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President & CEO's Letter



Dear Members and Friends of the Greater Burlington Partnership,

Each year at our Annual Dinner, we pause to do something profoundly important. We recognize excellence.

In the day-to-day rhythm of running businesses, serving customers, leading teams, and quietly giving back, it can be easy to move from one accomplishment to the next without stopping to celebrate. Yet taking the time to recognize the individuals and organizations who elevate our community is more than a ceremonial tradition, it is a statement about who we are and what we value.

When we honor our award recipients, we are shining a light on innovation, resilience, leadership,

and vision. We are telling the story of a community that works hard, supports one another, and strives to make Greater Burlington stronger with each passing year. These honorees represent different industries, backgrounds, and experiences, but they share something powerful in common: a commitment to making a difference.

Recognition does something remarkable, it makes excellence visible. When we highlight a small business that has grown against the odds, or leaders who have championed progress, we create momentum. Others see what is possible. Young professionals imagine their future here. Entrepreneurs gain confidence to take the next risk. Community members feel pride in calling this place home.

At Greater Burlington Partnership, we believe economic development is not just about buildings and balance sheets. We believe it is about the people behind the scenes. It is about celebrating those who embody the spirit of collaboration and forward thinking that moves our region ahead. Our award recipients remind us that progress is built one bold idea, and one determined leader at a time.

To this year's honorees, "thank you." You represent the very best of our community. Your work matters. Your leadership matters. And your example challenges all of us to continue raising the bar.

Our hope is that we never underestimate the power of encouragement and appreciation. When we recognize excellence, we reinforce the culture we want to cultivate, one defined by integrity, innovation, and shared success.

Together, we are building something special that is worth celebrating... and the cowboy boots and hats added so much fun!

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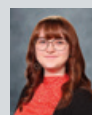
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To watch the award videos scan here.



ON THE COVER

Annual Meeting 2026 Award Winners

Annually, the Greater Burlington Partnership has the privilege of honoring numerous individuals, organizations, and businesses at the Annual Dinner. The awards are a tradition of the Chamber of Commerce that began in 1965 with the top honor of the Emmy Award.

1. Emmy Award: Ann Menke
2. Business Person of the Year: Rita Vineyard
3. The Vanguard Award: Chad Bird and Gregg Mandsager
4. The Chairman's Award: Denise Hanks

5. Downtown Distinction: Burlington River Days
6. Best Renovation to a Facility: Summer Street Animal Clinic
7. Project of the Year: Billy Sims BBQ and Wingstop
8. Community Impact of the Year: Burlington Community School District

Congratulations again to all award winners. Thank you for helping make this community a great place to live, work and play.





ANNUAL DINNER



Photo Recap





SOUTHEAST IOWA
REGION
2026 Delegation



SOUTHEAST IOWA DELEGATION BOLSTERS ADVOCACY ON ANNUAL 'SE IOWA DAYS' TRIP

Last month, over 100 business leaders, economic development professionals, community advocates, and high school students from Southeast Iowa gathered in Des Moines for the region's annual SE Iowa Days trip. This two-day event combined state-level insights, legislative engagement, and networking opportunities to advance key priorities in workforce development, economic growth, healthcare, transportation, and education.

The event kicked off on Wednesday morning with registration and a welcome lunch that highlighted regional priorities and energized participants.

The afternoon sessions included impactful presentations. Dustin Miller from the Iowa Chamber Alliance provided updates on statewide initiatives, followed by Lt. Governor Chris Cournoyer, who emphasized Iowa's economic momentum. A highlight was the presentations by M Power U students—high school juniors sponsored by Southeastern Community College—who passionately discussed community challenges and solutions, impressing attendees with their confidence and preparation.

Additional insights came from JD Davis of the Iowa Association of Business & Industry, who shared their perspective on business advocacy and development strategies.

Participants then visited the Iowa State Capitol for the traditional group photo on the grand rotunda stairs, a

symbol of regional unity. This was followed by individual meetings with legislators. The M Power U students enjoyed a guided Capitol tour, while a high-level discussion with the House Speaker, Majority Leader, and the House Ways & Means Committee Chair focused on Southeast Iowa's specific needs. The day concluded with a legislative reception at the Iowa Taproom, fostering connections through informal conversations.

