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## LOOKING TO 2023 AND BEYOND

by Della Schmidt

January, like the turning of a page, represents a new start. Last year certainly had its share of challenges, from supply chain disruptions to ongoing labor shortages and inflationary pressures. Yet, the Greater Burlington area continues to thrive due to leadership, collaboration, and creativity. Our communities remain strong, and the year ahead looks bright because of the commitment of business and community leaders to be a force of good for our region.

The Greater Burlington Partnership has stood as the voice of business, working to create an environment where business can prosper. Our mission guides us in everything that we do in making connections and building community. Thanks to the support and engagement of our stakeholders, we accomplish this together. To strengthen this focus, the Partnership Boards - Chamber of Commerce, Grow Greater Burlington, Downtown Partners Inc., and Convention and Visitors Bureau, recently identified three main priorities to guide us in 2023 and beyond:

- Pursue Population Stability and Growth
- Continued Pursuit of Business and Workforce Development
- Growing Tourism

Throughout the year we will be sharing more about these three priorities and implementation strategies.

Additionally, the Chamber of Commerce has adopted a new mission statement to better reflect its work and priorities: "The Burlington/West Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based association of businesses, professional leaders and individuals working together to promote economic growth, employment opportunities, government advocacy, excellence in education, and quality of life." Downtown Partners Inc. engaged stakeholders in the development of an exciting new "destination brand" for the Downtown District and a big reveal party is being planned for February – keep an eye out for details. This month the Convention and Visitors Bureau, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, released a completely redesigned 2023 Community Guide, a precursor to future plans for two distinct publications.

We have hit the ground running in 2023. Without our investors, none of the work we do would be possible. We are strong because of members' participation and investment. We look forward to continuing working together to make the Burlington/West Burlington area a great place to visit, grow business, raise a family, and enjoy life.



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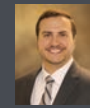
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Each year the Board of Directors is tasked with setting the policies and goals of the Greater Burlington Partnership. The organization is unique in structure and includes the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development, Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Downtown Partners, Inc., all under the collective umbrella of the Greater Burlington Partnership. For this community, the collaboration has proven to be an effective and great strategy. To accomplish this task, each division has a separate Board of Directors, segregated funds and a unique mission statement guiding their way.

During their one-year term, division Chairs represent the organization at a variety of functions and collectively meet to ensure the organization is running efficiently and effectively. When you have an opportunity, please thank these individuals for their time and dedication to the organization and the community.

In 2023, the Chairs of the divisions are (from left to right):

- **Tim Lundgren**  
Farm Bureau Financial Services - Tim Lundgren  
Chamber of Commerce Board Chair
- **Mercedes Ponce**  
Titan Broadcasting & Digital Group 101.7 The Bull KBKB-FM and The New Mix 107.3 KGRS  
Downtown Partners, Inc. Board Chair
- **Eric Benne**,  
Two Rivers Bank & Trust  
Economic Development Board Chair
- **Yair Carvajal**, Queso's Mexican Bar & Grill  
Convention & Visitors Bureau Steering Committee Chair



## ON THE COVER

2023 Board Chairs

# Year in Review

The Greater Burlington Partnership's 2023 Annual Report will be distributed at the Annual Dinner on January 27 and in the mail in late January.

The Annual Report features quantifiable objectives for each of the four Partnership divisions as well as facts about the organization.

