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BE OUR GUEST - THE GREATER BURLINGTON PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING *by Della Schmidt*

For one evening each year, the Greater Burlington Partnership gathers together to celebrate our fantastic businesses, organizations, and professionals at the Partnership's Annual Meeting. The award recipients accomplished much in 2022, not the least of which is contributing significantly to the strength of the community.

The Community Awards were presented to businesses, people, and organizations in recognition of investments of time, finances, innovative services, and creative solutions. Exemplified through expanding business operations, millions of dollars invested in both new construction projects and redevelopment of existing facilities, generous philanthropic giving, and hundreds of hours in volunteer time. These award-winners help make Greater Burlington a thriving community.

The Greater Burlington Partnership honors the Community Award Winners:

- Chairman Award - Greater Burlington Partnership Leadership Class 2021 - 2022
- Downtown Distinction: Kay Weiss
- Project of the Year: American Ordnance – Iowa Army Ammunition Plant Business Park
- Community Impact: Southeast Soccer Academy Monster Match
- Best Renovation: Keystone Home
- Young Professional of the Year: Mercedes Ponce
- Business Person of the Year: Ryan Nagrocki
- Spirit of Philanthropy: Ann Menke
- Emmy Awards: Dr. Michael Ash and Becky Anderson

Video highlights of award winners can be viewed at GreaterBurlington.com



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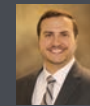
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ON THE COVER

Annual Meeting Award Winners

Pictured starting at the top from left to right:

Heather and Brad Lange, Dr. Michael Ash, Becky Anderson, Mercedes Ponce, Kay Weiss, Ann Menke, Ryan Nagrocki, Perry Hines, Tina McCulloch, Baret Ertzinger, John Wagner, Doug Ziegler, Tennaya Robinson, Jackson Villont, Logan Brincks, Matt Eisenmann, Amy Moyner, Zachary Higginbotham, Byron Tatti, Tony Knoll, Steve Bellrichard, Scott Batten



GREATER BURLINGTON CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU



2023 will be a year of exciting changes for the Convention & Visitors Bureau!

New Executive Director Chris Gram, previously the CVB Program Coordinator, is ready to explore new and innovative marketing strategies to drive tourism in Greater Burlington. With a focus on growing the already vibrant sporting event segment, increasing group tours, and utilizing a regional marketing approach, the CVB has its eyes set on showcasing all that Greater Burlington has to offer and drawing new visitors to the area.

Even before joining the Greater Burlington Partnership, Chris was familiar with the Convention & Visitors Bureau from his time as a hotel general manager in the Greater Burlington area. His understanding of tourism and the effect it can have on both the local economy and potential population growth will help chart the path forward for the CVB.



Kaylea Felland has joined the Greater Burlington Partnership as the new Program Coordinator for the Convention & Visitors Bureau, bringing with her a diversity of experience ranging from managing restaurants to scheduling kitchen remodels. A graduate of Danville High School, Kaylea has spent her entire life in the Greater Burlington area. "I'm so excited I get the opportunity to work so closely with local attractions and to help promote my beautiful hometown!"

Under Kaylea's stewardship, the Port of Burlington Welcome Center will continue its mission of providing visitors and new residents the information to enhance their Greater Burlington experience, from parks and trails to explore, museums to experience, and fantastic dining and entertainment options. An ever-expanding selection of souvenirs and t-shirts will allow visitors and residents to take a little Greater Burlington home with them.

On tap in 2023 is a complete reinvention of a prime driver of tourism for Greater Burlington. A stand-alone exclusive tourism attracting publication. The revamped "ambassador in print" for 2024 will provide vacation ideas to entice specific tourism segments, from options for nature lovers to itineraries for Girls' Weekends.

More than ever, the Convention & Visitors Bureau is dedicated to marketing and promoting the Greater Burlington community as a premier destination to both leisure and business travelers.



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FRIDAY FORUMS - March 17 at 8 AM

You are invited to join the conversation with State Representatives Taylor Collins and Matthew Rinker and State Senators Mark Lofgren and Jeff Reichman. While you can watch live online, it is even better to join us in person in the Winegard Room at the Greater Burlington Partnership offices. The Government Relations Committee moderates each session and engages the guests on hot topics regarding the community and business focused issues. Housing will be the focus in March. All Chamber of Commerce members are invited to join the discussion in person or online.

If you have a passion for housing or government affairs in general, your presence is welcomed, and your participation is appreciated.

Greater Burlington Partnership – Winegard Room or virtually at 8 AM

SMALL BUSINESS BREAKFAST NOMINATIONS OPEN

Small Business Month, celebrated in May every year, is a special tribute to celebrate small businesses for their hard work, community efforts, and accomplishments. The Greater Burlington Partnership is inviting members to join us as we announce the winner of the Small Business of the Year on May 9. This award recognizes a small business that embodies the spirit of entrepreneurship and individual initiative.