Thursday morning featured targeted updates from state experts. Clare Kelly from the Iowa Healthcare Association spoke on the future of rural healthcare. Georgia Van Gundy with Iowa Workforce Development gave an update on the status of Iowa's labor market. Emily Shields from Community Colleges for Iowa addressed a proposal to allow bachelor's degrees at Iowa community colleges. Scott Marler, with the Iowa Department of Transportation covered progress with Highway 61. Debi Durham from the Iowa Economic Development Authority and Iowa Finance Authority closed out the trip with an update.

As the event ended, participants left with renewed commitment and strengthened relationships, poised to maintain momentum on Southeast Iowa's priorities during the legislative session. This tradition, backed by regional partnerships, continues to elevate the area's influence in state policymaking.



LEADERSHIP CLASS PROJECT

SALUTE OUR VETS

Trivia Night! April 10 at the Eagles Club

- *Doors open at 6 PM*
- *Trivia begins at 7 PM*
- Cash Bar
- Small bites offered with donation
- Silent Auction
- Tables of 8 - \$120, bring your own snacks!
- Contact us via Facebook or email

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation to "Salute Our Vets," please scan the Venmo code below or contact us by email.



Greater Burlington Leadership is a program of the Chamber of Commerce, a division of the Greater Burlington Partnership.

For more information, contact greaterburlingtonleadership@gmail.com.



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SOUTHEAST IOWA REGION - WASHINGTON D.C. FLY-IN

May 19 and 20

Each year, representatives from Des Moines, Henry, Lee, and Louisa counties travel to Washington, D.C. to represent our local business community. This year, the Southeast Iowa delegation will once again meet with Senator Chuck Grassley, Senator Joni Ernst, and Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks to address key federal issues. The delegation will also have the opportunity to attend specialized meetings on a variety of topics.

Travel expenses are on your own. There is no cost to attend the sessions and discussions, but registration is required at GreaterBurlington.com.

If you're interested in joining the delegation or would like more details, please visit the events section of our website or reach out to Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Melissa Jones.

APPLY NOW FOR THE 2026 OPEN 4 BUSINESS GRANT IN DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON

Win up to \$25,000

Downtown Partners, Inc. is calling on for-profit businesses to apply for the 2026 Open 4 Business Grant, a competitive funding opportunity designed to support business growth and investment in Downtown Burlington.



Offered in partnership with Main Street Iowa and the Iowa Economic Development Authority, the Open 4 Business competition provides local businesses with the chance to secure funding to expand, improve, or launch their operations. Businesses that have been in operation since May 1, 2025, and are located or planning to locate in Downtown Burlington are eligible to apply.

The Open 4 Business Grant has already made a meaningful impact locally. In 2024, Thyme & Spice Co. received a \$26,000 award to support the expansion of its olive oil and vinegar offerings. Your Downtown business could be next!

To enter the competition, applicants must submit a completed application by April 1, 2026. Downtown Partners, Inc. will select one local contestant to advance to the June semifinals. Five finalists from across the state will then present their ideas at the Iowa Downtown Conference in August, competing for up to \$20,000 in additional funding.

Applicants will be asked to submit a three-minute video pitch highlighting their business and growth plans.

Businesses interested in applying or learning more are encouraged to contact Amy Moyner at 319-752-6365. This is a valuable opportunity for Downtown Burlington businesses to gain funding, visibility, and momentum for the future.

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



Play, Sip & Shop in Downtown Burlington

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 • 10 AM - 4 PM

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SPRING GAMES AND SHOPPING FUN HITS DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON ON MARCH 21

Play, Sip & Shop Downtown and Strike it Lucky

In lieu of the traditional Spring Open House, Downtown Burlington is inviting the community to celebrate the season with a playful, casino inspired twist. On Friday, March 21, from 10 AM to 4 PM, downtown businesses will host a day of spring games, themed drinks, prizes, and shopping fun throughout the district.

Shoppers are encouraged to come downtown dressed for a day of casino themed fun and explore local boutiques, eateries, and service businesses while enjoying interactive activities inside participating locations. From dealing a card for a special discount to rolling the dice for prizes, each stop offers a fun and engaging experience that adds excitement to spring shopping.

Select downtown bars and restaurants will also feature themed drinks for the occasion, giving visitors another reason to linger, sip, and celebrate the season while supporting local businesses.

As participants make their way through downtown, they can enter to win Downtown Dollars, redeemable at participating businesses and perfect for future shopping, dining, and entertainment.

This one-day event offers a fresh way to reconnect with downtown, discover new businesses, and enjoy the welcoming atmosphere that makes Downtown Burlington a destination. Whether guests are shopping for spring styles, enjoying a themed cocktail, or simply soaking in the fun, the day promises something for everyone.

