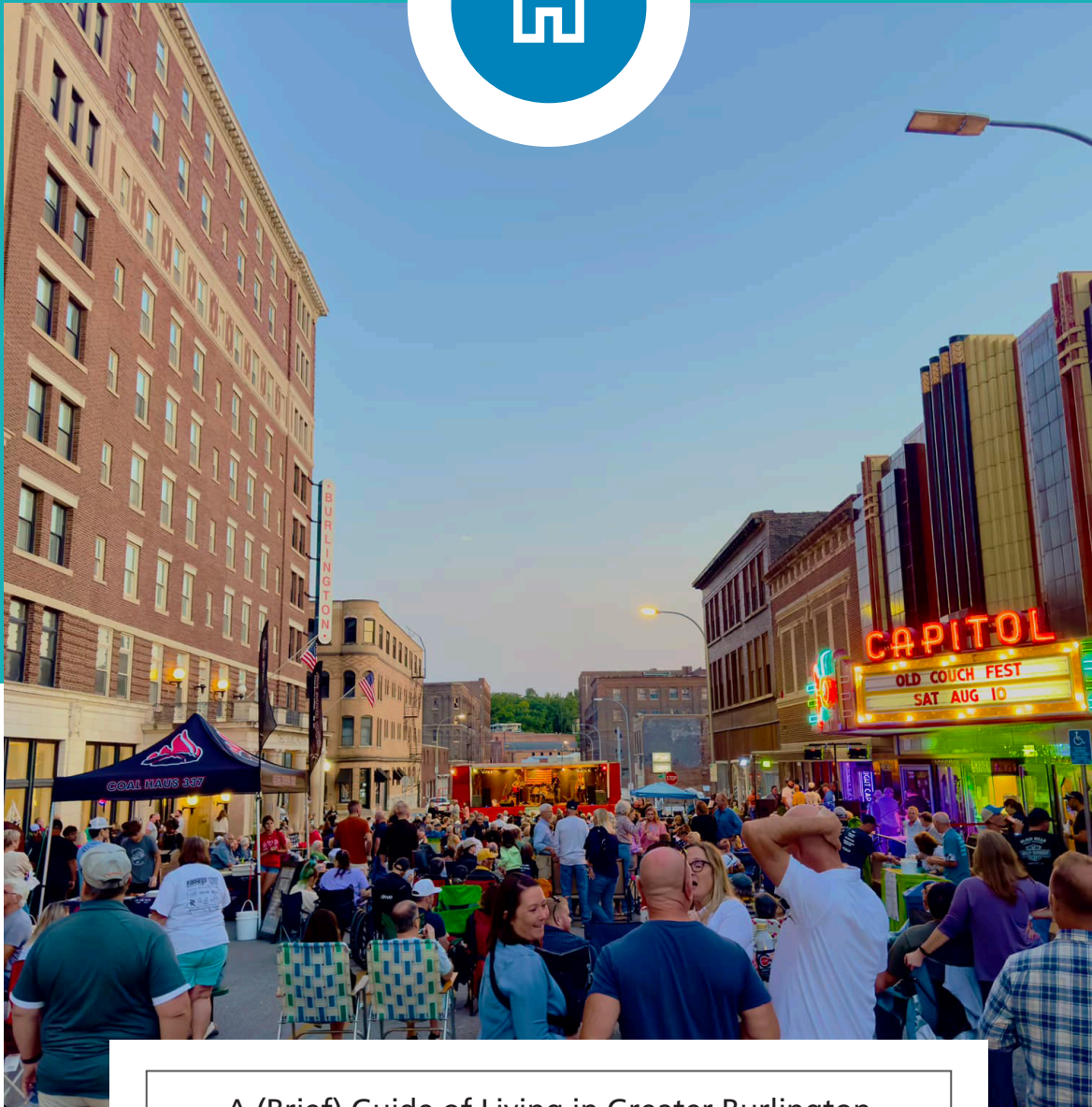
# Welcome TO GREATER BURLINGTON



Community Information



Local Favorites & Tips



A (Brief) Guide of Living in Greater Burlington

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# About Our Community



## *A Scenic Community with Room to Grow*

*Where the Mississippi Meets Midwest Charm.*

Thinking about relocating? You're not alone. Each year, more individuals and families choose Greater Burlington for its natural beauty, community spirit, and exceptional quality of life. Whether you're making a move for work, family, or a change of pace, you'll find a warm welcome here and the space to truly thrive.