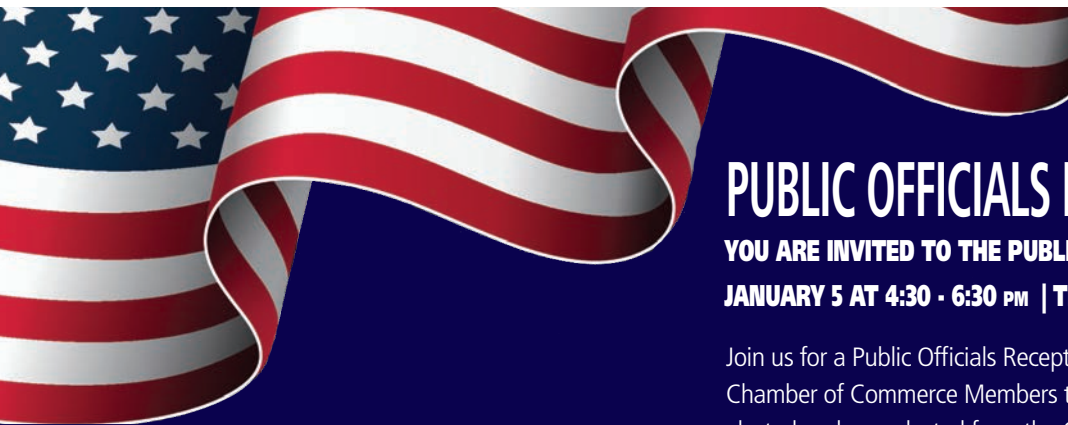
Although there is a cost to producing, printing and mailing the booklet, it is important that the organization be held accountable to its members, investors, and stakeholders.

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

If you are not the primary contact for your business, you may view the digital version online at [GreaterBurlington.com](http://GreaterBurlington.com).



Pictured L to R:  
 Charlie L. Walsh, Farmers & Merchants Bank & Trust  
 Michelle Mann Caston, Mann's McDonald's L.C.  
 Tim Lundgren, Farm Bureau Financial Services - Tim Lundgren  
 Todd Darnall, McConnel Lofts



## PUBLIC OFFICIALS MEET & GREET

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

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

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

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# \*NEW\* FRIDAY FORUMS

Join the conversation on January 20  
with State Legislators, featuring State  
Representatives Taylor Collins and Matthew Rinker  
and State Senators Mark Lofgen and Jeff Reichman  
Greater Burlington Partnership or Virtual, 8 AM

Join the Conversation!

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

Mark your calendars for the third Friday of the month October - April  
Greater Burlington Partnership – Winegard Room or virtually at 8 AM  
January 20, February 17, March 17, and April (TBD) – State Legislators

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



## SOUTHEAST IOWA DAYS DES MOINES - FEBRUARY 1 & 2

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

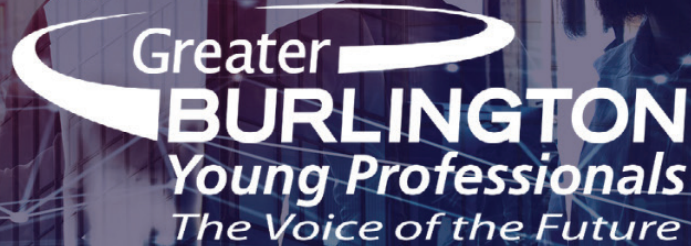
**Who should attend:** Any chamber member interested in advocating for pro-business legislation and interested in a hands-on experience at the State Capitol while the 2023 Legislative Session is in full-swing.

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

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

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

**ENROLL NOW FOR THE 2023 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM!**



The 2023 program has been completely reimagined and has several new events and benefits to offer in the new year.

The Greater Burlington Young Professionals is a program designed to promote community involvement, career advancement, and networking opportunities for individuals between the ages of 21 - 40. We have 130+ members and host 15 to 20 events each year. These events include

educational lunch seminars, trivia nights, limo rides to attractions in surrounding communities, private tours, and more. In addition to events, membership includes several benefits that will help grow your connections and keep your professional toolbox full.

**Some of these benefits include:**

- \$30 headshot photos
- Invitations to private Chamber of Commerce events
- Advertising opportunities

Membership fee of \$75 covers lunches, drink tickets, and admission to events for a year.

To join, visit [greaterburlington.com/YP](http://greaterburlington.com/YP)

**Questions? Contact us at 319-208-0040, or [youngprofessionals@greaterburlington.com](mailto:youngprofessionals@greaterburlington.com).**

[GreaterBurlingtonYP.com](http://GreaterBurlingtonYP.com)

**2023 MARKETING & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Promote your business while receiving valuable marketing benefits in a variety of ways while enjoying your favorite events.

