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NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS MONTH *by Della Schmidt*

The Greater Burlington Partnership is shining light on the importance of small business, beginning with a Small Business Breakfast event on May 9. Why celebrate small business? Why indeed!

When thinking about small business, consider this: local small businesses are typically the first to step up and support local athletics, the arts, community festivals, school fundraisers, church youth groups, community beautification and more. Why might that be? Perhaps it is because small businesses are owned by friends and neighbors who understand that giving back is part of what makes Greater Burlington such an awesome place to live.

But the contribution of small businesses to the quality of life goes even further than philanthropy. Small businesses are owned by entrepreneurs, and the very nature of an entrepreneur is that of an innovator. That innovation shows up on the menus of local restaurants, in storefront displays that, in the quality service delivered by professional and personal service businesses and in the community events and promotions that small business owners help plan. That demonstration of innovation in business adds value to the lives of those fortunate enough to live here and makes the community a fun, interesting and welcoming place for tourists.

For many people, owning a small business is the epitome of the American Dream. While it requires grit, determination, and some calculated risk-taking, for many people small business ownership is a path to financial freedom. For some, it changes the trajectory of their entire family through the creation of a business that can be handed down to the next generation. Additionally, these small local businesses provide important employment options for people, often with flexibility options not possible in larger employment settings.

The Greater Burlington Partnership salutes this vital segment of the business community. Chamber members are invited to join together at the May 9 Small Business Breakfast and awards event at Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center.



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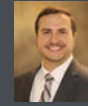
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YOU'RE INVITED TO THE



2023 Small Business Breakfast

MAY 9, 2023 | 7 - 9 AM
CATFISH BEND CONVENTION & EVENT CENTER

A winner has been chosen! This year the Greater Burlington Partnership received an incredible 55 nominations for the Small Business of the Year award. The Chamber Ambassadors met in March to read through each nomination and decide on the 2023 Small Business of the Year recipient. The winner will be announced during the Small Business Breakfast event.

Enjoy the breakfast buffet sponsored by Two Rivers Bank & Trust while hearing from this year's Keynote Speaker, Kimberly Baeth. Kimberly is the President and Owner of Golden Openings, Inc. in Urbandale, Iowa. Her business is centered around celebrating businesses, entrepreneurs, and their many milestones. Baeth has been

recognized with 20+ awards for her achievements within the business industry.

Join in the celebration of not only the winner, but all the incredible small businesses and entrepreneurs in Greater Burlington during Small Business Appreciation month. Thank you to the Greater Burlington community for welcoming and supporting small business owners and the services that is provided.

Thank you to Farmers & Merchants Bank & Trust, the event Platinum Sponsor.



ON THE COVER *Small Business Month*

Since 1963, the United States has recognized small businesses and their impact on American culture and economy. The designated month aims to honor the 33.2 million small businesses in the U.S. and the amazing people who run them.

The week of April 30 to May 6 has also been designated as National Small Business Week. The U.S. Small Business Administration takes the opportunity to highlight the impact of outstanding entrepreneurs, small business owners, and others from all 50 states and U.S. territories.

Greater Burlington is unique and unlike any other town because of the "one of a kind" businesses that call Greater Burlington home. Just like there is only one Snake Alley, it's the small business owner who makes the community uncommon, particular, different, and indeed special. Join the Greater Burlington Partnership in saying thank you to area small businesses for thriving while swimming with the sharks.

NETWORK AFTER HOURS



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Uptown Village Apartments

3100 Market St, Burlington | May 11, 5 - 7 PM

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IOWA BUSINESSES AGAINST TRAFFICKING

Success in BUSINESS

DISCOVER NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES



IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE
PAUL D. PATE

When: May 10, 12 - 1 PM

Cost: FREE benefit of Chamber of Commerce membership

Where: ZOOM

Brief Description: Iowa Businesses Against Trafficking (IBAT) is a statewide recognition and education program from the Iowa Secretary of State's office, empowering businesses to help in the fight to end human trafficking through trainings and outreach opportunities.