This guide is designed to help you get started. Inside, you'll find a snapshot of everything you need to feel at home: housing options, school information, healthcare, recreation, and more. Once you've settled in, GreaterBurlington.com is your go-to for discovering the full range of events, services, and community connections available year-round.

So unpack your boxes, take in the river view, and get ready to love where you live.



**10 Communities**



**15 Minute Avg.  
Commute**



**6 K-12 Districts +  
Community College**

# Meet Your New Home Town

Nestled along the majestic Mississippi River, Greater Burlington blends small-town friendliness with big-time opportunity. The region's natural beauty, rolling hills, wooded parks, and winding waterways offers a stunning backdrop for both adventure and serenity.

There's something to enjoy in every season. From the glow of the Lighted Holiday Parade in winter to live music on warm summer nights, Greater Burlington's calendar is filled with events that bring the community together. Local favorites like A Very Vintage Market and the Jefferson Street Farmers Market offer newcomers a chance to connect, explore, and experience the area's creative, entrepreneurial spirit.

If you're drawn by career prospects or a better quality of life, Greater Burlington delivers. With short commutes, affordable living, safe neighborhoods, and family-friendly amenities, it's an ideal place to put down roots.

Every community here has a story. Whether you're imagining scenic riverfronts, quiet neighborhoods, or vibrant small-town energy, the following pages offer a glimpse into what makes each corner of our region special. Take a moment to explore and picture where your next chapter might begin, because somewhere in Greater Burlington, there's a place that feels just right for you to call home.



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# Burlington

*Population: 23,565*

Welcome to Burlington, the heart of Southeast Iowa, where the beauty of the Mississippi River meets small-town warmth. This vibrant community blends rich history, thriving commerce, and scenic charm. Explore downtown energy, quiet neighborhoods, riverfront trails, and local flavors. Whether you're visiting or putting down roots, you'll find connection and opportunity at every turn.



# West Burlington

*Population: 3,161*

Welcome to West Burlington, where opportunity, innovation, and quality of life come together near the scenic Mississippi River. Families value our top-rated schools and the growing programs at Southeastern Community College. With a strong business community and access to regional healthcare, it's a place where work and life thrive.

# Communities



## Mediapolis

Population: 1,664

North of Burlington, Mediapolis offers a vibrant small-town lifestyle with a thriving Main Street & active community spirit. With modern amenities and a wide range of services, it's a welcoming place where families can truly feel at home.



## Danville

Population: 908

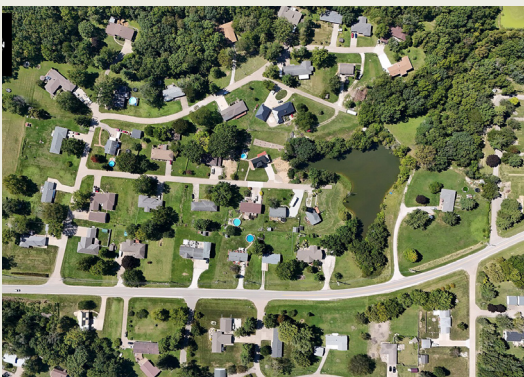
Danville offers the perfect blend of small-town charm and everyday convenience, just minutes from Burlington and Mt. Pleasant. With strong schools, year-round daycare, and plenty of student activities, it's an ideal place for families to grow and thrive.



## Beaverdale

Population: 905

Beaverdale offers a quiet, residential lifestyle close to Burlington, making it a convenient and peaceful place to call home. With tree-lined streets, a strong sense of community & easy access to nearby amenities, Beaverdale is ideal for those seeking a slower pace.



## Middletown

Population: 364

Middletown combines small-town living with close proximity to major employers and amenities. Known for its welcoming community and easy access to outdoor recreation, it's a great choice for families, commuters, and anyone looking for room to breathe.





## Sperry

Population: 124

Sperry offers a peaceful rural setting between Burlington and Mediapolis, making it ideal for those who enjoy country living with city convenience. With a strong sense of community & scenic surroundings, Sperry is a quiet, comfortable place to put down roots.



## Kingston

Population: 81

Kingston is a quiet rural community nestled in the rolling hills of northern Des Moines County, offering scenic views and a slower pace of life. Its close-knit feel and easy access to nearby towns make it a hidden gem for those seeking tranquility and space.