**Golf Classic:**

Premier, Towel and Eagle

**Farmers Market:**

September

**Downtown Trick or Treat:**

Premier

**A Very Vintage Market:**

Entertainment

**Teachers Appreciation Reception:**

Premier

**Holiday Business Showcase:**

Premier, Entertainment,  
Booth Bingo

**Manufacturers Appreciation**

**Luncheon:** Booth Bingo

Contact Marty Mogk to discuss options to target your preferred audience, save your spot or sponsor your favorite events.



## **BE OUR GUEST, BE OUR GUEST THE GREATER BURLINGTON PARTNERSHIP PROUDLY PRESENTS THE 2023 ANNUAL DINNER!**

**What:** Guests are invited to join us for the 2023 Annual Dinner celebration. Cocktail hour begins at 6 PM where you'll be able to enter to win one of our themed raffle baskets. Dinner will feature music performed by local pianist, Aaron Lotzow. Following dinner, we'll reveal the winners of our Community Awards with an award ceremony where you'll be able to celebrate your fellow members who have made an impact in 2022. This year's live auction will include items such as exclusive dining opportunities, tickets and hotel stay for a Cubs vs Cardinals game, and more.

Throughout the evening you'll be able to bid on one of our many silent auction items before ending the night at The Boogaloo Sports Bar for our after-party.

**When:** January 27

Doors open at 5:30 PM, cocktail hour begins at 6 PM

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

**Attire:** Formal or semi-formal attire

*This is a ticketed event. To purchase a table or seat, please check availability by contacting Marty Mogk, 319-752-6365 or [mmogk@greaterburlington.com](mailto:mmogk@greaterburlington.com)*

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# 2023 PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA

*The Greater Burlington Partnership is the identity for the overall organization which includes the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development, Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Downtown Partners, Inc. Each division has a separate mission but shares one vision: to ensure Greater Burlington is a growing regional center of commerce, industry, education, health care, entertainment and culture which provides a great place to live and work.*

The Greater Burlington Partnership will focus on the following five (5) priorities, listed in no particular order:

- **Workforce & Education:** The future lies with those that are being educated today. Strong relationships between school districts, community colleges, and employers are vital to Greater Burlington's quality of life, as well as a critical attractor of business to the community. The Partnership supports policies that enhance access to quality education and skills development opportunities for pre-kindergarten to adult learners.
- **Talent Attraction:** Workforce needs can only be met through attracting people to Des Moines County. The Partnership supports legislative policies that will aid in growing the population and attracting the talent needed to fill open jobs in the Greater Burlington area.
- **Housing:** Expanding efforts to address workforce housing shortages. Iowa must be proactive in providing a diverse array of housing options for the attraction of talent. Incentives to defray the development costs for new housing, redevelopment of existing housing and revitalized neighborhoods could provide the needed investments.
- Provide a full spectrum of **Mental Health Care** in our region. Identify methods to establish equity for rural Iowans to easily access services, including transportation as an allowable service of the Region. Provide the Regions/Counties with tools to offset the costs of doing business and providing equitable services/access across areas of low population density.
- **Childcare:** The Greater Burlington Partnership supports legislative policies that encourage expansion, equitable access, and maintain quality, affordable childcare for all.

*A complete 2023 Public Policy Agenda is available at [GreaterBurlington.com](http://GreaterBurlington.com).*



## Chamber of Commerce Officers

Chairperson - Tim Lundgren  
Farm Bureau Financial Services, Tim Lundgren  
Chair Elect - Daphne Rothlisberger, Winegard Company  
Treasurer - Gina Crabtree, Burlington Area YMCA  
Officer at Large - Joe Jolin, Jolin Media

## Economic Development Officers

Chairperson - Eric Benne, Two Rivers Bank & Trust  
Chair Elect - Bob Huffman, Huffman's Farm & Home  
Past Chairperson - Charlie L. Walsh  
Farmers & Merchants Bank & Trust  
Treasurer - Tina McCulloch, Big River Resources

## Convention & Visitors Bureau Officers

Chairperson - Yair Carvajal, Queso's Mexican Bar & Grill

## Downtown Partners, Inc. Officers

Chairperson - Mercedes Ponce  
Titan Broadcasting & Digital Group  
Chair Elect - Todd Ackerman, World Insurance  
Past Chairperson - Todd Darnall, McConnell Lofts  
Treasurer - Tom Burch, Farmers & Merchants Bank & Trust