Key Objectives:

1. "Learn Something" about the signs of human trafficking.
2. "Do Something" to raise awareness in your community.

More information and registration at GreaterBurlington.com.



ALL THINGS GREATER BURLINGTON PODCAST

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](http://GreaterBurlington.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 should be interviewed?
Please contact Steven Brody.*

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON - MAY 12

On May 12, new members are invited to the Winegard Room at NOON for a New Member Luncheon. The purpose is to meet fellow new members, learn more about the Chamber of Commerce, its benefits and programs, how to set up InfoHub accounts, submit Friday Facts, Community Calendar events and more! Attendees are encouraged to bring a laptop to follow along and receive support as needed. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Steven Brody will be presenting.

New Member Luncheons are held in May and December for members who have joined the Chamber of Commerce in the previous six months. It is also open to members whose businesses have been part of the Chamber of Commerce but are new to their leadership role.

Please RSVP to Marty Mogk before May 3.



BACKYARD TRAVELERS of GREATER BURLINGTON

Photo: Snake Alley Bricks
Downtown Burlington, Iowa

WANTED: GREATER BURLINGTONIANS WITH A STORY TO SHARE!

How much better would your next vacation be if you had a group of locals to rely on for advice on what to do, where to go, and what to experience? What if you knew someone plugged in to the local scene of your destination, someone who could give you the skinny on the best place to get a good Italian meal? Have you ever read the travel advice in fancy magazines and thought, "okay... but where do the locals go?" Chances are good that future visitors to Greater Burlington will feel exactly the same way.

The Convention & Visitors Bureau will soon be hosting online content from Greater Burlington in-the-know residents, past and present, about the advice they would give to friends and family looking to visit the area for the first time. We want to hear from you!

Not a professional writer? No worries! Your readers will be folks just like you and will appreciate and trust your advice.

What's the first restaurant visitors should visit? What's the fantastic park or trail that most tourists probably miss? If someone had two days to spend in the area, what should they do? In short: What do you wish everyone looking to have a fantastic time in Greater Burlington knew before they arrived?

Warm up your computer keyboard or dust off that Smith Corona and contact Chris Gram for information on how you can contribute. Email Chris at cgram@greaterburlington.com

CHAMBER AMBASSADORS | SPOTLIGHT



DEB FOWLER BROKER/OWNER OF CENTURY21 PROPERTY PROFESSIONALS

Deb has been in the real estate industry since 1996. Century 21 Property Professionals has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce since 1994. She has been a Chamber Ambassador since 2016 and joined as a way to connect with more businesses and individuals in the community.

Deb says "Being a Chamber Ambassador is rewarding in many ways. First, with the friendships with other ambassadors and second the relationships you develop with local businesses through Chamber events like ribbon cuttings and Business After Hours." She enjoys ribbon cuttings the most because "seeing new and existing businesses in the spotlight and being part of the excitement that comes with that is great! Watching these businesses grow and succeed in Burlington just makes me proud of our city. Burlington has a great vibe – we have so much to offer, and the Chamber does a great job of bringing tourists, business and industry to the area, promoting our businesses and the city as a destination as well as a great place to live, work and play." You can see why we enjoy having Deb as a Chamber Ambassador!



HEIDI KING CO-OWNER OF KING KLEEN LLC

King Kleen LLC, offers commercial and residential exterior cleaning, including windows, pressure washing, and solar panel cleaning. She has been a Chamber Ambassador since April 2022. She joined the ambassador team to "give back to the Chamber for all of the benefits that they give to the community and small business owners" and to get "to know other small business owners." She enjoys the networking opportunity and "feeling more involved with our community."

You might find Heidi having Buffalo Chicken Tacos at The Buffalo or a Southwest Chicken & Avocado Salad at McAlister's. It won't be hard to spot her in the King Kleen orange uniform! She says Business After Hours is her favorite Chamber activity. When asked what she enjoys about the Burlington area, Heidi said "Burlington is a great place to raise your kids. For a town our size we have great amenities. I love to see that the Downtown area is being revived and the riverfront is being utilized." Keep an eye out for that orange uniform while King Kleen is out in the community and be sure to help us thank Heidi for being a Chamber Ambassador!

