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President & CEO's Letter



Dear Members & Friends,

As we celebrate the Fourth of July and America's 250th birthday, I wanted to learn more about the role Burlington has played in our nation's story. While exploring local history, I discovered that the Des Moines County Heritage Center hosts a "History Club" that meets on Wednesday mornings. Curious to learn more, I showed up, made some new friends, and uncovered a few fascinating facts about Burlington.

History Club is an informal gathering where Colton Overton uses online archives, including historic city directories, to help answer questions about Burlington's past. It is a wonderful reminder that our community's story is still being discovered and shared.

Long before Iowa became a state, Burlington was already part of America's westward expansion. In 1805, explorer Zebulon Pike traveled through this region and raised the American flag near present-day Burlington, marking one of the earliest formal United States presences in Iowa. In 1838, Burlington became the first territorial capital of Iowa, helping shape the future of our state and the growing Midwest.

That same spirit of resilience and determination that helped build America can still be found here today. The Mississippi River positioned Burlington as an early center of commerce and connection, while the railroad later carried the Burlington name across the country, linking communities, industries, and people during one of America's greatest periods of growth.

Manufacturers here have produced goods that reached markets far beyond Southeast Iowa, and generations of business leaders, workers, and entrepreneurs helped establish Burlington as a community known for hard work, innovation, and ingenuity. Our riverfront, historic downtown, and established neighborhoods remind us every day that history matters. They also remind us that communities must continue evolving to remain strong and competitive.

America's 250th birthday is not only an opportunity to celebrate where our nation has been, it is also an opportunity to think boldly about where we are headed. What kind of region do we want to create for the next generation? How do we continue attracting talent, supporting business growth, investing in housing and childcare, and building a community where people choose to live, work, and stay?

As fireworks light up the sky this month, I hope we all will take a moment to appreciate the people, businesses, and organizations that continue moving our region forward. And if you have a question about Burlington's past, I highly recommend stopping by History Club and putting Colton's research skills to the test.

The American story is still being written, and Greater Burlington has an important role to play in its next chapter. I believe our best days are still ahead, and I am excited about what we will accomplish together.

Amy O'Brien

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ON THE COVER

2026 West Burlington Fourth of July Celebration

West Burlington's Fourth of July celebration is back, and 2026 is shaping up to be the biggest and most packed day yet in downtown West Burlington.

The fun starts at 6 AM with the always popular Fire Department Pancake Breakfast, and from there the day just keeps building. The Relay for Life Craft and Vendor Show opens at 7 AM, bike races get rolling at 9 AM courtesy of Bickel's, and Cruise Day brings a classic car display starting at 10 AM. Kids inflatables, a dunk tank, and lawn games fire up at 11:30 AM, and the Lions Club is running bingo from 11 am to 3 PM. Art in the Tent with the Art Center of Burlington runs from noon to 3 PM, and food trucks are on site from 11 AM all the way through 11 PM.

The 4th of July Patriotic Parade steps off at 4 PM, followed by the legendary Broadway Bullfrog Race at 7 PM. A huge raffle drawing with four major prize packages takes place at 8 pm, and the night wraps up with a spectacular fireworks show - the largest in event history - sponsored by First Mid Bank & Trust, beginning just after 10 PM.

Live music runs all day on the Deery Brothers Outdoor Stage, opening with Owen Wolfe at 11:30 AM and continuing with a kids talent show at 1:30 PM and Eric Pettit Lion at 5 PM. Headlining at 8:30 PM is Wedding Banned, an interactive band that plays a high-energy mix of 80s hits and guilty pleasures guaranteed to keep the crowd moving well into the evening.

Admission is free, For full details visit WestBurlingtonIowa.gov/258/Fourth-of-July-Celebration.

For more information and to register for events, visit the official Fourth of July Celebration page.