Place your bets on local, dress to impress, and join the fun in Downtown Burlington on March 21.

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR THE DOWNTOWN MINI GOLF CHALLENGE ON MARCH 6

Tee Up to Support Downtown Burlington

The Downtown Mini Golf Challenge is almost here, and there is still time to join in on one of Downtown Burlington's most playful events.

Hosted by Burlington Black Water Mini Golf and Mississippi Moon Ice Cream Parlor, the Downtown Mini Golf Challenge invites teams of friends, families, and coworkers to experience Downtown in a whole new way. Participants will enjoy unique holes, sweet treats, and plenty of chances to win prizes throughout the day.

New this year, simply showing up puts participants in the running. Hourly prize drawings will be held throughout the event, and players do not need to be present to win.

Best of all, proceeds from the Downtown Mini Golf Challenge support Downtown beautification efforts, with funds going directly toward Downtown flower planters that enhance the look and feel of the district.

Registration is open now, and spots are filling quickly.

Gather a team, grab a putter, and get ready for a fun day that supports Downtown Burlington.

The Downtown Mini Golf Challenge tees off March 6.



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JEFFERSON ST.
FARMERS MARKET

JEFFERSON STREET FARMERS MARKET

Vendor Applications Now Open

Farmers, artisans, makers, and food vendors are invited to apply to be part of one of Downtown Burlington's most beloved weekly events. The Jefferson Street Farmers Market kicks off May 7 and runs every Thursday from 4:30 to 7:00 PM through September 24.

Each week, the market brings the community together with fresh produce, handmade goods, and delicious local treats. It has become a favorite place to shop local, connect with neighbors, and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of Downtown Burlington.

Vendors interested in participating are encouraged to apply early to secure their spot for the season. The market offers a unique opportunity to connect directly with the community while being part of a welcoming downtown experience.

Applications are open now, and vendors are encouraged to apply soon and get ready for a great summer in Downtown Burlington.



=A VERY= Vintage Market

DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON

A VERY VINTAGE MARKET | JULY 18

Vendor Applications Now Open

Held annually in the heart of Downtown Burlington, A Very Vintage Market is a curated, one-day celebration of all things vintage, retro, handmade, and creatively repurposed. The market brings together unique vendors, enthusiastic shoppers, and a lively downtown atmosphere that highlights the charm and creativity of the district.

Vendors offering vintage goods, antiques, handmade items, DIY creations, and retro-inspired products are encouraged to apply. The event attracts a strong crowd of shoppers looking for one-of-a-kind finds while enjoying local businesses, food, and drinks throughout Downtown.

Interested vendors are encouraged to apply early to secure a spot and be part of another unforgettable day in Downtown Burlington.

Applications are open now, and vendors are invited to join in for a vibrant celebration of creativity, nostalgia, and local shopping.



EXPLORE DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON OPPORTUNITIES AT THE COMMERCIAL SPACE OPEN HOUSE | APRIL 25

Tour Open Commercial Spaces

Downtown Burlington is opening its doors to future business owners, entrepreneurs, and expanding companies during the Commercial Space Open House on April 25 from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Hosted by the Downtown Partners, Inc. Economic Vitality Committee, this free event offers a unique opportunity to explore available commercial spaces throughout Downtown Burlington. Whether someone is looking to relocate, expand an existing business, or open a new venture, the Open House provides a firsthand look at the possibilities available in the heart of the district.

Participants will have the chance to tour open commercial spaces, connect directly with property owners, learn about business incentives, and support activities designed to help businesses get started or grow. Attendees will also receive a directory map of available locations and gain insight into recent and upcoming Downtown projects that are helping drive momentum and growth.

With a vibrant business community and continued investment throughout the district, the Commercial Space Open House is an ideal opportunity for anyone considering a move to Downtown Burlington.

Those interested are encouraged to mark their calendars for April 25 and take advantage of this chance to explore Downtown Burlington's potential.



DOWNTOWN DEETS TO HOST BUSINESS SUCCESSION PLANNING WORKSHOP WITH JANINE CLOVER | MARCH 30

This informative session is designed for business owners who are thinking ahead about the future of their business, whether that is planning for retirement, preparing the next generation of leadership, or ensuring long term stability and success.