## Yarmouth

Population: 61

Yarmouth is a small, friendly community known for its rural charm and strong community ties. Located near Mediapolis, Yarmouth offers peaceful living with convenient access to schools, local events, and essential services.



## Augusta

Population: 51

Augusta is a historic riverside community tucked along the Skunk River, offering a quiet, natural setting rich in local heritage. Its peaceful atmosphere and scenic surroundings make it an appealing retreat for those who appreciate small-town living and outdoor beauty.



# Cost of Living



Greater Burlington combines big-city amenities with the comfort of a close-knit community, at a fraction of the cost. Residents enjoy access to beautiful outdoor spaces, vibrant arts and culture, and high-quality services, all while benefiting from a significantly lower cost of living than the national average. These savings translate to greater purchasing power, more affordable housing, and a higher quality of life.

Here are four examples of what a person making \$65,000 a year would save in Greater Burlington.

## Austin, Texas

You'll save **\$6,321**  
or **11%** in Greater Burlington



Groceries

**1%**  
LESS



Housing

**35%**  
LESS



Healthcare

**0%**  
MORE



Transportation

**6%**  
MORE

## Chicago, Illinois

You'll save **\$15,777**  
or **32%** in Greater Burlington



Groceries

**8%**

LESS



Housing

**53%**

LESS



Healthcare

**12%**

LESS



Transportation

**5%**

LESS

## Denver, Colorado

You'll save **\$12,972**  
or **25%** in Greater Burlington



Groceries

**6%**

LESS



Housing

**6%**

LESS



Healthcare

**14%**

LESS



Transportation

**5%**

MORE

## San Francisco, California

You'll save **\$30,767**  
or **89%** in Greater Burlington



Groceries

**21%**

LESS



Housing

**74%**

LESS



Healthcare

**23%**

LESS



Transportation

**29%**

LESS

# Things To Do



Big Hollow

1

## Parks

Greater Burlington offers the perfect mix of natural beauty and outdoor adventure, with over 3,600 acres of parks and recreation areas. From hiking at Starr's Cave to boating on the Mississippi River or fishing at Big Hollow, there's something for every nature lover to enjoy.



2

## FunCity Resort

FunCity Resort in Greater Burlington offers nonstop family fun with go-karts, laser tag, bowling, a huge arcade, and the seasonal Huck's Harbor water park. It is the ultimate destination for making memories.



