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President & CEO's Letter



Dear Members & Friends,

Sometimes the greatest measure of a community's strength isn't found in economic reports or even major announcements. Sometimes it's found in the willingness of people to show up when their community needs them most.

Recently, Southeast Iowa had one of those moments. With just three days' notice, the Greater Burlington Partnership and our regional partners activated a grassroots network that brought approximately 50 business leaders, elected officials, and community advocates to Des Moines for a special session of the Iowa Legislature.

The purpose was significant. Legislators were considering changes to Iowa's Major Economic Growth and Attraction (MEGA) program that would provide the Iowa Economic Development Authority with greater flexibility to offer competitive incentives for transformational economic development projects.

Southeast Iowa is being considered for a major steel manufacturing investment, and we knew that competing for a project of this magnitude meant competing against other states that were putting together their own incentive packages. We also knew that Iowa needed the tools to compete effectively.

What happened next was a powerful reminder of what makes our region special. Phones rang, emails were sent, schedules were rearranged, and people made the trip to Des Moines. Some testified before legislators. Others attended to demonstrate their support. All understood that opportunities of this magnitude require communities to work together.

What impressed me most wasn't simply the number of people who responded. It was the diversity of those who answered the call. Business owners, community leaders, and elected officials from across Southeast Iowa recognized that this opportunity extended well beyond any single city or county. That is what regional collaboration looks like in action.

Economic development is often a long process involving countless conversations, relationships, site evaluations, and negotiations that happen outside the public spotlight. While major announcements capture headlines, the groundwork that makes those opportunities possible is built over years.

At the Greater Burlington Partnership, one of our most important responsibilities is building and maintaining the relationships that allow us to respond when opportunities arise. Our investors support this work because they understand that a stronger regional economy benefits all of us.

Our ability to bring people together on such short notice didn't happen by accident. It is the result of years spent building relationships, earning trust, and creating a shared commitment to the future of Southeast Iowa.

There is still important work ahead, and nothing about a project of this magnitude should be taken for granted. But regardless of the ultimate outcome, I believe our region demonstrated something worth celebrating.

We showed that Southeast Iowa can speak with a unified voice. We showed that our business community understands the importance of economic development. And we showed that when an opportunity presents itself, our region is willing to step forward.

Great things happen when communities work together. And Southeast Iowa showed up!

With gratitude,

Amy O'Brien

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ON THE COVER

Celebrating the Spirit of Giving

The holiday season is a time for giving back, and the Greater Burlington Partnership is connecting our community with opportunities to make a difference through the Reason for the Season Expo and Chamber Tree of Giving.

Launched in 2025, the Reason for the Season Expo brings together local nonprofit organizations to showcase the important work they do throughout Greater Burlington. The event offers community members an opportunity to learn about these organizations, discover ways to get involved and explore how their time, talents and resources can make a meaningful impact.

This year's Reason for the Season Expo will take place Monday, November 16, from 5 – 6:30 PM at Great River Resort Convention and Event Center. Attendees are encouraged to visit with participating nonprofits, learn about their missions and discover opportunities to give back throughout the year.

Another special part of this initiative is the Chamber Tree of Giving. Decorated with wish-list requests from local nonprofits, the tree provides a simple way for individuals and businesses to help fulfill specific needs. Community members can select an item and purchase the requested donation to support a local organization.

The tree will be featured at the Expo and remain on display at the Greater Burlington Partnership office through Friday, December 18.

Together, these initiatives celebrate our community's generosity while shining a spotlight on the nonprofits that work tirelessly to serve others.

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GREATER BURLINGTON RESTAURANT WEEK CELEBRATES LOCAL FAVORITES

Community votes recognize five Chamber of Commerce members for their standout dishes, beverages, service and value.

From barbecue favorites to creative beverages and memorable dining experiences, Greater Burlington Restaurant Week gave local food lovers plenty to enjoy September 17–27. The annual event encouraged residents and visitors to explore the area's dining scene, support local restaurants and cast their votes for their favorites.

Sponsored by the Greater Burlington Chamber of Commerce, Restaurant Week brought attention to the variety of dining experiences available throughout the community. Participating restaurants had the opportunity to showcase their menus, attract customers and remind diners why Greater Burlington is a great place to enjoy a meal.

Throughout the event, diners voted for their favorites in five categories, recognizing everything from standout dishes to exceptional customer service and value.

Congratulations to the 2026 Greater Burlington Restaurant Week winners:

- *Best Beef Dish: The Broadway Bar & Grill*
- *Best Beverage: ReLotus Coffee & Energy Bar*
- *Best Pork Dish: Fat & Sassy Barbeque*
- *Best Service: Martini's Grille*
- *Best Value: The Outpost Bar & Grill*

While these five establishments earned top honors, Restaurant Week was a celebration of the entire local dining community. A total of 13 Chamber of Commerce member restaurants participated in this year's event, each contributing to the variety of options available to Greater Burlington diners.