# 2023

# PARTNERSHIP BOARD OFFICERS

# MEET THE NEW LEADERSHIP

## Chamber of Commerce

*Tim Lundgren*, Farm Bureau Financial Services - Tim Lundgren



**Goal:** The Burlington/West Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce is one of the most essential voices for our area in advocating for our local businesses, business owners, and their employees. I look forward to working alongside the Partnership staff and membership to continue supporting our community as we strive to succeed in what has been shown to be challenging and unpredictable times.

**Why:** I fully embrace what a great community we have, and my respect for the offerings we provide for our populace has only increased: art, entertainment, dining, shopping, industry, education, housing, etc. The economic impact, social significance, and quality of life influences our community provides cannot be understated. We are truly a great place to live, work and play.

## Economic Development

*Eric Benne*, Two Rivers Bank & Trust



**Goal:** The name Grow Greater Burlington pretty much sums it up. There are a lot of exciting things happening in the Greater Burlington area and I want to see those continue not just into this year, but for years to come. I look forward to supporting the staff at the Partnership as they keep the momentum going that they helped create.

**Why:** I want to see this community continue to improve and grow. Serving on this board affords me the opportunity to do my part towards achieving that goal.

## Convention & Visitors Bureau

*Yair Carvajal*, Queso's Mexican Bar & Grill



**Goal:** Plenty of momentum and excitement is occurring and growing in Burlington. As incoming chair, I want to continue to assist The Partnership, its great staff, and the community to build on this momentum and create even more opportunities. I look forward to working with the next Executive Director Chris Gram and continue to show everyone all the amazing things Burlington has to offer. Plenty of challenges await us, but my experience has shown me that the community is more than ready to overcome those and be better positioned for the future.

**Why:** I arrived in Burlington a few years ago unsure of what to expect, but the community and surrounding areas quickly won me over. Personally, this role is the perfect outlet for my growing enthusiasm for the region and its potential. I'm excited for 2023 and the bright future for Burlington!

## Downtown Partners, Inc.

*Mercedes Ponce*, Titan Broadcasting & Digital Group



**Goal:** My goal for 2023 is to let the Greater Burlington Area and beyond know how wonderful our Downtown is. There is a new destination brand rolling out this year. We are looking forward to the completion of the Streetscape project. Upper story residential and commercial space development is continuing, not to mention the wonderful new businesses that are calling Downtown their home. 2023 is going to be a year of growth, change and full of exciting opportunities for our area.

**Why:** I have lived in Burlington my whole life. I am proud of my community and honored to be a part of something that makes us even better. I am excited to lead DPI during such a time of growth. I am looking forward to facilitating development of the area I love and call home.

## Jefferson St Farmers Market Season:

Vendor applications for Jefferson Street Farmers Market will be opening soon. The market will begin in May and run through September. Follow the Jefferson St Farmers Market Facebook page for updates on the 2023 market.



## A Very Vintage Market:

Vendor applications for A Very Vintage Market will be opening soon at GreaterBurlington.com. The market will take place on Saturday, July 15. Follow the A Very Vintage Market Facebook page for news about the 8th annual event.



## Winter Story Walk

January 21, 10 AM - 2 PM

Downtown Partners, Inc. has partnered with the Iowa State Extension Office to bring to life a story about a Snowman into the Downtown. This event is most enjoyed by kids 10 years of age and under and will lead the child throughout the Downtown, into storefronts, while enjoying reading a story with a snowman theme. It all starts with a snowman craft at the Art Center of Burlington and ends with a Snowman movie at the Capitol Theater. This event is to encourage youth to read and make reading fun.

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



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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.

## Great River Health Announces President and CEO

Great River Health System Board of Directors has unanimously approved the selection of Dr. Michael McCoy as full-time President and CEO of Great River Health. Previously, Dr. McCoy served as Acting President and CEO. "The board is confident that Dr. McCoy has the experience and qualities to lead the organization. We are committed to our mission of empowering our people to provide compassionate, high-quality care, while being good stewards of our resources in Southeast Iowa," stated Douglas Martin, Great River Health System Board Chair.