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## Local Events

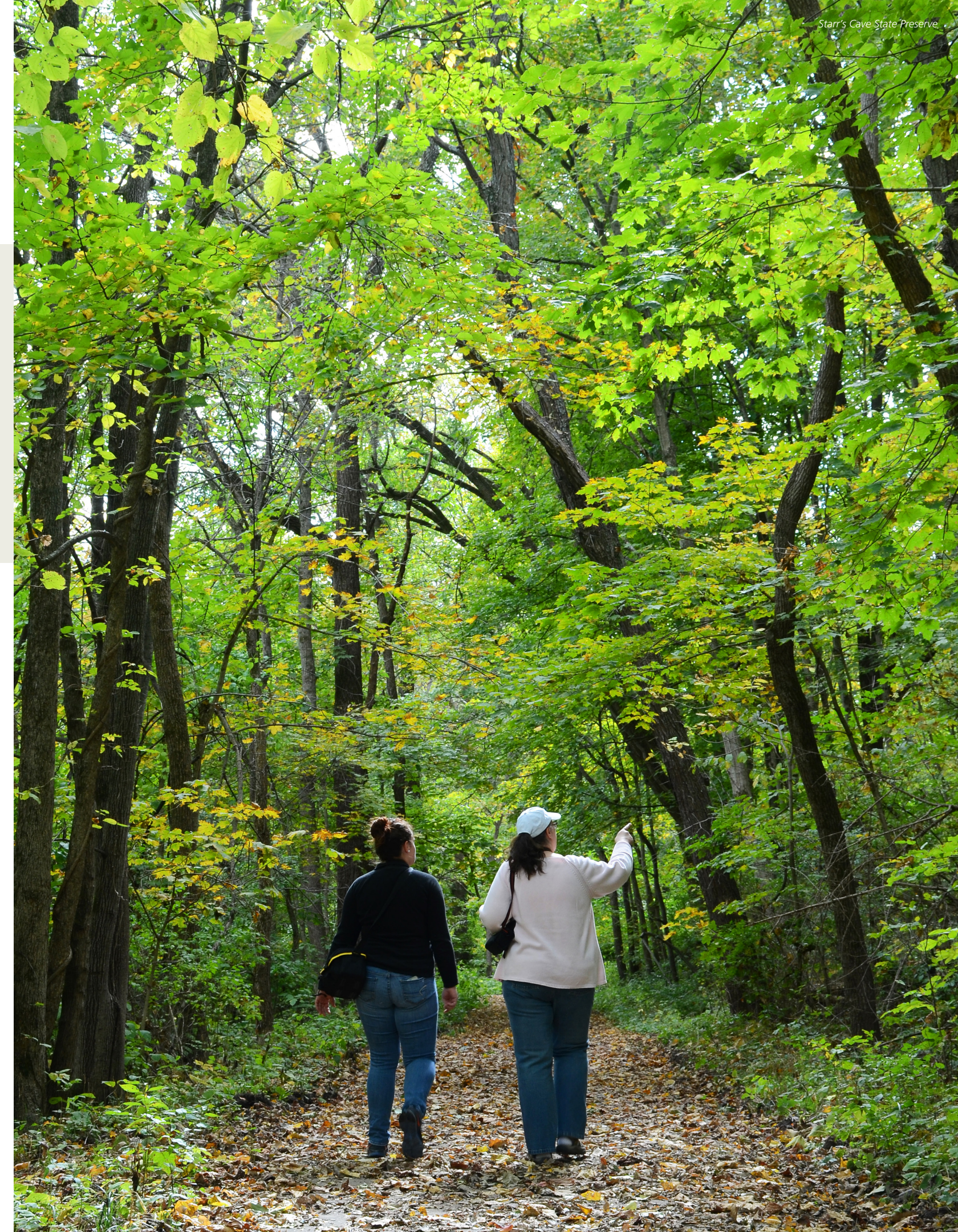
With the Jefferson Street Farmers Market, A Very Vintage Market, and the Old Couch Music Festival, art, music, and culture are a part of our community where there's always something happening.



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## Mississippi River

Stunning views, peaceful moments, and endless opportunities for boating, fishing, and birdwatching. It's scenic beauty & natural power make it a timeless spot for exploration and relaxation.



# Places To Eat



## Local Favorites

### The Beancounter ▲ Coffeehouse & Drinkery

Coffeehouse

*"I'm a sucker for a good acai bowl,  
and they have one of the best!"*

Lindsay

### Napoli's Pizza & Restaurant

Greek

*"Love the variety, their pizza is amazing  
and my husband loves the gyros."*

Lena

### Martini's Grille ►

Steakhouse

*"Great taste and quality at Martini's  
while enjoying beautiful views of the  
Mississippi River."*

Brenda



## Tourist Favourites

### The Broadway Bar & Grill ▲

American

Gourmet-style burgers, unique sandwiches,  
hand-breaded tenderloins, and succulent in-  
house cut steaks.

### The Busted Cup Brewhouse ►

Brewery | German / American

This cozy, laid-back brewhouse serves up  
handcrafted beers and a unique twist on  
German-inspired cuisine in the heart of down-  
town.





# Housing & Neighborhoods

Whether you're looking for a historic home with character, a modern build with all the updates, or a quiet rental close to downtown, Greater Burlington has housing options for every lifestyle and budget.

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## Historic Homes

Greater Burlington offers a number of historic homes with beautiful 19th century architecture on tree lined streets ready for you to move in.



2

## New Construction

Newly built homes with open floor plans and modern amenities provide space perfect for families, professionals, and retirees alike.



3

## Downtown Living

Downtown Burlington offers apartments & condos that have walkable access to dining, shopping, and river views.



4

## Comfortable & Connected

West Burlington offers a variety of neighborhoods that blend suburban comfort & amenities with excellent school access.



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## Close-Knit Communities

Mediapolis, Danville, Middletown, Sperry, Kingston, Beavertdale, Augusta & Yarmouth provide small-town charm with close-knit community life.





**Facts:**

- County Population: 38,253
- Average Home Value: \$164,000
- Average Commute: 15 Minutes
- Cost of Living: Consistently below national average

# Education

Greater Burlington communities value education, from preschoolers to adult learners. Whether you're looking for a strong public school district, private faith-based education, or early learning care, you'll find options tailored to your family's needs.