Additional participating Chamber members included Billy Sims Barbecue, Boogaloo Sports Bar & Grill, Busted Cup Brewery, Buzzing Pines Cafe, Hy-Vee Market Grille, Jefferson Street Ice Cream Company, La Boheme and Mississippi Moon Ice Cream Parlor.

Beyond the awards, Restaurant Week provides an opportunity to recognize the restaurant owners, managers and employees who help make Greater Burlington's dining scene special. These businesses contribute to the local economy, provide jobs and create gathering places where friends, families and visitors connect.

The Greater Burlington Chamber of Commerce extends its appreciation to all participating restaurants and everyone who supported the event by dining locally and casting their votes. Although Restaurant Week has wrapped up for another year, the opportunity to support these Chamber members continues all year long.

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- A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE: CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR -

AFINITAS



Greater Burlington celebrated the businesses and people driving the region's manufacturing industry at the 2026 Manufacturers Appreciation Luncheon on October 2 at the Burlington Golf Club.

The annual event brought manufacturers and community partners together to recognize an industry that continues to create jobs, invest in the region and strengthen Southeast Iowa's economy. Thank you to the Burlington Golf Club for hosting this year's celebration.

A highlight of the luncheon was naming Afinitas the 2026 Manufacturer of the Year.

For nearly 80 years, Afinitas has been part of the Mediapolis community while serving customers around the world. Now, the company is building on that legacy with a nearly $12 million investment in its Mediapolis facility. The expansion will add approximately 30,000 square feet of manufacturing space, introduce new technology and automation, and create at least 15 new high-quality jobs.

Afinitas' continued growth is an investment not only in its business, but in Southeast Iowa's workforce and future.

Congratulations to Afinitas, and thank you to all of the manufacturers who continue to invest, innovate and grow in Greater Burlington.

Watch the Award Video

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LEADER LAB WELCOMES 2026 CLASS

Leader Lab officially kicked off on October 1 with a successful welcome session in the Greater Burlington Partnership's Winegard Board Room. This year's class brings together 19 leaders from 13 businesses and organizations across the region, creating a diverse group of professionals ready to grow their leadership skills and strengthen their impact.

During the welcome session, participants had the opportunity to meet one another, receive their workbooks, receive access to the program's online content library, enjoy lunch together, and learn how Leader Lab is structured.

Leader Lab uses a flipped classroom model, meaning participants engage with short video content and guided reflection activities in their workbooks before each session. This allows in-person sessions to move beyond simply delivering information and instead focus on analysis, deep reflection, meaningful discussion, hands-on activities and putting leadership concepts into practice. This is where the real learning happens.

Following the successful kickoff, participants are now prepared to dive into their first content session, Mission, Culture & Excellence, on November 5.

2026 Leader Lab Participants

Erin Carter	American Ordnance
Kailey Dick	Great River Health
Tanner Gebhardt	Des Moines County Conservation
Emily Holland	Greater Burlington Partnership
Kelli Johnson	F&M Bank & Trust
Joe Jolin	Edward Jones
Ethan King	King Kleen LLC
Heidi King	King Kleen LLC
Heather Lange	Keystone Home
Josiah Lyman	Energyficient Lighting Systems, Inc
Jim Mehaffy	Great River Health
John McVey	Southeastern Community College
Gena Parsons	ImOn Communications
Amanda Sanders	American Ordnance
Stephanie Stuecker	City of Burlington
Eric Tyner	BANK
Hayley Wheeler	American Ordnance
Dustin Whiting	American Ordnance
Katherine Zeglen	American Ordnance

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ANNUAL DINNER
THE LOST CITY AWAITS
2027
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Far beneath the water lies a legendary city, shrouded in mystery and lost to time. This year, journey into a world of ancient wonders, hidden treasures and the Lost City of Atlantis.
Beyond the legend is a night that celebrates Greater Burlington. For centuries, tales of a magnificent city have captured imaginations with visions of beauty, ingenuity and extraordinary achievement. Great cities are shaped by bold ideas and the people determined to bring them to life. Here in Greater Burlington, that same spirit is reflected in our community's accomplishments as we continue to grow and look toward the future.
The evening will bring together entertainment and opportunities to connect, culminating in the Community Awards honoring those helping make Greater Burlington's progress possible.
Guests are invited to draw inspiration from the wonders of the deep when choosing their attire.
For one night, the city we're building meets the city the world still wonders about. The legend has endured. The mystery remains. How far will you go to uncover its secrets?
The Lost City Awaits.
FRIDAY
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EVENT DETAILS
Table of 8: $850
Half Table: $425
Individual Ticket: $100
Reserve your seats by contacting
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5TH GRADE CAREER FAIR

December 14 | 9 - 11:30 AM

The annual 5th Grade Career Fair is coming up next month, and local employers are needed to help bring careers to life for area students.

This long-standing event gives 5th graders the opportunity to explore the many career paths available right here in Southeast Iowa while connecting directly with the businesses and professionals who make our region thrive.