Participants will gain valuable insight into why succession planning matters, how to start the conversation early, and the key steps business owners should consider protecting what they have built. Janine Clover will share practical guidance and real-world perspective to help business owners feel more confident and prepared when planning for the next phase of ownership.

Downtown Deets is a professional development series created to support Downtown Burlington businesses with tools, education, and resources that strengthen long term vitality. Business owners and community members are encouraged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to plan ahead and invest in the future of their business.



EARTH DAY COMMUNITY CLEANUP BRINGS BURLINGTON TOGETHER | APRIL 18

Burlington residents are invited to roll up their sleeves and come together for the annual Earth Day Community Cleanup on April 18 at the Port of Burlington, located at 400 N Front Street.

Hosted by the Keep Burlington Beautiful Committee, this free, family friendly event unites volunteers of all ages in a shared mission to care for the planet, preserve Burlington's natural beauty, and support a more sustainable future.

Individuals, families, businesses, and organizations are all encouraged to take part in cleanup efforts across the community.

Registration will take place from 8 - 9 AM at the Port of Burlington, with cleanup activities following throughout the morning. Volunteers are invited to return to the Port of Burlington for a light lunch.

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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS - BRINGING BUSINESSES TOGETHER

Business After Hours brings our business community together each month for casual networking, great conversations, and a behind the scenes look at local host businesses. **All Business After Hours events are from 5 - 7 PM unless otherwise noted.**

2026 schedule: Start planning your year of connection!

April 9: Community Health Centers of Southeastern Iowa, Inc.

May 7: SADE Suites

June 11: Hopefully Yours (4:30 - 6:30 PM in conjunction with Jefferson Street Farmers Market)

September 10: The Views of Burlington – Ridgeview Assisted Living

October 8: Young House Behavioral Health

A big thank you to our Chamber member business hosts for opening their doors and making these events possible.

BUSINESS *after* HOURS

Slumberland Furniture
3150 Agency Street | March 12, 5 - 7 PM

Join Chamber of Commerce member businesses to network and make new connections at Business After Hours!



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ADD GREATER BURLINGTON LEADERSHIP TO YOUR LINKEDIN PROFILE

Graduates of Greater Burlington Leadership, can now add the program directly to the Education section of their LinkedIn profile.

LinkedIn has made it easier to recognize professional development programs, and Greater Burlington Leadership is available. By adding it to your profile, you formally highlight your commitment to leadership growth, regional engagement, and professional development.

We also encourage alumni to connect with fellow Greater Burlington Leadership graduates on LinkedIn to continue building relationships and expanding professional networks throughout the community.

Graduates are encouraged to take a moment to update your profile. If you are not yet part of the program, consider learning more about how Greater Burlington Leadership can help you grow both professionally and personally.

The Des Moines County (DMC) CEO program is gearing up for its first year this fall and it's shaping up to be something special! Thanks to a generous \$20,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Des Moines County (CFDMC) and all of the local business investors, the program is ready to give local high school students real-world business experience, mentorship, and leadership opportunities. DMC CEO is shaping the next generation of Des Moines County leaders, and the program looks forward to welcoming a talented new cohort.

Key updates:

- Facilitator Search: Ongoing, announcement soon.
- Student Recruitment: Already underway across local high schools. Applications for the 2026 - 27 cohort will open soon.
- **Who Can Apply:**
 - Current sophomores and juniors (who will be juniors and seniors next year)
 - Students from all Des Moines County high schools
 - Selection is blind and essay-based, ensuring equal access for all interested in entrepreneurship, business, and leadership

Stay connected:

Follow @DesMoinesCountyCEO, visit DesMoinesCountyCEO.com, or email info@desmoinescountyceo.com for updates on applications and the facilitator announcement.

Why it matters for students:

- Learn directly from local business leaders
- Develop and launch their own business ventures
- Build leadership, teamwork, and career-ready skills
- Gain hands-on experience outside a traditional classroom, while making meaningful community connections



The Des Moines County CEO Board would like to thank the community for their generosity and support!



Update



In partnership with:



LEADER LAB EXPLORES HIGH STANDARDS IN FEBRUARY SESSION

Session 4 of Leader Lab focused on practical strategies for having tough conversations with employees, addressing situations where one team member's performance is masking or impacting the work of others, and navigating challenges when HR and other support is limited. Participants also explored approaches to strengthening workplace culture, ensuring that expectations are clear, accountability is fair, and high standards are consistently maintained across the team. The session offered actionable insights for leaders to balance support, feedback, and performance management while fostering a positive, productive work environment.