## Burlington Community School District

BCSD serves approximately 3,200 students in grades PK-12 with some of the area's smallest class sizes. They are home to more than 25 athletic teams, 30 clubs & 12 music ensembles. They offer free afterschool programming for K-6 students.



## West Burlington Independent School District

WBISD serves approximately 900 students in grades PK-12. Class sizes range from 20 students in lower elementary to 25 students in high school. They are large enough to provide many opportunities for students yet small enough to support students individually.



## Mediapolis Community School District

Mediapolis offers small class sizes and 1:1 technology from PreK-12. Students enjoy free college classes. Students are offered a diverse range of 37 clubs, activities & sports with 90% student involvement. Their graduation rate is 95% over the last 6 years.



## Danville Community School District

Danville offers small class sizes, 1:1 technology from PreK-12 & personalized learning. Students benefit from early childhood education, on-site daycare, free college classes through SCC & over 35 extracurriculars. They average 95% graduation rate over last 6 years.



## Burlington Notre Dame School (Private)

ND Catholic School provides exceptional & affordable education to families from diverse backgrounds. They have a 100% graduation rate & 95% of students are college or tech school bound. Last year their 31 seniors were offered an avg. 5 scholarship awards per student.



## Great River Christian School (Private)

GRCS is an accredited non-public PreK-12 nondomination school. They represent over 30 area churches and hold to a Christian Statement of Faith based on prayer, Bible-based, community & excellence.



## Southeastern Community College

Southeastern Community College offers career-ready programs, transfer degrees, and hands-on training close to home. With small class sizes and flexible options, SCC makes it easy to start strong and stay local.



# Getting Around Locally



## (No) Commute

15 minutes. That's it. No more sitting in traffic wondering why you keep doing this day after day after day. In Greater Burlington you just pop on your top 3 favorite songs and you're home just as you sing the last chorus.

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## Public Transit

Greater Burlington's public transportation system provides easy, affordable access to key destinations across the city. With fixed routes and on-demand services, getting around town is convenient for residents and visitors alike.

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## Trails

Scenic trails wind through forests, along riverbanks, and across open landscapes, perfect for walking, hiking, and biking. Whether you're looking for a peaceful stroll or an adventurous ride, there's a trail for every pace and season.

Flint River Trail



# Regional Travel



## Major Highways

Highway 61, Highway 34, and nearby Interstate 80 connect the region to major metros for easy travel. Greater Burlington offers quick access in every direction.

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## Regional Airports & Rail

Fly local from Southeast Iowa Regional Airport or reach major airports in the Quad Cities, Des Moines, St. Louis & Chicago within a half-day's drive. If you prefer to travel by rail, hop on the Amtrak and travel across the country.

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## Metro Drives

From scenic road trips to weekend getaways, big city adventures are within reach. Des Moines in 2.5 hours, St. Louis in 3.5, Chicago in 4, and Kansas City in 4.5.

# F.A.Q Section

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**Should you move to Greater Burlington?**

Yes, it's awesome. We love it and we think you'll love it here too.

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**What is the Cost of Living in the area?**

Greater Burlington offers an affordable cost of living with quality housing, services, and amenities that make it an ideal place to live, work, and grow.

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**What are the schools & education options like?**

The area features a strong mix of public and private schools, community colleges, and continuing education options, all committed to student success and lifelong learning.

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**What is there to do in the area?**

From riverfront festivals and concerts to shopping, dining, and outdoor recreation, Greater Burlington offers year-round activities for every interest and age.

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## Have another question?