Keeping up with the small business theme, our guest speaker for the year is Kimberly Baeth, the creator of the giant “Chamber scissors” and founder of Golden Openings Inc. Baeth is an Iowa native and has made a name for herself paving the way for businesses to celebrate their milestones, and we are incredibly excited to have her speak at this award ceremony.

This event is free to Chamber members and their employees and includes breakfast. To nominate a small business, please visit greaterburlington.com/nominate by March 24.

MEMBER SATISFACTION SURVEY

Chamber of Commerce members were emailed the 2023 Member Satisfaction Survey in the month of February. Last year’s survey was the first conducted in several years and provided insightful and valuable feedback from members on the value of Chamber services and programs. It is important to ASK and engage members, so they know how much their annual investment is valued and appreciated. It is a barometer to glean what is working and what needs to be improved.

Stay tuned for results in the April edition of The Partnership Newsletter.



2022 Small Business of the Year
The Collective Food Hub - Sarah and Alex Beames



"IT'S HAPPENING"

DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON
HAS A DOWNTOWN BRAND!



It's Happening

Downtown Burlington was selected to receive branding technical services. The selection was based upon the application submitted by Downtown Partners, Inc. to Main Street Iowa. This service, a value of \$15,000 to the local community, brought Ben Muldrow of Arnett Muldrow & Associates to Downtown Burlington. After a week-long of charrettes with local leaders and stakeholders, Ben delivered the new Downtown Destination Brand to Downtown Partners, Inc. The Downtown Branding Committee and Board of Directors unveiled the brand on February 21 at the Capitol Theater.

The Destination Brand will help create an identity around Burlington having so much to offer and being so unique. When fully implemented, the Downtown Burlington Brand will be featured on banners throughout Downtown, in communications and in promoting Downtown for tourism.

*A SPECIAL THANKS TO BEN MULDROW of
ARNETT MULDROW & ASSOCIATES*



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DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Warm Weather Events in Downtown Burlington

It's Happening in Downtown Burlington all Spring and Summer! The **Spring Open House** on April 2 will provide shoppers the opportunity to check out all the new trends for the 2023 Season. In addition, eateries and drinkeries will have their new food menus ready. It will be a perfect excuse to shake off the winter weather and getting in some exercise while exploring the Downtown District. Attendees will even be able to register for \$750 in Downtown Dollars!

Spring is in the air and with it heralds the **Jefferson Street Farmers Market**, a seasonal open-air market providing fresh and local produce from the tri-states area. This fun street market will be full of entertainment, food, and activities. The market will feature hand crafted products and local baked goods as well as live entertainment every week and activities for children and for all ages.

Make plans to come down to the Jefferson Street Farmers Market every Thursday, May - September, to pick up produce for the week – but be sure linger for the tasty street food, entertainment and to stroll around the beautiful streets of Downtown Burlington.

A Very Vintage Market will be held July 15 from 9 AM to 4 PM and admission is FREE! This annual one-day extravaganza is a day of discovery and fun, traditionally with more than 10,000 people in attendance. This outdoor event takes place in the streets of historic Downtown Burlington with thousands of people flocking to shop for antiques, vintage décor, repurposed, re-imagined and up-cycled items, handcrafted goods, architectural salvage, and primitive and farmhouse accents.

Local food will be a huge attraction with this event too! Food Truck row will be a site where attendees can grab refreshments or a meal, in addition to the 20+ eateries and drinkeries in Downtown Burlington!



DOWNTOWN TIGER PROJECT - UPDATE

After a year of anticipation, the Jefferson Street crossing tracks are now open! Businesses on the 800 Block of Jefferson Street were cut off from the rest of the district by the road closure. The impact on their businesses they have endured during the TIGER Streetscape project has caused many interruptions but the Downtown is open for business.

With all of the projects happening in the Downtown District, remember "We Are Open for Business." Come down and see the progress for yourself! Stroll, shop, eat, drink, and enjoy the Downtown!

Follow the most recent TIGER Project updates at:
BurlingtonIowa.org

TO THOSE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thank you to our members below for renewing their membership for 2023 and providing the resources to accomplish the ongoing goals of the Chamber of Commerce.

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We hear you! The Greater Burlington Young Professional program is dedicated to providing networking opportunities that will help you grow your social circle and create a sense of community. Come network with us at this casual after-hours event where we'll enjoy appetizers, drinks, and activities! These events are the perfect opportunity to make new connections and get to know other young professionals in the area.

This event is free and open to anybody between the ages of 21 - 40.