Greater Burlington Partnership is looking for employers to serve as presenters and showcase their careers and industries. Engaging, hands-on presentations and activities are highly encouraged—give students an opportunity to see, experience and get excited about what you do!

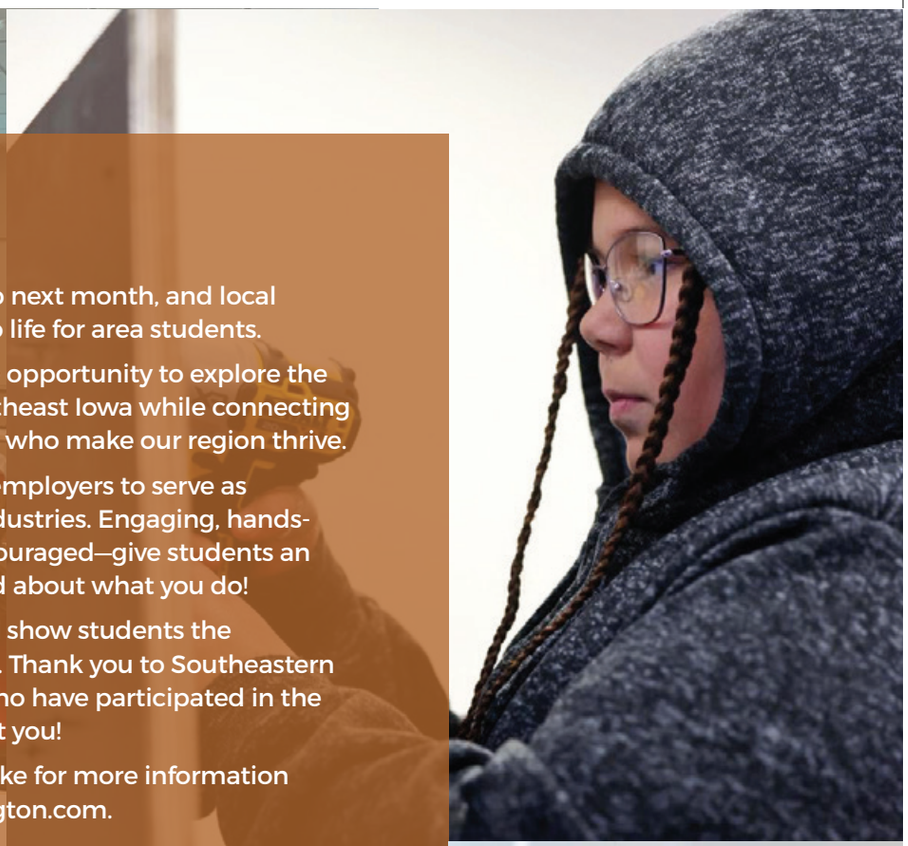
Help inspire the region's future workforce and show students the opportunities waiting for them close to home. Thank you to Southeastern Community College and all of our speakers who have participated in the past. This event would not be possible without you!

Interested in presenting? Contact Teli Van Rycke for more information and to get involved, tvanrycke@greaterburlington.com.

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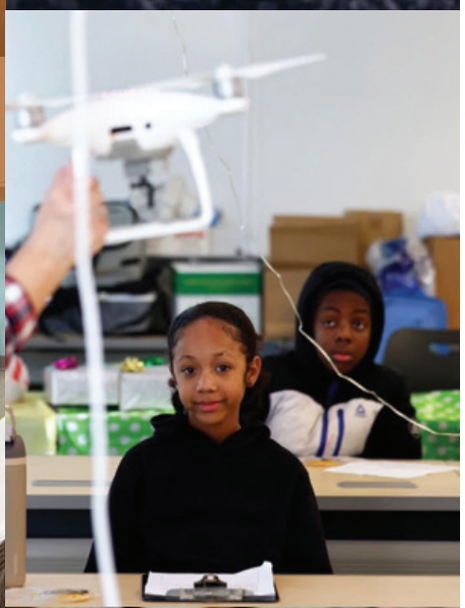
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GBP STAFF CONNECTS WITH REGIONAL LEADERS AT TRI-STATE DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

Greater Burlington Partnership staff members Taylor Collins, Executive Director of Economic Development, Amy O'Brien, President & CEO, and Teli Van Rycke, Regional Director of Workforce Innovation recently attended the Tri-State Development Summit, held October 7 – 8 at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois.

The two-day summit brought together 100+ economic and community development leaders from across the Tri-State region for learning, networking, and collaboration. Attendees explored successful economic development strategies, including a tour of the Pella Windows and Doors facility and a walking workshop highlighting initiatives that have helped transform Macomb.

The summit continued Thursday with regional updates including one from Amy O'Brien, guest speakers, lightning talks, breakout sessions, and opportunities to connect with fellow leaders and organizations from throughout the region.

For GBP, participation in events like the Tri-State Development Summit provides valuable opportunities to share ideas, build regional relationships, and bring new perspectives back to Southeast Iowa. Strong regional connections help communities learn from one another and identify opportunities to work together toward continued economic and workforce growth.

