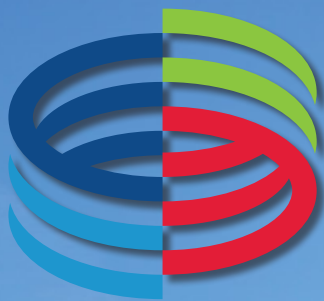


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THE PARTNERSHIP

GREATER BURLINGTON PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER - VOL. 105 NO. 10



President & CEO's Letter



Dear Members and Friends,

One of the greatest strengths of Greater Burlington is the way our community comes together to serve. Volunteering is more than just lending a helping hand. Volunteering is about building connections, strengthening relationships, and discovering the many ways we are all linked through shared experiences. At the end of your volunteer opportunity, you have made a difference. It's such an amazing feeling with an even greater purpose!

In September, our Partnership team participated in Burlington's 32nd annual Paint-A-Thon, hosted by Two Rivers Bank & Trust, Diamond Vogel Paint,

and Community Action of Southeast Iowa. We partnered with employees from World Insurance, J&M Displays, Bickel's Cycling & Fitness, and Tim Lundgren's Farm Bureau Insurance Agency. Dixon's Seamless Gutters generously installed brand new gutters on the home, Jonescapes hauled away truckloads of landscaping debris, and LJ Pritchard, Cody VanFleet, and students from Aldo Leopold Intermediate School joined in to help with the yard cleanup before painting began. Together, we gave a fresh coat of paint to a local home, cleared overgrown brush from the yard, and uncovered the beauty hidden behind it.

The week was about much more than painting. While standing side by side, we swapped stories, caught up with old acquaintances, and even debated the best songs on someone's playlist. We discovered which teammates to call to "save the various bugs" or safely remove the wasp nests! Conversations flowed from favorite foods to current events to ideas for making our community even stronger. It was a reminder that when we step outside of our usual routines and volunteer, we gain more than we give. We strengthen the ties that make Greater Burlington a wonderful place to live and work.

I encourage you to find a volunteer opportunity this fall, whether through a local nonprofit, a service project, or simply helping a neighbor. Each effort, no matter how small, adds up to a stronger, more connected community. If you need ideas or options to spark your own volunteerism, plan to attend our Reason for the Season Expo on November 20 at the Catfish Bend Event Center. Our nonprofit member organizations will be there sharing their stories and opportunities to get involved. You won't want to miss it!

Together, we can continue to paint a brighter future for Greater Burlington. I love serving with you.

With gratitude,

President & CEO
Greater Burlington Partnership

** Paint-A-Thon photos on page 13*

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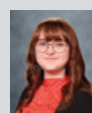
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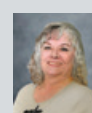
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ON THE COVER

NATIONAL MANUFACTURING MONTH

Greater Burlington boasts a storied legacy of crafting products that have shaped our nation. On the cover this month is J&M Displays, proudly named the 2024 Manufacturer of the Year by the Greater Burlington Partnership. For over four decades, J&M Displays has illuminated the skies with breathtaking pyrotechnics, transforming celebrations into unforgettable spectacles, all while fostering community spirit and economic growth.

Founded in 1980 by brothers James and Michael Oetken in Yarmouth, Iowa, J&M Displays has grown from a small family venture into the largest fireworks provider in Iowa. Their dazzling displays light up events not only across the United States but also in far-flung locales like the Bahamas, Hong Kong, and beyond. Through meticulous planning and state-of-the-art pyrotechnic technology, J&M delivers awe-inspiring shows for festivals, sporting events, and private celebrations, earning a reputation for safety, creativity, and reliability.

Beyond their stunning displays, J&M Displays is a cornerstone of the Greater Burlington community. Their commitment shines through in their support for local events, from sponsoring Kids Night at 34 Raceway to backing Burlington Bees Friday night home games and contributing to the 125th anniversary of the Burlington Golf Club. These efforts reflect their dedication to giving back, making them more than just a business but a vital partner in our region's vibrancy.

J&M Displays' innovation and passion create high-quality jobs, drive economic growth, and celebrate the spirit of Greater Burlington. We salute J&M Displays and all our manufacturers this month for their unwavering commitment to excellence and community.

October is National Manufacturers' Appreciation Month. Please join us on October 3 for the 2025 Manufacturers Appreciation Luncheon where the Manufacturer of the Year will be announced!

2025

MANUFACTURERS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 3

CATFISH BEND CONVENTION & EVENT CENTER

SEE YOU THERE!



Keynote Speaker: Mike O'Donnell
Director of CIRAS at Iowa State University



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EMPLOYER WORKSHOP

Join us for an interactive workshop on disability awareness, etiquette, and inclusive hiring practices. Learn practical strategies to create welcoming workplaces, strengthen your recruitment efforts, and tap into a talented and often underutilized labor pool. This session will provide valuable insights to help your business foster a culture where all employees can contribute and thrive.