Leader Lab continues to provide participants with opportunities to develop leadership skills, share experiences, and learn practical strategies to enhance their teams and organizations.

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!

Cornerstone Caregiving

403 S Gear Ave, Ste 103, West Burlington

Cornerstone Caregiving is proud to serve Burlington and its surrounding areas, offering exceptional in-home care services. Our caregivers take the time to get to know each client individually, providing a personalized care plan tailored to their specific needs. With a commitment to compassion and reliability, Cornerstone stands out as a trusted partner in maintaining independence and dignity while allowing our clients to age in place. Our Burlington team ensures that clients and families receive the support they need while engaging in their daily activities or various care needs.

BOLD Beauty Bar

1000 N Roosevelt Ave, Ste 5, Burlington, 319-601-0713

BOLD Beauty Bar offers a full-service menu along with the best tanning beds with best prices in Burlington. Check them out at 1000 N Roosevelt Ave, Suite 5. Or call 319-572-8339.

Mediapolis Savings Bank

Burlington & Mediapolis, www.gomsb.bank

Mediapolis Savings Bank is a locally owned community bank that has been serving Des Moines County and surrounding communities since 1940. With multiple locations and a full range of personal and business banking services, including checking, savings, and lending, the bank is committed to helping individuals, families, and businesses grow financially. Mediapolis Savings Bank is also deeply involved in the communities it serves through volunteer leadership and local support.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO SCHEDULE A RIBBON CUTTING,
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RIBBON CUTTINGS & CELEBRATORY EVENTS



FREEDOM INSURANCE GROUP - GRAND OPENING

SURVEY

2026 Member Satisfaction Survey

In late March, Chamber of Commerce members will receive the annual Member Satisfaction Survey by email. Your feedback is invaluable in helping understand what's working and where improvements are needed. The survey has been a crucial tool in guiding the future of services and programs, and your voice is important. Your participation is appreciated. Stay tuned and make your opinions count!

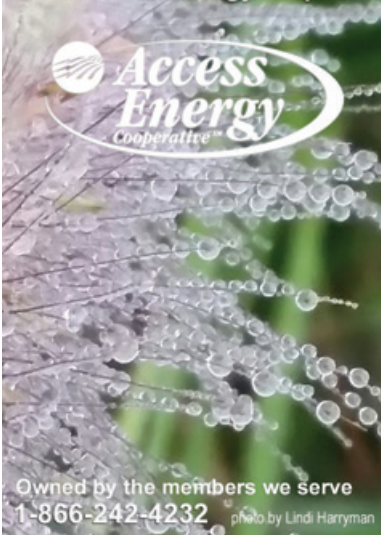
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SMALL BUSINESS BREAKFAST NOMINATIONS REQUEST

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Small Business of the Year Awards. Categories include Micro Business of the Year for businesses with 10 or fewer employees and Small Business of the Year for businesses with 11 - 40 employees.

These awards recognize the dedication required to run a successful small business and give the community a chance to celebrate that work. Winners are selected based on community impact, employee appreciation, customer service, and staff development.

Please encourage outstanding Chamber member businesses you know to apply soon before the deadline arrives.

Nominate by March 20 at greaterburlington.com/nominate.



KATHERINE HULL
COMMUNITY INTEGRATION
SPECIALIST
IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES

Katherine Hull is a Burlington native dedicated to uplifting her community. Her career in the medical field reflects compassion and commitment, with experience as a CNA, Med Aide, Phlebotomist, and

private in-home caregiver. Today, Katherine serves as an IPS (Individual Placement and Support) Specialist at Imagine the Possibilities. She helps Iowans facing barriers prepare for, secure, and maintain competitive employment while supporting the workforce needs of Iowa businesses. She is also a member of Iowa APSE, a statewide network of providers, families, businesses, and advocates who promote employment as the preferred outcome for individuals with disabilities.

Each day, Katherine partners with employers in Southeast Iowa's Des Moines and Lee Counties to connect reliable, skilled job seekers with meaningful opportunities that match their strengths. Her work helps businesses fill roles, reduce turnover, and strengthen the local workforce.

As a Chamber Ambassador, Katherine welcomes new members, supports events, promotes businesses, and shares information about Chamber programs and initiatives throughout the community.