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MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING MERRY & LOCAL ON SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY!

The holiday shopping season is here, and Downtown Burlington is ready to help you find the perfect gifts! Small Business Saturday is November 28, and there's no better time to fill those shopping bags while supporting the businesses that make our Downtown special.

Step inside your favorite Downtown shops and discover what's waiting for you this holiday season. With more than 25 boutiques and specialty shops, there's plenty to explore. Whether you're searching for the perfect gift or picking up a little something for yourself, shopping Downtown makes checking off that Christmas list a lot more fun!

Behind every storefront is a local business owner who works hard throughout the year to make Downtown Burlington a place people love to visit. When you shop small, your holiday purchases make a difference right here at home.

This Christmas, think Downtown Burlington before you think online! Skip the shipping fees, enjoy the decorated storefronts and find gifts you won't see everywhere else.

Make a full day of it! Start with Christmas shopping, stop for lunch at a Downtown restaurant and stick around for the Kiwanis Lighted Holiday Parade at 5 PM. There's no better way to get into the Christmas spirit!

Our Downtown businesses are ready for you this holiday season. Let's fill their stores with shoppers and show them some love!

Shop Small. Shop Local. Make Downtown Burlington Part of Your Christmas Tradition!

It's Happening!



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Red, White, and Blue, Blue, Blue Christmas
IN DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON

CHRISTMAS

Kiwanis Lighted Holiday Parade

November 28, 5 PM

Red, White & Blue, Blue, Blue Christmas
Brought to you by Kiwanis

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Living Windows

December 10, 5 - 7 PM

A magical night as storefronts come alive in Downtown Burlington

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BURLINGTON RIVERFRONT ENTERTAINMENT



Santa's Cottage

Saturdays in December, 1 - 4 PM

The jolly old elf himself greets visitors in Downtown Burlington on the Riverfront

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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.

Martini's Grille Partners Recognized by Iowa Restaurant Association

Martini's Grille in Burlington has twice the reason to celebrate as two of its partners, Ashley Williams and Chef Bartholomis "Bart" Manning, have earned prestigious statewide recognition from the Iowa Restaurant Association. These honors celebrate their outstanding leadership, dedication and contributions to Iowa's hospitality industry, while highlighting the passion and teamwork that make Martini's Grille a favorite Southeast Iowa dining destination.

Ashley Williams was named one of the 2026 40 Women to Watch in Hospitality, recognizing her leadership and commitment to creating exceptional guest experiences. Overseeing dining room service and customer relations, Williams brings a personal touch to hospitality, ensuring guests feel welcomed and valued, whether celebrating a special occasion or enjoying an evening out. Her dedication to outstanding service helps turn everyday visits into lasting memories.

Chef Bart Manning received the 2026 Emerging Hospitality Leader of the Year award, recognizing his culinary expertise and dedication to developing his team. A Burlington native, Manning has spent the past decade growing with Martini's Grille, working his way from sous chef to chef and part owner. His hands-on leadership reflects his belief that "the higher up you go, the more you should serve the people around you."

Together, Williams and Manning combine their unique talents and shared passion for hospitality to create an atmosphere where exceptional food, outstanding service and genuine hospitality come together.

Congratulations to Ashley Williams and Chef Bart Manning on these well-deserved honors! Their accomplishments are a source of pride for Burlington and a wonderful reflection of the talent and dedication found in Southeast Iowa's hospitality industry.



Gift Ideas at the Port of Burlington Welcome Center

Tis the season... when a friend or loved one might be missing Greater Burlington! If you know someone who might not make it home for the holidays, or if you want to spread a little Greater Burlington cheer this season, be sure to put the Port of Burlington Welcome Center on your list of holiday shopping destinations.

A Sterzing's coin purse, a Christmas ornament, a Greater Burlington coffee mug, Snake Alley puzzle and so much more... the Port of Burlington Welcome Center is your home for unique gift ideas!

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Get Your BUSINESS NOTICED in 2027!

Looking for ways to increase your business's visibility,
build connections and engage with the Greater Burlington business community in 2027?
The Greater Burlington Partnership has opportunities to help you do just that!
From event sponsorships to marketing and promotional opportunities, there are a variety of ways
to showcase your business while supporting programs and events that strengthen our community.

Some opportunities available for 2027 include . . .

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING
Put your business in front of Chamber members and community leaders.

GREATERBURLINGTON.COM BANNER ADS
Increase your online visibility with advertising on the Partnership's website.

GREATER BURLINGTON LEADERSHIP SESSIONS
Support leadership development and connect your business with emerging community leaders.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS & ADVOCACY
Support efforts to keep the business community informed and engaged on important issues.

DOWNTOWN MINI GOLF CHALLENGE - MARCH 5
Showcase your business through this fun, community-focused event.

CASINO DAYS - APRIL 10
Gain exposure while supporting one of the Partnership's signature events.