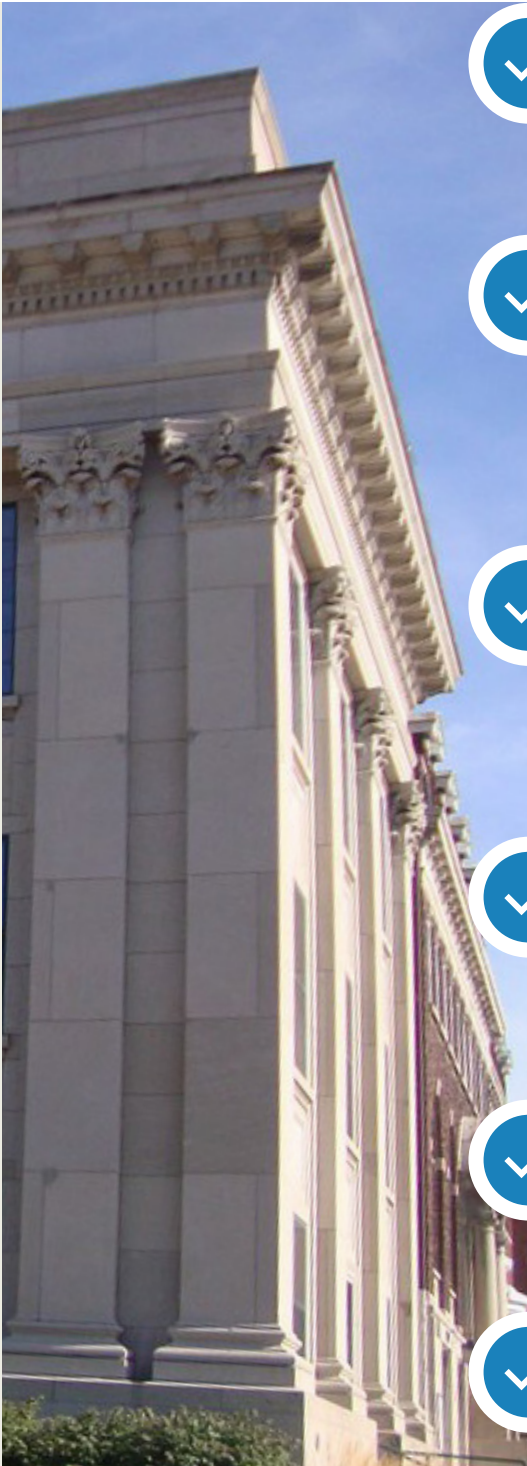
Log on to [GreaterBurlington.com](http://GreaterBurlington.com) and send us a message. We're happy to answer any questions you have.





# Getting Settled

Once you've picked your new place, it's time to get everything in order. Here's a quick-start list of essentials to get you set up & feeling at home in no time.



## Electric & Gas Utilities

Alliant Energy | 1-800-255-4268

## Water & Trash

City of Burlington | 319-753-8121

City of West Burlington | 319-752-5451

City of Mediapolis | 319-394-3127

City of Danville | 319-392-4685

## Internet & TV

Mediacom | 1-855-633-4226

ImOn Communications | 319-200-6300

MTC Technologies | 319-394-3456

## Driver's License, Vehicle Registration & Voting

Iowa DOT | [iowaDOT.gov](http://iowaDOT.gov)

County Treasurer | 319-753-8273

County Recorder | 319-753-8221

County Auditor | 319-753-8232

## Pets

Summer St Animal Clinic | 319-752-1566

## Free Services

Burlington Public Library | 319-753-1647

Danville Library | 319-392-8317

Mediapolis Public Library | 319-394-3895

# Quick Links

Looking for more information to make your move easier? Scan the QR codes below for quick access to housing and relocation tools, local school districts, utility providers, the community events calendar, and the Greater Burlington business directory. Everything you need is just a click away.



## Housing & Relocation Tools

Explore neighborhood videos, browse local listings, and connect with trusted area realtors to help you find your perfect place to call home.



## School Districts

Get to know our local school districts with direct links to learn more about their programs, achievements, and enrollment.



## Utility Providers

Find contact information and service details for electric, water, internet, and other essential utilities in the Greater Burlington area.



## Events Calendar

Stay in the loop with a full calendar of community events—from live music and family fun to markets, movies, and seasonal celebrations.

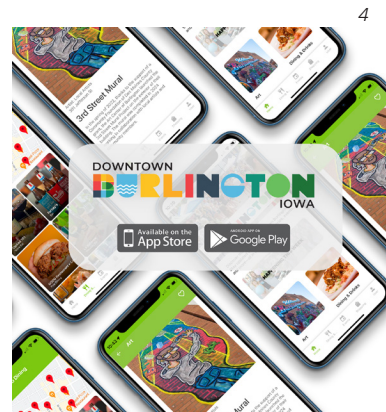
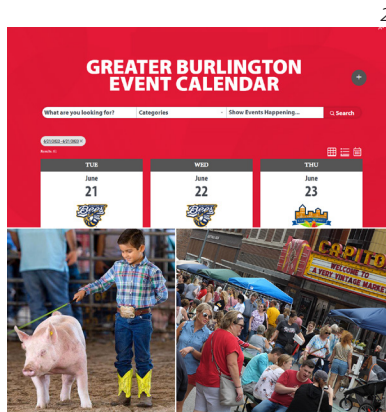


## Business Directory

Discover local businesses and services ready to support your transition and help you settle in with confidence.