Greater BURLINGTON Young Professionals *The Voice of the Future*

Greater Burlington Young Professionals
A professional and social group for individuals
between the ages of 21 - 40.

WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

Young Professional members came together for their first Networking at Night and Lunch & Learn events of the year.



This Networking at Night event was a Tournament night where members competed for the title of Greater Burlington's best billiards, darts, chess, or cornhole players.



The first Lunch & Learn topic of the year was "Giving Back to Your Community" presented by the Community Foundation of Des Moines County. Members learned how various nonprofit organizations receive funding for projects, improvements, or additional services through the Community Foundation grant process.

COMING UP NEXT!

MAY 16, 12 - 1 PM

LUNCH & LEARN

HOME MAINTENANCE 101

Thinking of joining YP?

Email youngprofessionals@greaterburlington.com for more information.



Young Professional SPOTLIGHT

Orie Thomford

Every quarter the Young Professional Council meets to decide on the winner of their quarterly Young Professional Spotlight award. This award recognizes a Young Professional member who goes above and beyond in their community, career, or with the program itself.

This quarter Young Professionals are celebrating Orie Thomford, Pastor for Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Orie moved to Greater Burlington in July of 2022, and immediately sought ways to be a part of our community.

After finding and joining the Young Professionals, Orie was quick to ask, "how can I be more involved?" which led him to a seat on the Young Professionals Council. From there Orie looked for ways to be a part of uplifting the community members and found that outlet by joining the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. When he's not at work he may be found at Young Professional events or congratulating Chamber Member milestones by attending many ribbon cuttings throughout Greater Burlington.

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"The mission of the Young Professionals is important to me. Every person wants to be connected and have friends. Being a part of the Young Professional Council is a way to help people make those friends. The events are fun, the people are great, and I am excited to be a part of this community. In my free time I enjoy anything outdoors such as hiking, running, or exploring the beautiful parks in Greater Burlington. At home I enjoy a good book or board game." – Orie Thomford

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Upstairs Downtown

Downtown Burlington Upper Story Tour | May 21, 12 - 4 PM

Downtown Partners is teaming up with several property owners for "Upstairs Downtown," a very special tour of upper story spaces in Downtown Burlington. From luxury condos to residential developments in progress, come see how the adaptive reuse of historic buildings is reenergizing Downtown.

The featured spaces are:

- 724 Jefferson (Scotten/Gabeline Building)
- McConnell Lofts at 200 N 4th St
- The Tama Too Complex at 300 - 310 Jefferson St
- The Loft by First United Methodist Church at 416 Jefferson St
- Churchill Lofts at 100 N 4th St

Tickets are \$20 online or at the door of any site during the tour.

To Purchase Tickets Online, click on the QR Code.



CELEBRATING ONE YEAR AT THE PARTNERSHIP



MARTY MOGK

MARTY MOGK, MEMBER & GUEST SERVICES MANAGER

What do you do? I recruit new members and support existing members as needed with GrowthZone, events on the website, etc. I work with members to sponsor events and sell advertising for the website and Partnership publications. I chair the ambassador committee and set up ribbon cuttings.

What do you enjoy about working at the Partnership? I enjoy supporting the business community and being involved in events (Partnership and otherwise) that our members are involved in. I love meeting with businesses and others in town to learn more about what they do and how the Chamber can support them.

What do you love about Greater Burlington? I love that there is so much to do in Greater Burlington and rarely get to all of the events that I'm interested in. And I love being a part of the Burlington Bees!

Share a hobby/interest or fun fact about yourself: I enjoy concerts and baseball and have been to six baseball fantasy camps (even though I never played organized baseball as a kid). Fun fact: one of my early part-time jobs was helping Santa. I was certified by Western Temporary Services, and worked as Santa at Marshall Fields in Oakbrook, IL and at the Mall in St. Charles, IL.