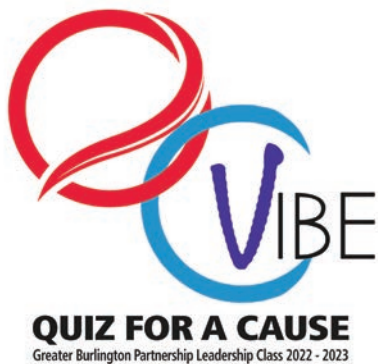
Upcoming YP Events

505 Social - March 23 Networking at Night

Parkside Brewing Company, 5:05 - 7 PM

Thinking of joining YP?

Email youngprofessionals@greaterburlington.com for more information.



The Greater Burlington Leadership Class of 2022 - 2023 will host a TRIVIA NIGHT on April 1 at Burlington Memorial Auditorium (Doors open at 5:30 PM, Trivia begins at 6 PM.) with the proceeds benefiting the VIBE Program at the Burlington Community School District. "The VIBE Virtual Learning Program provides students a flexible and personalized pathway through learning as they build connections and skills to succeed in life now and in adulthood."

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Table			1	1	1



STEMFEST RECAP

The 2023 Southeast Iowa STEMFEST was held at Southeastern Community College on Saturday, February 11. Over 750 participants were able to interact with 28 different area businesses and organizations as they explored careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. This regional partnership engages students from around the area to discover the many different career paths that are available and in demand now, and for the future.

Students and their parents were able to enjoy hands-on experiences in everything from robotics to radiology, and from CAD technology to chemical reactions. Our regional business partners know that engaging our future workforce takes an "early and often" approach. The Greater Burlington Partnership is proud to be part of that effort helping to lead the charge showing area students what is possible.



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PODCAST

March 30 marks the one-year anniversary of All Things Greater Burlington. Over the course of two dozen episodes, Burlington/West Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Steven Brody has engaged in informational and educational conversations with business owners, public officials, community leaders, and Chamber of Commerce award winners. The discussions offer insight and information for the listener to have a greater appreciation for the work that the guest is involved in. The podcast further illustrates the diversity of talent in Greater Burlington.

The podcast and its episodes can be heard on Greater Burlington.com, Amazon Music, Google Podcasts, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Castbox, and Stitcher. Binge listening is highly recommended to get caught up!

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.

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March EVENTS

2 – Comedy Thursday: Hypnotist Doug T
Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.org

4 – 2023 Home Show
Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center
10 AM – 2 PM
BigCountry1031.com

4 – Grand Opening
Lumi Beauty Clinic, 2 PM
Vagaro.com/LumiBeautyClinic

6, 13, 20 & 27 – My Wellbeing
Des Moines County Extension Office, 12 PM
Extension.IAState.edu

7 – Brown Bag Lecture Series:
Hoover's Iowa Homecoming
Howe Student Center at Iowa
Wesleyan University, 12 PM
HarlanLincolnHouse.org

7 – Des Moines County 4-H
Community Dinner
Barn on the Ridge, 5 PM
Extension.IAState.edu/desmoines/4h

7 – Trivia Nights
Boogaloo Sports Bar & Grill, 8 PM
FunCityResort.com

9 – Business After Hours
Cornerstone Wedding & Event Venue, 5 PM
GreaterBurlington.com

9 - 11 – SnowBull
Memorial Auditorium, 7 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.org

10 & 11 – Kids' Prom Cornerstone
Wedding & Event Center, 6 PM
TheCornerstoneIA.com

11 – Shamrock Shuffle
Crapo Park, 10 AM
Facebook.com/BurlingtonShamrockShuffle

11 – Marine Corps League Ham & Bean Supper
Iowa National Guard Center, Middletown, 5 PM
Facebook.com/HWMCL

11 – Shawn Gerhard
Legacy Theater, Carthage, IL, 7 PM
TheLegacyTheater.com

11 – Snowbull After Party/Sequoia Drive
Memorial Auditorium, 8 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.org

14 – Brown Bag Lecture Series:
Lincoln Memories
Iowa Wesleyan University Chapel
Auditorium, 12 PM
HarlanLincolnHouse.org

14 – Karaoke Nights
Boogaloo Sports Bar & Grill, 8 PM
FunCityResort.com

15 – Burlington Lunchtime Chamber
MusicFirst United Methodist
Church, 12 pmfacebook.com/
BurlingtonLunchtimeChamberMusicSeries

17 – Friday Forums
Greater Burlington Partnership
8 - 9 AM, Zoom Optional
GreaterBurlington.com

18 – Elton Dan & The Rocket Band
Capitol Theater, 7:30 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

19 – Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra
Capitol Theater, 2 PM
SEISO.us

21 – Brown Bag Lecture Series: Object
Biographies
Iowa Wesleyan University Chapel
Auditorium, 12 PM
HarlanLincolnHouse.org