"The Chamber of Commerce is an invaluable resource for the Burlington area. We are fortunate to have a partner a phone call away who directly supports local business through any number of functions, provides networking opportunities, attracts new investment in our communities and serves as a voice on governmental issues impacting our well-being. There's always a willingness to help."

ERIC BENNE, First Mid Bank & Trust

Availability is limited, and opportunities are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.
Don't miss your chance to make the most of your Chamber membership in 2027!

Contact the Greater Burlington Partnership to learn more or secure your opportunity.

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SAVE THE DATE: 2027 FRIDAY FORUMS

Greater Burlington Partnership or Virtual

Mark your calendars for the return of Friday Forums! This exclusive Chamber member benefit provides opportunities to hear directly from State Legislators, stay informed on issues impacting our business community and connect with fellow business and community leaders.

Join the Conversation in 2027!
January 15, February 19, and March 12 at 8 AM

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

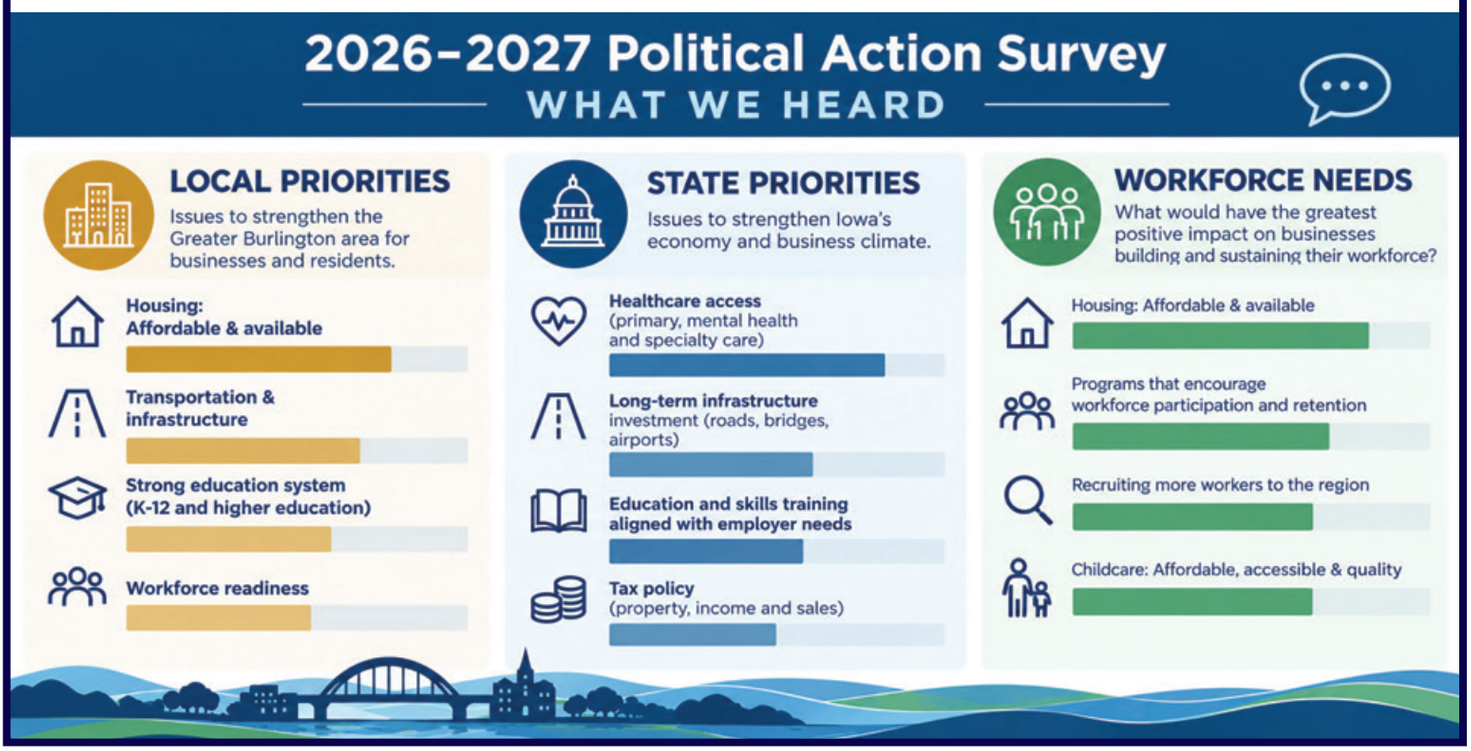
Chamber Survey Results Help Shape 2027 Legislative Priorities

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Greater Burlington Partnership's 2026 – 2027 Political Action Survey. Your feedback helps us better understand the challenges facing local businesses and the issues important to our region's continued growth.

The Partnership will use this feedback, along with our existing policy positions and input from the Government Relations Committee, to develop our 2027 legislative priorities. Once finalized, those priorities will be shared with Chamber members ahead of the legislative session.