GREATER BURLINGTON CHAMBER of COMMERCE
A DIVISION OF THE GREATER BURLINGTON PARTNERSHIP

Coffee with the Chamber at Mitchell Arms & Outdoors

July 28 at 8 AM | 3001 Sylvania Dr, Burlington

Coffee with the Chamber is a quarterly opportunity for Chamber members to connect, build relationships, and stay engaged with the Greater Burlington business community.

This month's host is Mitchell Arms & Outdoors. All members are welcome to attend for a relaxed morning of coffee, conversation, and connection. Attendees will have the chance to introduce themselves, share their business story with the group, and hear what's happening across the community. Whether you're new to the Chamber, a long-time member, or anywhere in between, this is a great networking opportunity.



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JOIN US FOR THE CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC

The countdown is on for the Chamber Golf Classic on **Thursday, August 13 at Burlington Golf Club!** Grab your clubs and join fellow Chamber members for a day of networking, friendly competition, and fun with a 10 AM shotgun start.

Only three spots remain, available as either a Birdie Sponsorship (includes a team of four and course signage) or a team of 4 registration.

Looking to add even more excitement to the course? The Heckler's Tent Sponsorship is also still available, giving one business the chance to cheer on golfers and create a memorable experience at a designated hole.

Secure your spot before they're gone by contacting Melissa Jones at mjones@greaterburlington.com.

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COMMUNITY CUP CHALLENGE



The Community Cup Challenge will take place from September 1 - 30 and encourages teams from local businesses and organizations to compete for the Community Cup trophy.

Teams earn points by completing challenges and participating in local events around the community. Challenges include volunteering at a local nonprofit, donating blood, playing pickleball, taking photos, and more. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Questions? Contact Mac Holford at mholford@greaterburlington.com.





Southeast Iowa
REGION

SOUTHEAST IOWA ADVANCES PRIORITIES IN ANNUAL TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

Greater Burlington Partnership recently completed its annual advocacy trip to Washington, D.C.

A delegation of economic development professionals, elected officials, government leaders, and chamber members traveled together to engage directly with decision-makers on Capitol Hill and at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Meetings took place back-to-back over two productive days. The delegation began with senior policy staff at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to discuss national business climate issues and ways Greater Burlington could align with broader pro-growth efforts. The group then held substantive conversations with many members of Iowa's federal delegation: Senator Chuck Grassley, Senator Joni Ernst, Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks, and Congresswoman Ashley Hinson.

In each meeting, the Partnership highlighted three priority issues critical to the region's ability to attract and retain jobs. These included the lack of natural gas infrastructure in Southeast Iowa and the resulting competitive disadvantage for manufacturing and large-scale development; healthcare policy challenges such as workforce shortages, reimbursement rates, and access to care in rural and micropolitan communities; and the need for federal funding to support regional infrastructure projects, including roads and utility upgrades essential for long-term economic competitiveness.

The tone throughout was collaborative and solution oriented. Lawmakers and their staff listened attentively, asked detailed questions, and pledged ongoing dialogue as relevant legislation advances. Many noted that the Partnership's consistent presence in D.C. enables faster action when time-sensitive opportunities emerge.

This consistency is precisely why the annual trip is so valuable. These visits are about maintaining strong relationships that can be called upon when needed—whether to unlock grant funding, shape regulatory decisions, or ensure Southeast Iowa's needs are clearly understood when federal resources are allocated.

By committing time and resources to these face-to-face engagements each year, the Partnership helps position the region for success. When the next infrastructure bill, energy policy debate, or healthcare reform measure moves forward, decision-makers will already recognize what is at stake for Southeast Iowa.









INTERN
CONNECTION PROGRAM

The Greater Burlington Partnership's Intern Connection Program hosted two successful summer events in June, bringing together interns from across the region for connection, learning, and fun.

The Intern Connection Luncheon was hosted at the Partnership and welcomed area interns for an engaging afternoon focused on professional growth. Keynote speaker Marcus Nack, Environmental Education Manager at Des Moines County Conservation, shared valuable insights on starting your professional journey and making the most of early career opportunities. Attendees enjoyed lunch, networking, interactive activities, and learning more about what there is to do in the Greater Burlington community.