21 – Trivia Nights
Boogaloo Sports Bar & Grill, 8 pm
FunCityResort.com

23 – Young Professionals
Networking at Night
Parkside Brewing Company, 5:05 - 7 PM
GreaterBurlington.com

23 – Joe Stamm Band
Wake N Bake Breakfast Company
7 PM
Facebook.com/WakenBakeBreakfast

24 - 25 – Co-Ed & Men's Slow-Pitch
Softball Tournament
Burlington Regional RecPlex
GreaterBurlingtonSports.com

24 – Eric Jones Magic
Legacy Theater, Carthage, IL, 7 PM
TheLegacyTheater.com

24 – Tri-State Battle of the Bands
Cornerstone Wedding & Event Center, 5 PM
TheCornerstoneIA.com

25 – Tri-State Battle of the Bands
Cornerstone Wedding & Event Center, 9 AM
TheCornerstoneIA.com

March 26 – Tri-State Battle of the Bands
Cornerstone Wedding & Event Center, 9 AM
TheCornerstoneIA.com

28 – Brown Bag Lecture Series:
The Colors of the 19th Iowa
Howe Student Center at Iowa Wesleyan
University, 12 PM
HarlanLincolnHouse.org

28 – Karaoke Nights
Boogaloo Sports Bar & Grill, 8 PM
FunCityResort.com

31 – SCC Presents: The Play That
Goes Wrong
Capitol Theater, 7 PM
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RUHL&RUHL REALTORS BURLINGTON STAFF BRING HOME COMPANY AWARDS

On January 27, Chris Beason, President and Caroline Ruhl, CEO honored 205 award winners for their 2022 achievements.

Burlington's Ruhl&Ruhl office took home five top office awards including Wendy Corzatt, Top Lister and Top Sales Awards; Dustina Fenton, Top Excellence in Service Award; Tiffany Hart-Anderson, Community Involvement Award; Rachel Holsteen, Top Referral Associate Award and New Associate of the Year; Jan Jaeger, Top Ruhl Mortgage Award and Top Nelson Brothers Agency Award.

Ruhl&Ruhl Realtors is a family-owned company since 1862 growing to 218 sales associates and 63 employees selling more than 5,200 homes in eastern Iowa, northwest Illinois, and southwest Wisconsin.

IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIES TIME!

Girl Scouts began taking orders for Girl Scout cookies sold with deliveries to begin soon or orders can be directly shipped to customers' homes. Every box of cookies sold provides invaluable experiences for Girl Scouts. Cookies will be available through March 26, 2023.

SCC ENTERS DEAL WITH WGU FOR TRANSFER OF CREDITS

Southeastern Community College and Western Governors University have announced a new articulation agreement that will provide SCC graduates a pathway to earn their bachelor's degree through WGU. Students graduating from SCC with an associate degree will be able to transfer their credits to WGU. Southeastern Community College students will be paired with a program mentor who has expertise in their chosen degree program and supports students.



ALMOST READY FOR TAKEOFF!

The Southern Airways Express inaugural flight out of Southeast Iowa Regional Airport is scheduled for April 1. With this new commercial air service provider comes a commitment to great service and an updated flight schedule with roundtrip flights to Chicago and St. Louis. Some of the perks that make it so convenient to fly from Burlington aren't new – short security lines and free parking. A full-service baggage and itinerary agreement will make your connections easy. Book your next business trip, day jaunt, or vacation get-away on iflysouthern.com.

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Downtown Partners, Inc is excited to announce applications are now open for the Main Street Iowa Open 4 Business grant competition. The Open 4 Business program is designed to encourage business development in designated Main Street Iowa districts around the state. Applicants complete an online application by visiting [Greaterburlington.com/Downtown Partners](http://Greaterburlington.com/DowntownPartners).

Qualifying applicants must have been in business since May 1, 2022 and must be either currently or planning to be located in Downtown Burlington. A complete application must be submitted by April 1. Downtown Partners, Inc. will choose a contestant for the June semifinal judging to compete for a chance at \$8,000. The five statewide finalists will then present their ideas in the Open 4 Business contest at the Iowa Downtown Conference on August 1 in Sioux City for up to an additional \$20,000 in funding. Downtown Partners, Inc. sent The Beancounter Coffeehouse & Drinkery to the finals for Open 4 Business last year, where they were awarded \$15,500. Suann Wells, The Beancounter Coffeehouse & Drinkery, said "Being a small business owner can sometimes mean a continuous pivot to find fresh offerings for our community and our brand. Main Street Iowa and the Open 4 Business Grant affords entrepreneurs a financial opportunity for this and to grow our businesses. As an Iowa small business, we are fortunate to have an organization dedicated to investing in our businesses and Downtown Districts."

For more information contact Downtown Partners Main Street Executive Director Amy Moyner at the Greater Burlington Partnership office.



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