This year's results reinforce many of the Partnership's 2026 legislative priorities, including workforce retention and attraction, housing and quality of life, and infrastructure investment. Respondents also highlighted concerns surrounding healthcare access, tax policy and education.

Thank you for lending your voice to help us advocate for a stronger Greater Burlington and Southeast Iowa!



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PUBLIC OFFICIALS RECEPTION

December 1, 5 - 7 pm | The Drake Restaurant

Connect with local leaders and legislators at the Public Officials Reception. This exclusive Chamber member event provides a great opportunity to build relationships, engage in meaningful conversations and strengthen connections between our business community and elected officials.

Join us Tuesday, December 1, from 5 – 7 pm at The Drake Restaurant for an evening of networking in a relaxed setting. Light appetizers will be served, and a cash bar will be available. A brief introduction of officials will take place at 5:30 pm.

RSVP by Wednesday, November 25, by scanning the QR code.

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By Scanning Here

CHAMBER AMBASSADORS *Spotlight*

KEN PETERSEN
AGENT, KEN PETERSEN STATE FARM



Hi, I'm Ken Petersen, owner of Ken Petersen State Farm. My wife, Lindsey, and I are proud to call Southeast Iowa home, where we're raising our four boys and investing in the community that has given so much to our family.

Our agency is built on a simple philosophy: insurance isn't about policies—it's about people. Every conversation starts with understanding what matters most to our customers, then helping them protect it through personalized insurance and financial services. Whether someone is buying their first car, protecting their home, preparing for retirement, or planning for their family's future, our goal is to be a trusted resource for every stage of life.

Before becoming a State Farm agent, I served as a United States Marine and later worked in law enforcement. Those experiences shaped how I approach both business and life. Integrity, accountability, and service aren't just words to me, they're principles that guide every decision we make in our office.

Community involvement has always been important to our family. In addition to serving local families through our agency, I enjoy coaching youth soccer, mentoring young people, and finding opportunities to give back whenever we can. I believe strong communities are built through relationships, and that's one of the reasons I'm honored to serve as a Chamber Ambassador. Welcoming new businesses, supporting local entrepreneurs, and helping our business community thrive is something I'm genuinely passionate about.

When you visit our office, you'll find a team that believes in treating people the right way. We strive to create an environment where customers feel heard, respected, and confident that we're looking out for their best interests. Our mission is simple: to help people protect what they've worked hard to build while making a positive impact on the lives of those we serve.

I'm grateful to be part of such an incredible business community and look forward to continuing to build relationships throughout the Greater Burlington area. If you see me at a Chamber event, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself. I always enjoy meeting new people and learning more about the businesses that make our community such a great place to live and work.

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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!

White Oak Painting
White Oak Painting
701 S Roosevelt Ave, WhiteOakPainting.com
White Oak Painting is a locally owned painting company serving Southeast Iowa and West-Central Illinois. The team specializes in residential interior and exterior painting, cabinet refinishing, and detailed surface preparation and repairs. White Oak Painting is committed to making home projects feel like they used to with good old-fashioned service, making homeowners feel comfortable and well cared for, with clear communication, dependable service, and quality work from start to finish.

Super Kleen Carpet Cleaning
Mount Pleasant, IA; SuperKleencr.com
SuperKleen Cleaning and Restoration Services is a locally owned and operated business serving Southeast Iowa since 1990. IICRC-certified professionals provide residential and commercial carpet, upholstery, and area rug cleaning, along with water damage cleanup and restoration services. With more than 30 years of experience, SuperKleen is committed to reliable service, quality results, and treating every customer with honesty and integrity.

BetterCulture
BetterCulture.com
BetterCulture helps organizations build stronger workplace cultures through leadership development, team building, cultural assessments, and executive development. Their practical programs provide leaders and employees with tools to improve communication, strengthen teams, and create a workplace culture that supports business success.

Community Radon Solutions LLC
Burlington, 319-759-8233
Community Radon Solutions LLC provides professional radon testing and mitigation services throughout Southeast Iowa. Based in Burlington, the company helps homeowners identify and reduce radon levels with dependable, professional service. Community Radon Solutions is Iowa-licensed and nationally certified through the National Radon Proficiency Program.

ABB
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ABB is a global technology leader in electrification and automation, helping industries become more efficient, productive, and sustainable. ABB Electrification provides innovative technologies and solutions for the safe, smart, and reliable distribution and management of electrical power, supporting customers across industrial, commercial and infrastructure applications.

Promote Your Business for FREE with *FRIDAY FACTS*

Get your business noticed by more than 4,000 subscribers every week for FREE! Friday Facts is a valuable Chamber of Commerce membership benefit that helps promote your events, products, services, job openings and more! Reach Chamber members, community members and visitors at no charge.

The holidays are approaching, so plan ahead and don't miss your opportunity to promote your business! Early Holiday Deadlines: November 27 publication due by Noon on Friday, November 20; Both the December 25 and January 1 publications are due by Noon on December 17. Due to holiday office closures, submissions received after these deadlines will NOT be included in the corresponding publications.