The Summer Intern Party followed a week later, bringing together over 20 Greater Burlington and Lee County interns at the Tri-State Rodeo Park. The event created a relaxed, welcoming space for interns to connect, build relationships, and expand their networks. Attendees enjoyed dinner from local food trucks and live music from local favorite Stumptown, making for a fun and memorable evening.

Together, these events highlight the impact of connecting interns not only to each other, but to the Greater Burlington region as a whole and giving them a reason to want to live and work here.





DES MOINES COUNTY CEO SIGNING NIGHT WAS A HIT

Des Moines County CEO officially kicked off its inaugural 2026–2027 class with a successful Signing Night on May 28. Students and their parents and guardians gathered to learn more about the program, meet their classmates, and sign their letters of intent. While a few students were unable to attend, the majority of the class was present, representing school districts across Des Moines County including Burlington, Danville, Mediapolis, and West Burlington.

CEO Board Chair Michael Yost, with Great River Health, welcomed attendees and recognized the strong support from education partners. Excitement could be felt in the room as students began their journey into entrepreneurship, leadership, and real-world business experience.

The Des Moines County CEO board is eager to see what this first cohort will accomplish in the year ahead. Community members interested in getting involved as a speaker, mentor, or investor are encouraged to email info@desmoinescountyceo.com. To learn more, visit DesMoinesCountyCEO.com or follow @DesMoinesCountyCEO on social media.

JOB SHADOWS



West Burlington High School juniors Samuel Dzawo and Camden Coy recently completed a job shadow experience in sports marketing with Jill Mason, General Manager of the Burlington Bees. During their visit, they toured the facility and gained insight into the day-to-day operations of a baseball organization. Jill shared information about careers in sports and future internship opportunities. Samuel and Camden were highly engaged, asking thoughtful questions and making the most of this hands-on learning experience.

Thank you to Jill Mason and the Burlington Bees for investing in our emerging talent and providing meaningful, real-world experiences for local students.



DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON CELEBRATES 40 YEARS WITH STATEWIDE HONORS

Downtown Burlington is celebrating both a significant milestone and statewide recognition following the 2026 Main Street Iowa Development Awards. This year marks 40 years of Downtown Burlington serving as a designated Main Street community, a distinction that has helped guide revitalization, economic development, historic preservation, and placemaking efforts throughout the downtown district since 1986. Over four decades, the program has played an important role in supporting local businesses, enhancing public spaces, and strengthening Downtown Burlington as a destination for residents and visitors alike.

During the annual awards ceremony, Downtown Burlington received honors in two categories: the Business Support Award for its innovative Block Captain Program and the Small Placemaking Award for the "Ali in the Alley" mural project located on the 300 block of Jefferson Street.

While the awards recognize successful projects and programs, Downtown Burlington leaders emphasize that the accomplishments belong to the many community members, volunteers, business owners, property owners, and partners who continue to invest their time, energy, and ideas into the district.

The Block Captain Program was developed to strengthen communication, collaboration, and engagement among downtown businesses. By fostering stronger relationships and encouraging information sharing, the program has helped create a more connected and supportive business community.



The "Ali in the Alley" mural transformed an underutilized space into a vibrant public art destination, contributing to Downtown Burlington's growing arts and cultural identity while creating a more inviting downtown experience.

Ten community representatives attended the awards ceremony to celebrate Burlington's achievements alongside Main Street communities from across Iowa. The recognition serves as a reminder of what can be accomplished when a community works together to invest in and take pride in its downtown.

GATHER, SHOP, AND CELEBRATE
AT THE JULY JEFFERSON STREET FARMERS MARKET

JEFFERSON STREET FARMERS MARKET

July is one of the most anticipated months of the season at the Jefferson Street Farmers Market. As summer reaches its peak, market visitors can enjoy fresh sweet corn, juicy melons, locally grown produce, baked goods, honey, handcrafted products, and more from vendors across the region.