# Community Resources

Greater Burlington Partnership offers a variety of free online tools to help you get connected, stay informed, and make the most of your time here. Whether you're exploring local events, searching for job opportunities, or keeping up with what's happening downtown, these resources are designed to support you every step of the way.



1

## GreaterBurlington.com

GreaterBurlington.com helps you get to know the community, discover local services, explore the member directory of local businesses ready to serve you, and see how the Greater Burlington Partnership can support your move.

2

## GreaterBurlington.com/Events

GreaterBurlington.com/Events features a full calendar of local happenings, from carnivals and festivals to baseball games, live music, and more. Making it easy to explore what's going on and get involved in the community.

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## GreaterBurlington.com/Jobs

GreaterBurlington.com/Jobs is a local job board where you can browse current openings, discover career opportunities with area employers, and sign up for alerts when new positions are posted.

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## Downtown Burlington App

The Downtown Burlington Iowa app keeps you connected to the heart of the city with updates on events, shopping, dining, and everything happening downtown—all in one convenient place. Download at [GreaterBurlington.com/DowntownApp](http://GreaterBurlington.com/DowntownApp).

# Care & Protection

## Health Care

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- Great River Health System
- Community Health Centers of Southeastern Iowa
- Addington Place
- The View of Burlington
- Bickford of Burlington

## Police

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- Burlington PD
- West Burlington PD
- Des Moines County Sherriff Dept.

## Fire

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- Burlington FD
- West Burlington FD
- Danville FD
- Mediapolis FD

## Vets & Pets

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- Summer Street Animal Clinic
- Bark & Play Daycare and Suites
- Preferred Pet Containment
- The Bark Spa
- The P-A-R-K Indoor Dog Park & Pup Emporium



# Good to Know from the Get-Go



## Burlington Public Library

The local library offers free access to books, movies, audiobooks, and digital resources for all ages. Families will love the engaging children’s programs, story times, and hands-on activities. It’s a welcoming space to learn, explore, and connect with the community.



## Burlington RecPlex

This top-tier sports complex features baseball and softball fields, soccer fields, and batting cages for players of all ages. It’s home to youth programs and competitive leagues, plus adult rec leagues throughout the year. Whether you’re playing or cheering, it’s a hub for active community fun.



## Burlington Area YMCA

The local YMCA is more than just a gym—it’s a community hub offering fitness, family programs, and youth activities. Kids can join basketball, soccer, gymnastics, and more in a supportive, active environment. It’s a place where all ages come to grow, play, and stay healthy.



## Burlington Riverfront Entertainment

They bring year-round excitement to the Memorial Auditorium with live music, comedy, and special events. One of its biggest draws is SnowBull, a high-energy local favorite featuring professional bull riding. From concerts to community showcases, there’s always something happening on the riverfront stage.



# Local Events You'll Love



## Jefferson Street Farmers Market

Every Thursday from May through September, the streets come alive with the Jefferson Street Farmers Market. Shop fresh produce, local goods, handmade crafts, and enjoy live music and food vendors. It's a weekly tradition that brings the community together downtown.



## Lighted Holiday Parade

Held the Saturday after Thanksgiving, the Lighted Holiday Parade fills downtown with glowing floats, music, and festive spirit. After the parade, families gather on the riverfront for a magical tree lighting ceremony. It's a beloved tradition that kicks off the holiday season in unforgettable style.



## Des Moines County Fair

The Des Moines County Fair, held each summer at the fairgrounds on the Southeastern Community College campus, celebrates local talent, agriculture, and family fun. Enjoy livestock shows, exhibits, live entertainment, and more. It's a tradition that brings the community together year after year.



## Burlington Bees Baseball

Burlington Bees baseball offers classic summer fun with a team now playing in the Prospect League, featuring top college players and future pros. Fans enjoy affordable, family-friendly games at historic Community Field. It's a great way to spend an evening and catch a glimpse of tomorrow's stars.



# Welcome Home

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When You Are.



Have questions? We're here to help!



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