Regular submission deadline is Wednesday at noon for publication that Friday.

All Chamber members in good standing can submit Friday Facts for FREE, and anyone can subscribe!







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IS YOUR MEMBER INFORMATION CURRENT?

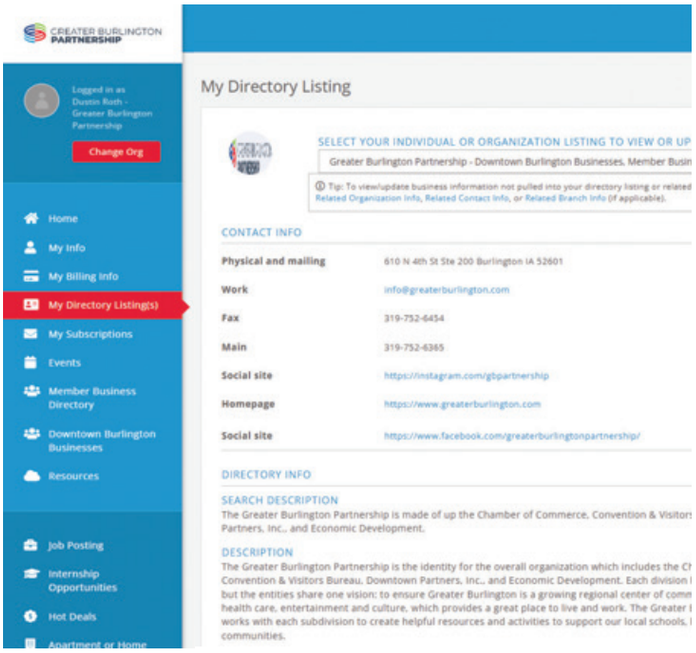
As we prepare for the new year, now is a great time to make sure your Chamber membership information is current! We encourage all members to log in to their GrowthZone InfoHub accounts to review and update their business information, contact details and any payment methods on file.

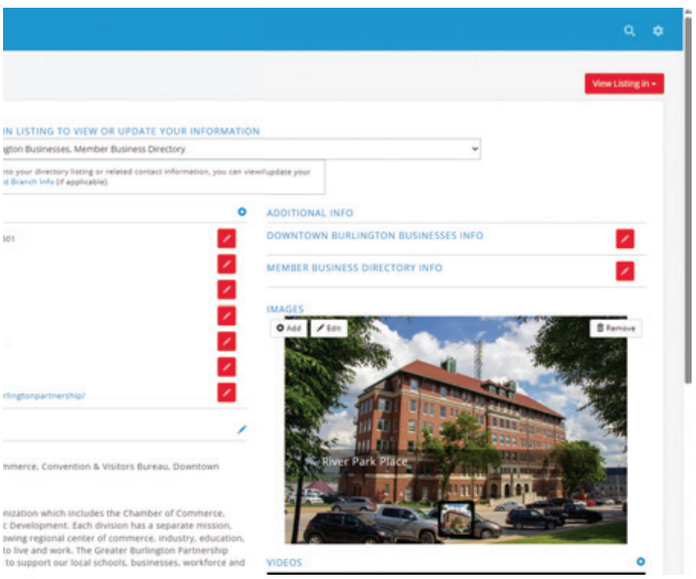
A few important membership renewal reminders:

- All Chamber memberships renew in January.
- Membership renewal invoices will be sent in December.
- Members with a credit card on file for automatic payments will have their payments processed in mid-December.

Taking a few minutes to review your account now will help ensure a smooth renewal process and that you continue receiving important Chamber communications.

Log in to your InfoHub account today to make sure everything is accurate and up to date. If you need assistance accessing your account or updating your information, please contact the Greater Burlington Partnership.







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EVENTS

4 - 28 – November Gallery Show:
Itty Bitty Bits of Art
Art Center of Burlington, times vary
BTownArt.com

4, 11, 18, 25 – Des Moines County History Club
Des Moines County Historical Society
10 AM - 12 PM
DMCHS.org

5 – Veterans Appreciation Luncheon
IowaWORKS, 11 AM - 1 PM
Workforce.Iowa.gov

5 – Comedy Thursday: Andy Beningo
Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

6 – First Friday: It's You I Like
Burlington Public Library, 10 AM
Burlington.Lib.ia.us

6 – Artist Reception: Itty Bitty Bits of Art
Art Center of Burlington, 5 - 8 PM
BTownArt.com

6 – Great Tastes
Great River Casino Resort, 5:30 PM
SCCIowa.edu

6 – The Beaker Brothers Band
Capitol Theater, 7:30 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

7 and 21 – Chess Club
Burlington Public Library, 9 AM
Burlington.Lib.ia.us

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

7 – John Ford Coley
Capitol Theater, 7:30 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

8 – Holiday Open House
Downtown Burlington, 10 AM - 4 PM
facebook.com/DowntownBurlingtonIowa