Each Thursday, Jefferson Street transforms into a vibrant gathering place where residents and visitors can connect with neighbors, support local businesses, and experience the best of Downtown Burlington. With the market now spanning four blocks from the 300 to 600 blocks of Jefferson Street, there is more to explore than ever before. In addition to shopping, visitors can enjoy live music, complimentary horse and trolley rides (3rd Thursdays), family-friendly activities, and the welcoming atmosphere that has made the market a summertime tradition.

Whether you're picking up ingredients for dinner, meeting friends after work, or simply enjoying an evening downtown, the Jefferson Street Farmers Market offers something for everyone. Make plans to join us this July and experience the sights, sounds, flavors, and community spirit that continue to make Downtown Burlington a destination throughout the summer season.

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DOWNTOWN TO TABLE BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER FOR A UNIQUE DINING EXPERIENCE

DOWNTOWN TO TABLE

DOWNTOWN TO TABLE SELLS OUT

Downtown to Table is more than a dinner. It is a celebration of the restaurants, eateries, drinkeries, entrepreneurs, and community partners that help bring life to Downtown every day. Guests will enjoy beautifully decorated tables, locally crafted food and beverages, live entertainment, and the opportunity to connect with friends, neighbors, and fellow supporters in a truly unique setting.

Proceeds from the event will support Downtown Partners, Inc.'s beautification efforts, including the continued installation of self-watering flower planters throughout Downtown Burlington. Earlier this year, 15 new planters were added, helping create a more welcoming and vibrant experience for residents, visitors, and businesses alike.

While tickets for this year's event are completely sold out, the incredible response has already sparked conversations about expanding the event in the future. If you missed out this year, don't worry. We hope this is just the beginning of a new Downtown Burlington tradition, and we encourage everyone o watch for opportunities to join us next year.

Thank you to every guest, sponsor, volunteer, and participating business for making the inaugural Downtown to Table an overwhelming success before the first plate has even been served. We can't wait to gather around the table with our community on August 31 and look forward to making an even bigger Downtown to Table experience possible in the years ahead.



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CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF MAIN STREET: THE 400 BLOCK OF JEFFERSON STREET

As Downtown Burlington celebrates 40 years as a Main Street community, the 400 Block of Jefferson Street serves as a powerful reminder of how historic preservation can honor the past while creating opportunities for the future.

Over the decades, businesses have come and gone, but the buildings themselves remain a constant. The preservation and reinvestment that have taken place on this block are remarkable. From the historic John Boesch Company building at 412 - 418 Jefferson, constructed in 1906, to the iconic former Masonic Temple at 420 - 422 Jefferson, built in 1884, these structures continue to tell the story of Downtown Burlington's evolution. Today, 420 Jefferson remains home to Mundt Piano & Organ Company, a downtown fixture for generations.

The former John Boesch Dry Goods building now houses First United Methodist Church's vibrant community campus, complete with a Fair Trade Market, event space, basketball courts, volleyball, pickleball, and gathering spaces that bring people together throughout the week.

The block's future is just as exciting. While these historic buildings have been preserved, tremendous opportunity remains to activate upper floors, create additional downtown housing, and introduce new experiences that give residents and visitors even more reasons to spend time downtown. Whether through housing, entertainment, public art, gathering spaces, or unique business concepts, each new investment helps bring more feet to the street and adds to the energy and vibrancy of Downtown Burlington.

The TIGER Project's flood mitigation and sewer separation improvements have also laid the groundwork for the next chapter. A concrete retaining wall created as part of the project will soon become a vibrant public art feature with a mural honoring conservationist Aldo Leopold, creating a more welcoming, ADA-accessible gateway into the district.

Forty years after the launch of Main Street, the 400 Block stands as proof that preservation works. Through active storefronts, community gathering spaces, public art, and future downtown living opportunities, this block continues to demonstrate the power of investing in Downtown Burlington.