Dr. McCoy joined Great River Medical Center's medical staff in 1990 and was appointed Chief Medical Officer of Great River Health in 2015. Dr. McCoy commented, "I look forward to continuing my work with the board, medical staff, and employees of the health system. Our priority is to continue to deliver outstanding services close to home and to strengthen our relationships in our communities."

## Professional of the Year, APSE

Eva Castillo has received the prestigious award of Professional of the Year from the Association of People Supporting Employment First. This is the only national membership organization that focuses exclusively on the inclusive employment and career advancement opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Eva has worked at Hope Haven Area Development Center Corp. for 20 years, solely in employment services, and lives and breathes the vision that all people with disabilities can work and be a part of their communities. She was certified as a CESP, certified employment support professional, in 2013 and is currently the Director of Employment Services.

## Distinguished Service "In Every Person's World"

Dr. Michael Ash, President of Southeastern Community College, has received the Oral Roberts University 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award for Distinguished Service "In Every Person's World." The award recognizes excellence in carrying out ORU's founding vision through service and achievements in non-ministry/non-missions fields, and by representing Christ in their particular corner of "every person's world."

## Senator Mark Lofgren named Chair of Senate Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee for the 90th General Assembly

Senate District 48 includes parts of Muscatine, Henry and Des Moines Counties and all of Louisa County. Lofgren served two terms in the Iowa House and is beginning his seventh year in the Iowa Senate. "I am honored to be selected to serve another term as the chair of the Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee," said Senator Lofgren, "We have worked hard to pass conservative budgets and I will continue to implement those sound budgeting principles as chair of this subcommittee."

The Economic Development budget subcommittee oversees the budget process for several state departments such as the Department of Cultural Affairs, Iowa Economic Development Authority and Iowa Workforce Development.



# ALL THINGS GREATER BURLINGTON

## All Things Greater Burlington Podcast

The podcast can now be heard on Greater Burlington.com, Amazon Music, Google Podcasts, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Castbox, and Stitcher. Current interviews include Burlington Bees Manager of Operations Tad Lowary, Art Center of Burlington Executive Director Elizabeth Pappas, and Iowa Wesleyan University representatives Derek Zander and Meg Richtman.

### Upcoming interviews include:

- West Burlington City Manager Greg Mandsager
- Des Moines County Sheriff Kevin Glendening
- Great Western Supply Branch Manager Nicole Farrier

Make sure to subscribe to stay informed when new episodes become available.

### Have a suggestion on who you would like us to interview?

Please contact Steven Brody at 319-208-0054 or sbrody@greaterburlington.com.

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

# WELCOME

## NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome these new Chamber of Commerce members by sending an email, liking their Facebook page or visiting their website. Even better, stop by to introduce yourself, exchange business cards and help grow their network as well as your own!

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# January Events

3 – Recovery Hike  
Starr's Cave Nature Center  
2:30 PM  
DMConservation.com

5 - Public Officials Meet & Creet  
The Broadway Bar & Grill  
4:30 - 6:30 PM  
GreaterBurlington.com

6 - 26 – January Gallery Show:  
Travel + Culture  
Art Center of Burlington, hours vary  
BTownArt.com

7 – That's Yesterday's News  
Burlington Public Library  
10 AM  
Burlington.lib.ia.us

7 – Been There Done That/Leaving Abbey  
Capitol Theater, 7:30 pm  
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

8 – Pickleball Free Play  
Burlington Area YMCA  
12 - 3 PM  
BurlingtonY.org

12 - Business After Hours  
C.U.R.E Solutions  
5 - 7 PM  
GreaterBurlington.com

14 – Let's Glow  
Shug's Tiny Town, Ft Madison  
5 - 7 PM  
ShugsTinyTown.com

14 – All American Jazz Collective  
Art Center of Burlington  
6 PM  
BTownArt.com