PAM WRIGHT

PAM WRIGHT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

What do you do? My main functions are to work the front desk and phones. I am the editor of the Friday Facts and Partnering for the Future Investor Newsletters. I am a notary public and help out wherever I can with all of the Partnership entities.

What do you enjoy about working at the Partnership? I love working with the people including my co-workers, board members, Ambassadors, city officials, business owners, and community members who really love this community and do what they can to make a difference by devoting themselves to improving and building the community.

What do you love about Greater Burlington? The beautiful historical buildings, the wide variety of great shops, restaurants and events that take place Downtown. The beautiful lakes and parks that provide places for wildlife viewing, photography, hiking, biking, and water sports.

Share a hobby/interest or fun fact about yourself: Traveling, photography, antiques, and DIY crafts are a few of my favorite things.

A Very Vintage Market

July 15, 9 AM - 4 PM
Downtown Burlington

Get ready for an exciting day of shopping as the Very Vintage Market returns to historic Downtown Burlington on July 15. This annual outdoor event has become a beloved tradition, drawing in thousands of people in search of one-of-a-kind treasures. From antique furniture to repurposed home decor, architectural salvage to farmhouse accents and home-made goods, you are sure to find something that catches your eye.

Whether you're a seasoned collector or just love browsing unique finds, the Very Vintage Market is a must-visit destination. So come join the fun and experience the charm of Downtown Burlington while discovering your new favorite vendor piece!



TIGER GRANT UPDATE

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



Cultural & Entertainment District Designation in the Works

This designation is granted by the state of Iowa to areas that offer a high concentration of cultural and entertainment venues and activities, with the goal of promoting tourism, economic growth, and quality of life for residents.

The application process for the designation is rigorous and requires collaboration between multiple organizations in the community. The partnership between Downtown Partners Inc., the Art Center of Burlington, and Capitol Performing Arts Center is a positive sign of the cooperation and coordination needed to achieve this goal.

The benefits of a Cultural & Entertainment District designation are numerous. It can attract more visitors to the area, boosting local businesses and creating new jobs. It can also increase the quality of life for residents by providing access to a wide range of cultural and entertainment offerings.



JEFFERSON STREET FARMERS MARKET



Jefferson Street Farmers Market Every Thursday, May - September, 4:30 - 7 PM

Get ready to savor the flavors of the season and have some fun at Jefferson Street Farmers Market! This vibrant street market offers a unique and exciting experience where you can indulge in hand crafted and locally baked goods, fresh produce and a variety of other local products. The market will be buzzing with live entertainment every week, so you can tap your feet to the rhythm of local musicians while you shop.

Jefferson Street Farmers Market is not just for the grown-ups. There will be activities for children of all ages. Bring family and friends and enjoy the sights, sounds, and tastes of the season.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to support local vendors and experience the community spirit of Jefferson Street Farmers Market!



Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District (SSMID)

Downtown Burlington owes its vibrancy and progress to the Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District Tax. Thanks to the support of the stakeholders, this tax has been able to fuel investment in the Downtown area, creating a thriving hub of commerce, entertainment, and community.

The tax has enabled the city to undertake numerous projects aimed at improving the infrastructure, beautifying the streets, and fostering a welcoming environment for businesses and residents alike. Without the Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District Tax, Downtown Burlington would not be the bustling, dynamic center that it is today.

Whether you're a business owner looking to establish a presence in the city or a resident seeking a vibrant, livable community, the Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District Tax has been instrumental in making Downtown Burlington the place to be.

The Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for 2023-2024 Greater Burlington Leadership. This nine-month program offers a series of professional development classes designed to strengthen leadership skills. The program gives both experienced and developing leaders a broader view of civic responsibilities through onsite, behind-the-scenes tours at a spectrum of institutions, and personal interactions with the people who shape the Greater Burlington community. Additionally, Greater Burlington Leadership participants delve into relevant leadership topics such as communication styles, personal and interpersonal skills, project management and much more.

Entering its thirteenth year, Greater Burlington Leadership has graduated 176 people. Several Leadership Class alumni currently serve on the planning committee that works with Greater Burlington Partnership staff to guide and plan the curriculum. In fact, many of the alumni maintain long term friendships years after meeting one another through the Leadership Class, even organizing socials and lunch dates just to stay connected. That alone is a testament to the power of the program.