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MEMBER 2 MEMBER BENEFITS

GREATER BURLINGTON CHAMBER of COMMERCE
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New Member 2 Member Benefits Section Now Available in GrowthZone Info Hub

Chamber members can now share exclusive offers, promote their organization and discover added value from fellow members.

The Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the launch of the new Member 2 Member Benefits section in GrowthZone Info Hub, giving Chamber members a simple, no-cost way to share exclusive offers with one another.

This new feature is designed to help members promote their business or organization while also creating more value for the entire Chamber network. Whether it is a special discount, limited-time promotion, free consultation, added service, event incentive or another creative offer, members now have a dedicated place to share benefits available exclusively to other Chamber members.

Best of all, there is no cost to participate. Chamber members can upload any offer they would like, set their own time frame for how long the benefit will be valid and explain exactly how fellow members can take advantage of the offer.

For businesses and organizations, Member 2 Member Benefits provides another way to increase visibility, build relationships and connect with members who are already invested in supporting the local business community. For members browsing the offers, it is another opportunity to save, discover new services, support fellow Chamber members and make the most of their membership.

Member 2 Member Benefits also gives the Chamber a simple, consistent way to highlight the value members are offering one another. With offers housed in one dedicated section of GrowthZone Info Hub, members have an easy place to discover exclusive benefits while the Chamber can help promote this growing resource across the membership.

How to Add a Benefit:

Adding an offer is easy. Members simply need to log in to their GrowthZone Info Hub account, select Member 2 Member Benefits from the left-hand navigation, then click Add in the top right corner. From there, members can enter the details of their offer, including the description, valid dates and instructions for how other members can redeem it.

Members can also log in to GrowthZone Info Hub at any time to view current offers. Those who want to stay up to date can subscribe to Member 2 Member Benefits notifications and receive an alert any time a new benefit is posted.

Members are encouraged to log in, explore the new section and consider what type of offer they could share with fellow members. The offer can be simple, seasonal, ongoing or limited time. The goal is to make it easy for members to promote what they do while strengthening the business-to-business connections that help our community thrive.

For questions or assistance accessing GrowthZone Info Hub or adding an offer, contact Melissa Jones, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce.

GreaterBurlington.com/ChamberofCommerce/MemberBenefits







Teli Van Rycke and Mac Holford of the Greater Burlington Partnership Complete Third Year at Institute for Organization Management

A Leadership Training Program Produced by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Institute for Organization Management, the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, is pleased to announce that Teli Van Rycke, Regional Director of Workforce Innovation, and Mac Holford, Events Manager of the Greater Burlington Partnership, have recently completed their third year at Institute for Organization Management, a four-year nonprofit leadership training program at Midwest Institute in Madison, WI.

"Institute graduates are recognized across the country as leaders in their industries and organizations," said Raymond P. Towle, IOM, CAE, the U.S. Chamber's vice president of Institute for Organization Management. "These individuals have the knowledge, skills, and dedication necessary to achieve professional and organizational success in the dynamic association and chamber industries."

Since its commencement in 1921, the Institute program has been educating tens of thousands of association, chamber, and other nonprofit leaders on how to build stronger organizations, better serve their members and become strong business advocates. The Institute's curriculum consists of four weeklong sessions at four different university locations throughout the country. Through a combination of required courses and electives in areas such as leadership, advocacy, marketing, finance, and membership, Institute participants are able to enhance their own organizational management skills and add new fuel to their organizations, making them run more efficiently and effectively.

Institute for Organization Management is the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. It is the premier nonprofit professional development program for association and chamber professionals, fostering individual growth through interactive learning and networking opportunities.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business organization representing companies of all sizes across every sector of the economy. Our members range from the small businesses and local chambers of commerce that line the Main Streets of America to leading industry associations and large corporations.



PROGRESS CONTINUES AT FORMER RAIDER SITE

Grow Greater Burlington, the economic development division of the Greater Burlington Partnership, has successfully completed the cleanup of a substantial portion of the former Raider Precast site, which the organization has owned for several years.