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MARCH *march* EVENTS

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3 - 28 - March Gallery Show: Cecile Houel
 Art Center of Burlington, hours vary
BTownArt.com

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

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

5 - 7 - SnowBull
 Memorial Auditorium, 7 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

6 - Downtown Mini Golf Challenge
 Downtown Burlington, 9 AM - 2 PM
facebook.com/downtownburlingtoniowa

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

7 and 8 - Home Show
 Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center,
 Sat 10 am - 4 pm; Sun 11 AM - 4 PM
FunCityResort.com

12 - World Travelogue Series:
 Honduras & Guatemala
 Capitol Theater, 1:30 and 7:30 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

12 - Comedy Thursday: Dirty Little Secrets
 Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

13 - Hometown Music Series:
 Mama'z Boyz
 Capitol Theater, 7:30 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

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

14 - Shamrock Shuffle
 Crapo Park, 10 AM
facebook.com/burlingtonshamrockshuffle

14 - Southeast Iowa Symphony
 Orchestra
 Capitol theater, 7 PM
SEISO.us

18 - Burlington Lunchtime Chamber
 Music Series
 First United Methodist Church, 12:15 PM
SEISO.us

20 - Hotel Desperado
 Capitol Theater, 7:30 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

21 - Spring into the Jackpot: Spring
 Games and Shopping Fun
 Downtown Burlington, 10 AM - 4 PM
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21 - Sounds of the Past
 Des Moines County Historical Society,
 10 AM
DMCHS.org

26 - Invoke
 Capitol Theater, 7 PM
BurlCivicMusic.com

27 - Bocephus Wayne
 Corked 101, 6 PM
CorkDowntown.com

27 - James Taylor/Billy Joel Tribute
 Capitol theater, 7:30 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

28 - Day of the Child
 Westland Mall, 10 AM
CAOFSEIA.org

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

28 - Silents Synced: A Woman of the
 World/Pearl Jam
 Capitol Theater, 7 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

28 - The Hype
 Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

28 - Chris Powell
 La Bohème, 8 PM
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29 - Shhhe is Speaking
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Midwest Eye Clinic Sunglass Sale, 2930 Divison St Burlington, IA, 319-754-5518 Refresh your look this Spring at our Sunglass Sale! Throughout March, enjoy 25% off all sunglasses! (Prescription and non-prescription). Whether you need polarized lenses for outdoor wear or prescription sunglasses tailored to your vision, we have the perfect pair waiting for you.

Our wonderful team is here to help you find frames that fit comfortably and compliment your style! Stop and see us in March and step into Summer protecting your eyes and looking great while doing it!

Please call us if you have any questions.

SNOWBULL

MARCH 5 - 7 | MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

Experience Iowa's only three-day, indoor bull riding event! This unique, action-packed event attracts top bull riders from around the country. This year's event features the Rice Bull Riding Tour Finals - see the best riders compete with the best bulls for \$20,000 in added money!

And don't miss the after parties Friday and Saturday night - free with that night's SnowBull ticket stub. (David Kroll & Heartland Friday and StumpTown Saturday!)

Tickets are available online and at Memorial Auditorium box office.

For more information, follow SnowBull on Facebook or visit: BurlingtonRiverfront.com.



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

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

INAUGURAL JA INSPIRE CAREER EXPO CONNECTS STUDENTS WITH LOCAL CAREERS



The Greater Burlington Partnership proudly collaborated with Junior Achievement of the Heartland, the Lee County Economic Development Group, Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, Great River Health, and Phelps to bring the first-ever JA Inspire Career Expo to Southeast Iowa.

Over two days, more than 870 eighth-grade students from 11 schools across Des Moines, Lee, and Henry counties explored hands-on exhibits led by 25 local employers. Students gained real-world insight into careers in healthcare, manufacturing, business, skilled trades, technology, and more. JA Inspire showcased the power of collaboration among businesses, schools, and workforce partners.

The Partnership thanks participating exhibitors, sponsors, educators, students, and the Middletown Armed Forces Reserve Unit for hosting this successful inaugural event.

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FORUM FRIDAY

Friday Forum: Final Session of the Legislative Series

Friday, March 13 at 8 AM
 Greater Burlington Partnership
 in the Wineward Board Room or Virtual

Join us for the final Friday Forum of the 2026 legislative session. Legislators will share closing updates from the Statehouse, discuss the status of key bills, and answer your questions about issues impacting local businesses and our community.

As we wrap up this year's legislative series, we extend our sincere thanks to the Chamber members who have joined us for these conversations and to our local legislators for their time, insights, and continued partnership.



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Chamber members are invited to attend in person or online for this final, informative session.

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