What are people saying about Greater Burlington Leadership?



"Participating in Greater Burlington Leadership provided me with the opportunity to look at our community in a whole new light. I've lived in the Southeast Iowa area my whole life and I never realized how much I was missing out on! I learned so much from the guest speakers, business tours and group activities – and best of all, I ended up with a whole network of new friends!"

~ Jenna Meeker, CHN Industrial



"I would recommend the Greater Burlington Leadership class to anyone who has even thought about it. Maybe you question whether you will learn anything from it. Trust me, YOU WILL! As someone new to Burlington, it's been a great avenue to see behind the scenes to our Greater Burlington area, and how we operate. My favorite take-away from the leadership class is seeing the exciting things that are being done and where the future of Greater Burlington is headed!"

~ Hayden Holford, Titan Broadcasting & Digital Group



"As an employer, Greater Burlington Leadership broadens the horizons of employees through community knowledge and creates a unique teamwork experience through the group project. It's a valuable program for our up-and-coming leaders as it creates lasting connections, opens eyes to what our community has to offer and gives team members the opportunity to work with other community employees."

~ Jessi Mynatt, American Ordnance

2023-2024 Session Topics:

- Arts & Culture
- Tourism
- Economic Development
- Education
- Environment
- Government
- Healthcare
- Diversity/Inclusion
- Public Safety
- Workforce

To Nominate or Apply: Candidates must be nominated by June 30. Need not wait to be nominated, individuals may apply up to the July 15 deadline. Visit - GreaterBurlington.com/Leadership





RIVERBOAT DOCKING VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Viking and American Queen River Cruise boat dockings will bring an influx of visitors to Greater Burlington beginning in July. 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 and Visitors Bureau is seeking local volunteers who like meeting interesting folks from far off places and are willing to spend some time in beautiful Downtown Burlington. There are 18 dockings scheduled for this season, subject to change, which means many opportunities to be a part of such an amazing and fun-filled experience.

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




DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON FLOWER PLANTING - MAY 22

MEET AT NANCY NEAFIE PARK AT 4:30 PM

Are you ready to get your hands dirty and make the Downtown area even more beautiful? Then meet Downtown for the Flower Planting Event. Downtown Partners, Inc. is calling all green thumbs to volunteer and help transform the area into a vibrant, colorful oasis.

Downtown Partners, Inc. couldn't do this without the generous support of the Witte Foundation, who has been a steadfast partner in the beautification efforts of Downtown. Thank you to Zaiser's for the beautiful flowers.

So bring your gloves, your trowels, and your love for all things green, and make the Downtown shine!

Rain Date : May 23. Watch the Downtown Facebook page for details.

Port of Burlington WELCOME CENTER

Looking for that perfect souvenir or need information on how to spend a day in Burlington?

Head on down to the Port of Burlington Welcome Center! There are Magnets, Pins, Pillows, Shirts, Local Wine and even Wildlife Lakes Elk products. The Welcome Center also has a large variety of postcards to choose from. Come in and stock up on brochures and maps for that next road trip. There are even weekly specials on highlighted merchandise. Enjoy the beautiful views of the Mississippi River and Great River Bridge while visiting.

Open 10 - 4 PM every day.

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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Pam Lynch, Community Relations Specialist, ccra@iacommunityaction.org

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Not only has our menu remained true to its roots, so have our values. Today, with more than 500 restaurants in 28 states, we're still dedicated to serving great food with genuine hospitality. We invite you to come for the food and stay for the experience. Bring your family, meet your neighbors, celebrate that big win with your teammates or make new friends that share the same love for sweet tea and sandwiches as you - we mean it when we say that our table is your table.