SHRM HRCI credits available.

October 16, 2025, 9 - 11 AM
Greater Burlington Partnership
610 N 4th Street, Suite 200, Burlington

CELEBRATE NATIONAL
DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT
AWARENESS MONTH WITH US!



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LEADER LAB

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR LEADER LAB

Greater Burlington Partnership is excited to announce that applications are now open for Leader Lab, our professional leadership development program designed for managers, supervisors, business owners, and emerging leaders who want to sharpen their workplace skills and strengthen their organizations work culture.

Unlike Greater Burlington Leadership, which emphasizes civic engagement and community awareness, Leader Lab focuses on the practical, day-to-day skills of leadership. Participants gain tools they can apply immediately while building meaningful connections with peers who share the same drive to grow and lead.

Why Leader Lab?

- **Proven Framework:** Powered by BetterCulture's nationally recognized Seven Principles of Leadership®, trusted by thousands of leaders across industries.
- **Real Application:** Go beyond theory to apply strategies directly to your workplace.
- **Peer Learning:** Learn alongside a cohort of professionals facing similar challenges and opportunities.
- **Lasting Impact:** Build habits that elevate your team, your organization, and your career.

Who Should Apply?

Leader Lab is a great fit if you are:

- A **supervisor** or manager seeking to strengthen leadership skills
- An **emerging leader** preparing to step into a leadership role
- A **business owner** or nonprofit director focused on building strong workplace culture
- A **professional** eager to grow personally and professionally

Program Schedule - Leader Lab meets monthly from November 2025 – May 2026, blending on-demand video learning with guided discussions. Sessions run 11:15 AM – 1:15 PM on the first Thursday of each month (except November, which begins at 10:00 AM). A light lunch is provided.

2025 – 2026 Sessions:

- **November 6** | Mission, Culture, & Excellence (10:00 AM – 1:15 PM)
- **December 4** | Pride
- **January 8** | Growth
- **February 5** | High Standards
- **March 5** | Decisions
- **April 2** | Conflict
- **May 7** | Fun & Graduation

Leader Lab is more than a class. It's an investment in yourself, your organization, and Greater Burlington's future.

Applications are now open! Learn more and apply today at by scanning the QR Code. Apply Now through October 31.

REGISTER HERE



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GREATER BURLINGTON LEADERSHIP

— 2025 - 2026 Program Year —



ROOFTOP URBANE424

The Greater Burlington Leadership Class of 2025-2026 kicked off their year with a two-day opening session on September 17 and 18. The program connects emerging and established leaders while building knowledge, collaboration, and leadership skills to strengthen the Greater Burlington community. During the opening session, class members spent time learning about one another through ice breaker activities, engaging speakers, personality assessments, networking and communication strategies, etiquette, and leadership philosophy. This experience set the tone for the remainder of the nine-month program.

Pictured:

*Front Row (L-R): Bethany Martinez, Community Health Centers of Southeastern Iowa, Autumn Shacklett, The Views of Burlington, Ashley Touch, Carlos Capdevilla Agency American Family Insurance
Middle Row (L-R): Emily Holland, Great River Entertainment, Keegan Jones, City of West Burlington, Craig Fleece, West Burlington Independent School District, Amanda Rooney, Young House Behavioral Health, Jereb Pape, Shearer's, Kayla Robinson, Hope Haven, A Division of Imagine the Possibilities, Michelle Tyner, Two Rivers Bank & Trust
Back Row (L-R): Keaton Mitchell, Farm Bureau Financial Services, Johnny Massner, Klinger & Associates, P.C., Josh Tripp, Burlington Police Department, Amerika Kies, BANK, Kacie Broeg, Two Rivers Bank & Trust, Blake Rahmus, Burlington Fire Department*

2025 TEACHERS APPRECIATION EXPO

GREATER BURLINGTON PARTNERSHIP

WEAR YOUR COLLEGE GEAR DAY

- Giveaways
- Freebies
- Door Prizes
- 25+ Businesses/Booths
- Resources for Your Classroom
- Classroom Speakers
- Tours and Field Trip Opportunities
- Work-based Learning
- Job Shadow Opportunities

**October 31
11 AM - 12:30 PM**

Burlington Community High School Gym
(Enter through entrance by the tennis courts.)
425 Terrace Drive, Burlington, IA 52603.