This project marks a major step forward in transforming an underutilized industrial property into a shovel-ready opportunity for new investment, job creation, and community benefit. The cleanup involved the removal of a significant amount of concrete debris and vegetation, along with comprehensive site preparation work that positions this prime location for future development.

In addition to the cleanup, Grow Greater Burlington is actively working with the City of West Burlington to identify grant funding opportunities for the construction of a new access road to the site. This critical infrastructure improvement will make the property even more attractive to prospective businesses.

With the site now cleared, Grow Greater Burlington is actively marketing the property through their commercial broker to companies seeking shovel-ready industrial sites. This project not only clears the way for growth but also contributes to the overall beautification and vitality of West Burlington and the surrounding region.

If your business is exploring expansion or relocation opportunities, contact Taylor Collins on the Partnership team to learn more about available sites, incentives, and resources.

For more information, visit GreaterBurlington.com.

Viking boat dockings are bringing an influx of visitors to Greater Burlington. As passengers head downtown, they will be greeted by friendly faces ready and able to answer questions about Greater Burlington, its history, unique attractions, and must-visit restaurants and shops. The Greater Burlington Convention & Visitors Bureau is seeking local volunteers who like meeting interesting folks from far away places and enjoy spending time in beautiful Downtown Burlington.

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Contact Kaylea Felland at 319-752-8731 or kfelland@greaterburlington.com.

CHAMBER AMBASSADORS *Spotlight*

NINA SCHNEDLER

SALES/MARKETING DIRECTOR | J&M DISPLAYS, INC.



Nina Schnedler serves as the Sales and Marketing Director for J&M Displays, Inc., one of the nation's largest fireworks suppliers. In addition to professional fireworks displays, the company provides proximate pyrotechnics, flame effects, and other special effects for a wide variety of events.

Nina joined the Ambassadors because she wanted to give back to an organization that has done so much to support local businesses. One of the aspects she enjoys most is the lasting friendships and connections she has built along the way.

Her favorite Chamber event is the Annual Dinner. "Not only is it a wonderful opportunity to recognize the many individuals and businesses for their hard work throughout the year, but it's also fun to see everyone dressed to the nines," she says.

When she's not in the office or on a shoot site, you'll likely find Nina enjoying the outdoors—whether that's tending to one of her gardens, relaxing by the water, or soaking up the sunshine. "If I can have my toes in the sand or dip them in the water, I'm a happy person," she says.

If you've recently enjoyed a professional fireworks display in the area, there's a good chance it was brought to you by J&M Displays!

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!

Jefferson Street Ice Cream Company

314 Jefferson St., BurlingtonIceCream.com

Jefferson Street Ice Cream Company features more than 20+ flavors of delicious, hand-dipped ice cream as well as rich and creamy soft serve nestled in the heart of downtown Burlington. It's ice cream the whole family can enjoy!

The Daiquiri Lab

718 Jefferson St., Ste 101, 319-671-3769

The Daiquiri Lab is Burlington's newest frozen cocktail experience, bringing a science-inspired twist to premium frozen drinks. Guests can enjoy handcrafted frozen cocktails, cocktail flights, specialty boosters, and limited-release canned cocktails in a modern downtown setting. Our goal is to create a fun, unique experience centered around flavor, creativity, and community.