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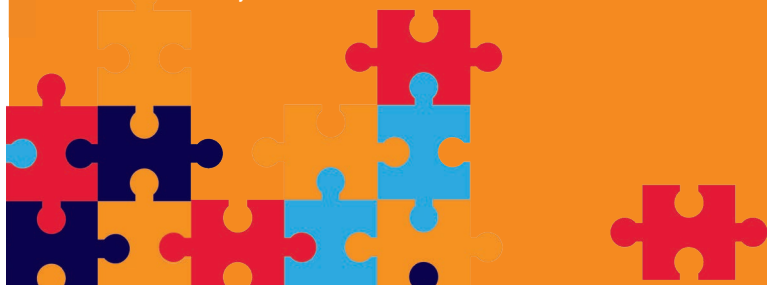
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Raven Young, Program Director, raven.young@sevitahealth.com

Perched on the bluffs of the Mississippi, Burlington Iowa enjoys the beauty of the river and the social, medical, and vocational advantages of a community of 25,663. REM Iowa Community Services (RICS) - Burlington provides Home and Community Based Services to people with Intellectual Disabilities, Brain Injury, and/or Mental Health challenges. People receiving REM services in Burlington may live in their own home or apartment with or without roommates; hours of service are based on the needs of the individual. Services offered at this location: Adults & Children with Disabilities, Residential Services, Dual Diagnosis Services, Specialized Services; Neurological, Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Services; Supported Living.

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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.

ONGOING COMMITMENT TO SERVICE EARNS AMBER MASON, CENTURY 21 PROPERTY PROFESSIONALS, 2022 QUALITY SERVICE PINNACLE AWARD

Century 21 Real Estate LLC recently recognized sales affiliate Amber Mason with the CENTURY 21 2022 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award. "The Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award is an integral part of our brand's commitment to excellence and recognizes Amber Mason's dedication to making each and every client interaction memorable and worth celebrating," said Michael Miedler, president and CEO, Century 21 Real Estate.

The annual award is based on results from the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Survey (QSS), which is e-mailed to consumers immediately after the purchase or sale of a home. To earn the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award, an agent must receive completed customer surveys for at least 80 percent of their transactions surveyed from January 1 - December 31, with an average survey score of at least 95 percent or better for two consecutive years.

Amber Mason will receive a customized glass trophy, in addition to being recognized at the CENTURY 21 Global Conference.

MIDWEST REALTY GROUP IS AWARDED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR FOR WEST BURLINGTON

The award recognizes the contributions of a West Burlington business that has demonstrated outstanding performance, growth, and service to the community. Midwest Realty Group, is a full-service real estate brokerage and is a developer of residential and commercial properties. A statement released by the City of West Burlington. "Midwest Realty Group, President Ryan Nagrocki, Vice President John Mercer, and the entire staff have been an asset to the City of West Burlington. In the past year they have helped bring businesses into our city and continue to develop residential housing which is needed in our community. May it serve as a reminder of the positive impact you have made and continue to make in your community."

HARVESTVILLE FARMS WINS 2023 IOWA TOURISM AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING DINING BUSINESS

Harvestville Farms received an award at the Travel Iowa Tourism award presentation for Best Outstanding Dining Experience in the state of Iowa for Their Farm to Table Dinners. "We never would have imagined even being mentioned for this award when we did our first dinner way back in 2011. We cannot thank our community and surrounding communities enough for your support over the years!"

GREAT RIVER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AWARDED FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CHARITY

Great River Christian School was awarded for their years of service helping to send shoeboxes full of Christmas gifts to children around the world.

The school received a service award from Samaritan's Purse for their 20 years of service helping with the Operation Christmas Child charity initiative, which works every year to fill shoeboxes full of toys, school supplies, and other small gifts, and distributes them to needy children.