15 – Your Wedding Expo  
Cornerstone Wedding & Event Center  
11 AM - 3 PM  
TheCornerStoneIA.com

18 – Burlington Lunchtime Chamber Music  
First United Methodist Church  
12:15 PM  
facebook.com/  
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20 - Friday Forums  
Greater Burlington Partnership  
8 - 9 AM, Zoom Optional  
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20 – Opening Reception/Aaron Warner  
Art Center of Burlington, 6 pm  
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20 – Broadway Dance Party  
Cornerstone Wedding & Event Center  
8 PM  
TheCornerStoneIA.com

21 – Winter Story Walk  
Downtown Burlington  
10 AM - 4 PM  
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21 – Eagle Watch  
Port of Burlington Welcome Center  
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DMCConservation.com

21 – Pheasants Forever Annual Banquet  
Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center,  
5 PM  
LeopoldPF.org

27 - Annual Dinner, Be Our Guest  
Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center  
6 PM  
GreaterBurlington.com

28 – Vice Night: Chronic Illness & Big  
Pharma  
Art Center of Burlington  
5- 8 PM  
BTownArt.com

29 – Bridal & Event Expo  
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## DANKWARDT PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT - FUNDRAISING

The Parks & Recreation Department has initiated the fundraising phase of the Dankwardt Park Playground Project. While significant funding has been committed to date, additional support is needed to make this project a reality. This will be a lasting project for the community, where children and families will be able to make memories for years to come. Our community needs your help - please consider donating today!

For more information call 319-753-8131, or email [parks@burlingtoniowa.org](mailto:parks@burlingtoniowa.org).

## THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS

**January 7, 10 - 11:30 AM**

Join local historian, Terry Abrisz for some coffee, rolls and Burlington history. Terry uses the local newspaper to share the story of the community with a different topic each month. This month we'll explore notable performers from the Opera House, Memorial Auditorium, and Steamboat Days.

No registration required; all are welcome. For more information call 319-753-1647, visit their website [Burlington.lib.ia.us](http://Burlington.lib.ia.us)

## LET'S GLOW

**Shug's Tiny Town & Educational Toys**

**January 14, 10 - 11:30 AM**

The lights are going out at Shug's Tiny Town! Dance the evening away in black lights and beautiful neon colors. Tell your friends and wear light or neon colors for maximum fun! Admission includes: Glow in the dark goodie bag, Glow in dark crafts, Photo Booth, Games, and Dancing fun! Food and Drinks Provided. Registration deadline January 13. (An adult must be present during event)

For information call at 319-372-7484, [shug@shugstinytown.com](mailto:shug@shugstinytown.com)

## JANUARY GALLERY SHOW: TRAVEL + CULTURE

**The Art Center of Burlington, January 6 - 26**

See the world through the lenses of area and regional photographers. Meet the artists during the opening reception from 5 to 8 PM Friday, January 20, in the Gallery Lounge, with live music from Aaron Warner. Both the month-long show and the artist reception are free and open to the public.

For more information, visit [BTownArt.com](http://BTownArt.com)

## YOUR WEDDING EXPO

**Cornerstone - Wedding & Event Center**

**January 15, 11 AM - 3 PM**

It's time for YOUR Wedding Expo! Southeast Iowa's First interactive experiential bridal show! Featuring LIVE Hair and Make-Up Demos, DJ Special Effects, Limousine Rides, Floral Creation, Cake Decorating, and A Wedding Fashion Show - featuring the latest bridal & bridesmaids gowns, tux's & suits, and more!

For tickets, visit

[TristateWeddingNetwork.com/exporegister2023](http://TristateWeddingNetwork.com/exporegister2023)

## ANNUAL BALD EAGLE WATCH

**January 21, 10 - 12 AM**

Hosted by Des Moines County Conservation, the Bald Eagle Watch will begin at the Port of Burlington at 10 am with a presentation and move to Lock and Dam 18 for a chance to observe eagles. Participants will drive their own vehicles and are encouraged to bring their own binoculars, but there will be some available. The program ends at noon.

For more information call 319-753-5808, or [goodmanj@dmcounty.com](mailto:goodmanj@dmcounty.com)

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