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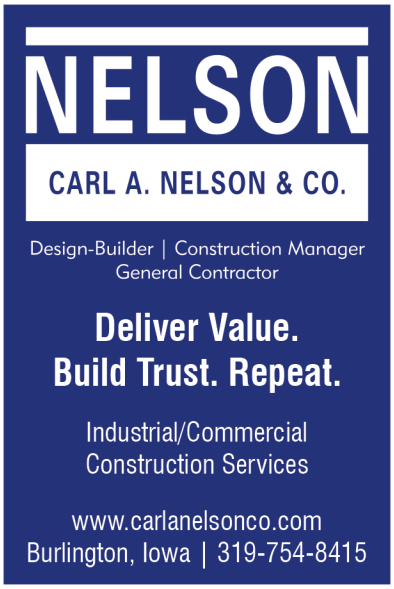
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2 - 26 – July Gallery Show: Cory Christiansen
Art Center of Burlington, hours vary
BTownArt.com

2 – Fan Appreciation Night
34 Raceway, 5 PM
34Raceway.com

2 and 3 – Burlington Bees vs Clinton LumberKings
Community Field, 6:30 PM
GoBees.com

3 – First Friday
Burlington Public Library, 10 AM
burlington.lib.ia.us

3 and 17 – Friday Night Art Hop
Art Center of Burlington, 6 - 8 PM
BTownArt.com

3 – Bryan Bielanski
Great River Event Center, 6:30 PM
FunCityResort.com

4 – West Burlington Fourth of July
West Burlington, 6 AM - 11 PM
WestBurlingtonIowa.gov

5, 12, 19, 26 – Burlington Municipal Band
Crapo Park, 7:30 PM
MuniBand.org

7, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Jefferson Street Farmer's Market
Downtown Burlington, 4:30 - 7 PM
facebook.com/DowntownBurlingtoniaMarket

9 - 12 – Snake Alley Festival of Film
Capitol Theater, times vary
SnakeAlleyFestivalofFilm.com

9 – Viking Mississippi
Port of Burlington, 8 AM - 5 PM
facebook.com/VisitBurlingtonIowa

9 – Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series
34 Raceway, 5 PM
34Raceway.com

10 – Lena Adams
The Drake, 6 PM
TheDrakeRestaurant.com

10 – Snake Alley Festival of Film After Party
Night Cap Listening Lounge, 10 PM
facebook.com/NightCapListeningLounge

11 – That's Yesterday's News
Burlington Public Library, 10 AM
burlington.lib.ia.us

11 – Freedom Lights
Beckman Heritage Farms, 5 PM
BeckmanFarm.com

11 – Steve McClain
The Drake, 6 - 9 PM
TheDrakeRestaurant.com

11 – Burlington Bees vs Danville Dans
Community Field, 6:30 PM
GoBees.com

11 – Symphonic Blast
Crapo Park, 8 PM
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12 – Burlington Bees vs Illinois Valley Pistol Shrimp
Community Field, 4 PM
GoBees.com

17 – Jefferson Street Cruise Night
Downtown Burlington, 5 - 10 PM
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17 – John Hensley
The Drake, 6 - 9 PM
TheDrakeRestaurant.com

18 – A Very Vintage Market
Downtown Burlington, 9 AM - 4 PM
facebook.com/AVeryVintageMarket

18 – Sounds of the Past
Des Moines County Historical Society, 10 AM
DMCHS.org

18 and 25 – Weekly Racing
34 Raceway, 5 PM
34Raceway.com

11 – Rich & Bran
The Drake, 6 - 9 PM
TheDrakeRestaurant.com July 24

24 – Fourth Friday Concert Series: Bocephus Wayne
Burlington riverfront, 5 PM
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25 – Farney's Dive Bar Open
Flint Hills Golf Course, 7 AM
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25 – Fire & Splash
Burlington Fire Department
11 am - 2 PM
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25 – Sean Kistler
The Drake, 6 - 9 PM
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28 - Coffee with the Chamber
Mitchell Arms & Outdoors
8 - 9 am
GreaterBurlington.com

29 – Shepherd's Table Free Community Meal
First Congregational Church
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31 – Jefferson Connection
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BURLINGTON MUNICIPAL BAND

July 5, 12, 19, 26 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm | Crapo Park and Arboretum

Load up the wagon with picnic basket, blanket and bug spray: it's time for summer band concerts in the park! Every Sunday evening through August 9, enjoy these free Municipal Band concerts at Crapo Park bandshell.