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

4, 11, 18, 25
 Jefferson Street Farmers Market
 Downtown Burlington, 4:30 - 7 PM
Facebook.com/DowntownBurlingtonAMarket

4 – Comedy Thursday:
 Todd McComas & Ray Hensley
 Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.org

5 – Blackhawk Boosters
 Annual HawkTail Party
 Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center, 6 PM
Facebook.com/SCCMensBB

5 – Yoga Rave
 Cornerstone Wedding & Event Center, 6 PM
TheCornerstoneIA.com

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

6, 13, 27 – Weekly Racing
 34 Raceway, 5 PM
34Raceway.com

6 – Battle of the Brushes
 Art Center of Burlington, 5 PM
BTownArt.com

6 – Farm to Table Dinner
 Harvestville Farm, 6 PM
HarvestvilleFarm.com

6 – Burlington Civic Music: Melissa Errico
 Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 PM
BurlCivicMusic.com

9 – Small Business Appreciation Event
 Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center 7 - 9 AM
GreaterBurlington.com

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

11 – Hike-A-Park: Hickory Bend
 Hickory Bend Recreation Area, Sperry, 3 PM
DMCConservation.com

11 – Business After Hours
 Uptown Village Apartments, 5 - 7 PM
GreaterBurlington.com

12 and 13 – Spring Genealogy/Local
 History Conference
 Burlington Public Library
Burlington.lib.ia.us

12 – New Member Luncheon
 Greater Burlington Partnership, 12 PM
GreaterBurlington.com

12 – Puppy Pals Live
 The Legacy Theater, 7 PM
TheLegacyTheater.com

13 – Drag Brunch
 Wake N Bake Breakfast Company, 11 AM
Facebook.com/WakenBakeBreakfast

13 – Farm-to-Table Dinner
 Harvestville Farm, 6 PM
HarvestvilleFarm.com

13 – Queens on the River Drag Show
 Memorial Auditorium, 8 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.org

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

18 – Staying Ahead Mentor Training
 The Loft, 416 Jefferson St, 6 - 8 PM
Facebook.com/BurlingtonBuildingBridges

20 and 21 – Tri-State Archery Qualifier
 Big Hollow Creek Recreation Area, 8 AM
Facebook.com/BigHollow

20 – Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series
 34 Raceway, X PM
34Raceway.com

20 – Hallelujah Auditions
 Memorial Auditorium, 7 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.org

21 – Upstairs Downtown Tour
 Downtown Burlington, 12 - 4 PM
GreaterBurlington.com

22 – Downtown Burlington Flower Planting
 Downtown Burlington, 4:30 PM
GreaterBurlington.com

26 – Friday Fest
 Burlington riverfront, 5:30 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.org

28 – The Johnny Rogers Show
 Capitol Theater Performing Arts Center, 3 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

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 34 Raceway, 5 PM
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May 6 | 8 AM - 12 PM

Des Moines County Master Gardeners will hold their annual plant sale at the Des Moines County Extension Office (1700 W Mt Pleasant Street, West Burlington)

Patrons will find a wide variety of zone 5 plants suitable for full sun to full shade. Vegetable starts, perennials, annuals and houseplants will be available. The plants are donated by the Des Moines County Master Gardeners. Most are divided from their own gardens and potted in early spring or grown from seed in the greenhouse they share with SCC. Cash and check only accepted at the sale.

For more information, follow Des Moines County Extension on Facebook or visit: Extension.IAState.edu/desmoines

MEDITATE BURLINGTON: IN-PERSON TALK

May 21 | 4 - 5 PM

You are invited to an In-Person Talk at The Art Center of Burlington to learn what Transcendental Meditation can do for you. Presented by Frank Boggess a Certified, TM instructor.

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KIWANIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

May 27 | 6:30 - 10:30 AM

All you can eat pancake breakfast at the Port of Burlington, 400 N Front St. A Burlington tradition! Ages 8 and up \$10 advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets available at Fareway & Hy-Vee or from any Kiwanian.

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It's Happening



The Downtown Partners, Inc. Branding Committee and DPI Board of Directors are excited to

unveil the new Downtown Destination Brand to the community!

The Destination Brand will help create an identity highlighting all the assets Downtown Burlington has to offer. When fully implemented, the Downtown Burlington Brand will be featured on banners, in communications, and marketing promotions. The first of these will be a 2023 billboard located at the RecPlex beginning this spring.

Downtown businesses will have access to this brand for products and marketing. Classes are being held on how to use the brand for marketing and product purposes. Contact Amy with any questions.



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