10 - New Member Luncheon
Greater Burlington Partnership. 11:45 AM
GreaterBurlington.com

13 and 14 – Jazz in Burlington
Downtown Burlington, times vary
BTownArt.com

14 – Fall Craft & Vendor Show
Great River Event Center, 9 AM - 3 PM
GreatRiverResort.com

16 – Reason for the Season Expo
Great River Event Center
5 – 6:30 PM
GreaterBurlington.com

17 – Burlington Civic Music: Six Appeal
Capitol Theater, 7 PM
BurlCivicMusic.com

19 – The Phil Collins Experience
Capitol Theater, 7:30 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

20 – Project REO
Capitol Theater, 7:30 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

21 and 22 – Christmas Craft Show
Memorial Auditorium, 10 AM
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

25, 27, 28 – Friends of the Library
Book Sale
Burlington Public Library, 9 AM
Burlington.Lib.ia.us

26 – Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Burlington Community High School
11 AM - 2 PM
facebook.com/
BurlCommunityThanksgivingDayDinner

28 – Kiwanis Lighted Holiday Parade
Downtown Burlington, 5 PM
facebook.com/downtownburlingtoniowa

28 – Small Business Saturday
Shop Local. Shop Small! #ShopSmall



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PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FRAUD: FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

November 10 | Doors Open 5:30 Presentation 6 pm
The Capitol Theater

Fraud and scams continue to impact individuals, families and businesses in our community. F&M Bank & Trust invites you to join us for a FREE Fraud Prevention Event on Tuesday, November 10, at The Capitol Theater in Downtown Burlington.

Presented by the Iowa Attorney General's Office, this informative evening will focus on fraud awareness and ways to better protect yourself, your family and your finances. Attendees will learn about common scams, warning signs to watch for and practical steps they can take to help avoid becoming a victim of fraud.

Seating is limited, RSVP is required, so reserve your seat today! Contact Kim Duke at 319-754-2265, email kad@fmbanktrust.bank, or sign up online at FMBankTrust.bank.

JAZZ IN BURLINGTON

November 13 - 14

Four incredible performances, three iconic venues, and one unforgettable weekend celebrating live jazz in downtown Burlington! Blake Shaw & his Big(ish) Band, All American Jazz Collective, Richie Bliesener, and Kojo Roney Experience.

Whether you're a lifelong jazz enthusiast or simply looking for a great night out, Jazz in Burlington offers something for everyone. Spend the weekend exploring Burlington's vibrant arts scene while enjoying outstanding performances from exceptional musicians. Mark your calendar, invite your friends, and join us for a weekend filled with incredible music. Specific times coming soon.

For more information, follow the Art Center of Burlington, the Capitol Theater or visit: BTownArt.com, BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

December 19 - national Wreaths Across America Day

Help KCPS Radio honor local heroes! Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at: Aspen Grove Cemetery, Sacred Heart Cemetery, Jaggar Cemetery, St. Mary's Cemetery West Burlington, North Sixth Street Cemetery, Old Stone Cemetery, St. Mary's Cemetery Dodgeville, Middletown Cemetery, Rock Springs Cemetery

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit: WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/IA0064

GREAT TASTES

November 6 | 5:30 pm check in. Event 6 - 8:30 pm
Great River Event Center

Enjoy a wide variety of regional wines, beer, and ales and fill your plate with mouth-watering dishes.

Bid on fun silent and live auction items, win big, and leave the event knowing you've made a major difference in students' lives, just by having fun.

Net proceeds fund scholarships, instructional mini-grants, and other important Southeastern Community College initiatives. For tickets visit: SCCIowa.edu/meet/about/foundation/great-tastes.aspx.

2026 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 26 | Serving from 11 am - 2 pm
Burlington Community High School

All are welcome to enjoy the 2026 Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner, a time for all to be a part of one big Burlington family! The dinner takes place in the cafeteria at Burlington Community High School, and is served from 11 am to 2 pm.

Serving traditional turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, green beans, corn, rolls, cranberry sauce and pies. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, follow Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Facebook.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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







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Hello Greater Burlington,

It's GBPetey, your tiny elf with a big talent for trouble! I'm back for another season of riddles, surprises, and holiday fun. **From November 21 through December 18, I'll be sneaking into a different Chamber member business each day, leaving clues and a little mischief behind.**

Here's how to join the fun: each day, the Greater Burlington Partnership will post a riddle on Facebook with a hint about where I'm hiding. Think you know my secret spot? Comment your guess for a chance to win weekly prizes!

Want an extra entry? Visit the business, find the note I leave behind, snap a fun "Elfie" (that's an elf's version of a selfie) with it, and post it under that day's riddle. The more you play, the better your chances of winning.

Get ready for a holiday scavenger hunt full of laughter, local cheer, and tricky little elf antics. I've got some sneaky hiding spots to plan, so keep your eyes open you never know where I might pop up!

Yours in Mischief,

#GBPetey



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