For more information, follow Burlington Municipal Band on Facebook or visit: MuniBand.org.

FREEDOM LIGHTS CELEBRATION & PATRIOTIC DRONE SHOW

July 11 | 5 - 10:30 pm | Beckman Heritage Farms

Beckman Heritage Farms invites the community to a family-friendly evening with food trucks, live music, children's activities, a corn maze, bounce pad, and a Family Activities Area in collaboration with Balance Autism. New this year is the region's only professionally produced patriotic drone light show — a modern, 12-minute display synchronized to music in celebration of America's 250th anniversary. This innovative, sensory-friendly alternative to fireworks offers a welcoming experience for all guests.

Admission is $12 per vehicle by July 1; $15 per vehicle after July 1 and at the gate.

For more information, follow Beckman Heritage Farms on Facebook or visit: BeckmanFarm.com.

BURLINGTON BEES - JOIN IN THE FUN!

See Website for Schedule | Community Field

Enjoy exciting baseball action, family-friendly fun, themed nights, and special promotions all season long.

View matchups, dates, and special events at GoBees.com.

Scan to View 2025 - 2026 Bees Schedule

SNAKE ALLEY FESTIVAL OF FILM

July 9 - 12 | Capitol Performing Arts Center

The best short films and screenplays from around the world will screen at the historic Capitol Theater in downtown Burlington during the Snake Alley Festival of Film. Single film block, single-day and all-access festival pass tickets available at the Capitol box office and online.

For more information, follow Snake Alley Festival of Film on Facebook or visit: SnakeAlleyFestivalofFilm.com.

JULY GALLERY SHOW: DRIFTING UPSTREAM

July 2 - 26 | Art Center of Burlington

You may have seen Cory Christiansen's photography during the Vice Night show in February - but Postcards from the Event Horizon was only the tip of this multi-faceted artist's iceberg of talent. Drifting Upstream showcases Christiansen's multidimensional artistic perspective with works in a variety of media.

Meet the artist during the artist reception from 5 - 8 pm on Friday, July 3 with live music from Jefferson Connection plus artful charcuterie and a cash bar.Both the reception and the month-long show are free and open to the public.

For more information, follow the Art Center of Burlington on Facebook or visit: BTownArt.com.

DAIRY & AGRICULTURE - BREAKFAST ON THE FARM

July 27 | 7 - 10 am | Hinerland Dairy

Enjoy a delicious breakfast while learning about agriculture and Hinterland Dairy. What to Expect: milking parlor tours, meet the Iowa Dairy Princess, agricultural commodity exhibits and displays. Fun for all ages!

Reservations required: call 319-470-6819.

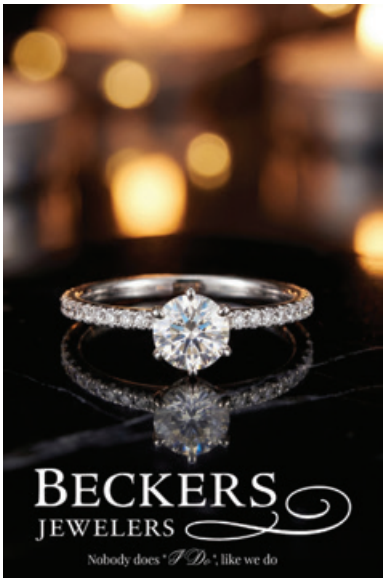
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Submit member information, to Brenda Levitt at blevitt@greaterburlington.com









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CA$H MOB

Get ready to support a local business, connect with fellow community members, and make a big impact with your dollars. Stay tuned to Facebook and your email for the business reveal and event details!

How does a CASH MOB work?

1. Meet the mob at the designated meetup location.
2. Rush the announced business location with the mob.
3. Each attendee spends $20, posts photos, or follows the businesses' social media pages to show their support.

For more information, visit GreaterBurlington.com/CashMob.

Mark your calendars! The next CASH MOB is happening on July 21 from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM



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