Platinum Sponsors:
Buena Vista University

*Last chance to get your booth for the Teachers Appreciation Expo.
Contact Melissa Jones at mjones@greaterburlington.com.
Access to over 550 educators and administrators in Des Moines County!*



REASON FOR THE SEASON

This year, the Greater Burlington Partnership is excited to introduce the Reason for the Season Expo, a new celebration dedicated to uplifting the nonprofits that make our community shine. This special event will bring Chamber members and the community together to discover local organizations, learn about ways to give back, and find new opportunities to get involved. More details will be in upcoming newsletters as well as on the Greater Burlington Partnership Facebook page.

If you are a nonprofit looking to have a booth, or a business looking to join the sponsor list to help bring this event to life please contact Chamber Director, Melissa Jones at mjones@greaterburlington.com.

Event Details

November 20, 5 - 7 PM
Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center

What's Happening

- Return of the Chamber Tree of Giving and Community Card Writing Station
- Volunteer pledge drive
- Appetizers, live entertainment, and cash bar

Sponsorship Details

Booth sponsorships allow us to invite our nonprofit members at no cost to them.

Booth Sponsorship, \$200

- Includes signage, sponsor representation at booth
- Sponsors may choose a nonprofit member to support, or we will be happy to pair them with a booth in need of a sponsor

50% of Every Sponsorship Donated

- One participating nonprofit will be drawn during the event to receive the total donated amount.



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** The above nonprofits and sponsors have signed up as of the publication this newsletter.*

OCTOBER 24, 4 - 6 PM DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT

Bring your ghouls, goblins, princesses & superheroes and Trick or Treat at businesses along Jefferson Street.

PREMIER SPONSORS:



Downtown Burlington will once again be the place to be this spooky season!

On Friday, October 24 from 4 - 6 PM, families are invited to bring their ghouls, goblins, princesses, and superheroes to Jefferson Street for the annual Downtown Trick-or-Treat. Kids can trick-or-treat safely while exploring downtown businesses, many of which will be handing out candy and treats.

This fun community tradition offers families a chance to enjoy Burlington's historic downtown while celebrating Halloween in a family-friendly atmosphere. Businesses up and down Jefferson Street will be decked out and ready for little visitors to stop by with their candy buckets in hand.

Local businesses outside of Downtown are also encouraged to get involved. For details on how to participate, please contact Amy Moyner at 319-752-6365.

A special thank-you goes out to this year's Premier Sponsors: Burlington Black Water Mini Golf & Mississippi Moon Ice Cream Parlor and Farm Bureau Financial Services - Tim Lundgren. Their support helps make this fun, safe, and festive community event possible.

So gather your costumes, grab your candy bags, and get ready, Downtown Burlington is the place where Halloween magic happens!

WITCHES Night Out

DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 5 - 8 PM

Witches Night Out is a popular event with a spin on "Ladies Night Out." Downtown will be taken over by Witches and their "Ghoul Friends" as they stop into local retailers, eateries and drinkeries and have a night on the town.

This event is growing year by year with hundreds of witches taking to the street and visiting each location on the map for samples, bling, and goodies. Tickets are \$15 before Oct 1.

Sponsored by: KimAnne Portrait Design
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Last stop: The Busted Cup Brewhouse

Scan QR Code for tickets.

PREMIER SPONSOR: Kim Anne PORTRAIT DESIGN

ENTERTAINMENT SPONSOR: F&M BANK & TRUST

LAST STOP THANK YOU TO: **THE BUSTED CUP BREWHOUSE**



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DOWNTOWN

**FOR THE
HOLIDAYS**

**DOWNTOWN
BURLINGTON
IS THE PLACE
TO BE THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON**

With twinkling lights, festive window displays, and a calendar full of activities. The heart of our community is ready to welcome shoppers, families, and visitors to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year.

The holiday season kicks off with the Downtown Holiday Open House, where businesses will open their doors to offer special sales, treats, and warm holiday cheer. Stroll Jefferson Street and beyond

to find one-of-a-kind gifts while supporting local entrepreneurs who make our community thrive.

Families will delight in the return of Santa's Cottage, horse-drawn carriage rides, and the ever-popular Lighted Holiday Parade, filling the streets with the magic of the season. From live music to children's activities, Downtown Burlington transforms into a holiday wonderland where memories are made.

Shopping local has never been more important, and Downtown offers a unique opportunity to find thoughtful gifts while investing back into the community. With more than 25 boutiques, specialty shops, and dozens of restaurants and cafés, there are endless opportunities to sip, shop, and savor the holidays.

"Downtown Burlington is where the holiday spirit truly comes alive," said Amy Moyner, Executive Director of Downtown Partners, Inc. "We invite everyone to come downtown, discover new traditions, and celebrate the season together."



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Downtown Holiday Open House - November 9
- Small Business Saturday - November 29
- Lighted Holiday Parade - November 29
- Living Windows - December 4
- Santa's Cottage - select dates throughout December

For a full schedule of events and details, visit GreaterBurlington.com or follow Downtown Burlington, Iowa on Facebook.



**THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, DISCOVER THE MAGIC.
DISCOVER COMMUNITY. DISCOVER DOWNTOWN.**



DOWNTOWN PARTNERS, INC. LAUNCHES FUNDRAISER FOR ART INSTALLATIONS

Downtown Partners, Inc. (DPI) is excited to announce a new Fundraiser Campaign aimed at bringing even more life, art, and community to the heart of Burlington. This initiative will focus on activating alleyways, installing additional public art, and creating social gathering spaces designed to foster a true neighborhood vibe. With more seating areas, creative installations, and inviting décor, Downtown Burlington will continue to evolve as a welcoming place to gather, connect, and enjoy.

To make the campaign both fun and rewarding, DPI is offering a special thank-you for early investors. The first 25 donors contributing \$200 or more will receive two (2) V.I.P. second-story indoor seats at The Busted Cup Brewhouse during the 2025 Lighted Holiday Parade on November 29, 2025. This exclusive V.I.P. experience includes four complimentary drinks, appetizers, and a warm, dry spot to enjoy one of Burlington's most cherished holiday traditions.

WHY IT MATTERS - Main Streets are proven economic drivers and play a vital role in strengthening communities. DPI's mission is to preserve and revitalize Downtown Burlington while improving the quality of life for all who live, work, and visit here. Through events, business support, beautification efforts, and placemaking projects, DPI ensures that Downtown continues to be a hub of culture, creativity, and community spirit.

HOW TO SUPPORT - For more information on how to give, visit the Downtown Burlington Iowa Facebook page, reach out to a DPI board member, or contact Amy Moyner at 319-208-0056 or amoyner@greaterburlington.com.

DPI invites community members to support at whatever level is meaningful to them. Contributions to this campaign will directly fund new art installations, alleyway activations, and social gathering spaces that make Downtown Burlington a place where people want to be.

**THANK YOU TO
THE BUSTED CUP BREWHOUSE
SPONSOR OF THE V.I.P. SECTION.**



National Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day **OCTOBER 15**



How can you support the Chamber of Commerce this October?

- Refer a new member
- Attend a Ribbon Cutting or Business After Hours,
- Forward your Friday Facts to your email contact list
- Market your business by sponsoring a Chamber of Commerce event for next year.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Greater Burlington Chamber of Commerce!

5 Reasons to Join Your Local Chamber

#SupportYourLocalChamber



OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES



ACCESS TO INFORMATION



NETWORKING



PUBLICITY AND CREDIBILITY



ADVOCACY

LUNCH & LEARN

October 21st

11:30 AM - 1 PM

Greater Burlington Partnership
Winegard Board Room
610 N 4th St., Ste. 200
Burlington, IA 52601

Come learn about the
\$96 MILLION INVESTMENT
to support small
businesses, manufacturers,
and entrepreneurship!

A light lunch will be provided

Register:



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VENTURENET IOWA



This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by a federal award number 21031-0015 awarded to America's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Iowa by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.



Coffee with the Chamber at Holiday Inn Express & Suites

October 28, 8 AM, 1605 N Roosevelt Ave

Start your day with a low-key networking & knowledge event – Coffee with the Chamber. Some coffee will be provided, or you can bring your own. Join Partnership staff and fellow Chamber members on Tuesday, October 28 at Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 1605 N Roosevelt Ave in Burlington at 8 AM.

This event is perfect for any Chamber member – brand new to experienced historians, new employees and those close to retirement. It offers a valuable opportunity to mingle, exchange ideas, share your story, and learn about local events and the community.

Don't miss your chance to connect, learn and enjoy fantastic company during this hour of morning networking.

RSVP to Melissa Jones, mjones@greaterburlington.com.

IOWA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT EXPANSION: AN ECONOMIC BOOST FOR GREATER BURLINGTON

The Iowa Army Ammunition Plant (IAAAP), a sprawling 19,000-acre facility located near Middletown, was established in 1941 to support World War II efforts. Over the years it has produced everything from bombs and artillery shells to medium- and large-caliber ammunition for the military. Operated today by American Ordnance LLC under the U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command, the plant plays a critical role in national security, particularly in supplying 155mm artillery shells—a vital munition in modern conflicts.

In August, the Army awarded MSM North America a \$635 Million contract centered on building a modernized

Future Artillery Complex to enhance U.S. 155mm artillery shell production. This new facility will modernize production with robotics and automation, targeting the production of 36,000 155mm shells monthly, equivalent to 432,000 annually, making it one of the world's most advanced explosive loading sites.

The Greater Burlington Partnership sees this as a catalyst for regional growth, reminiscent of the plant's peak employment in the 1960s. This influx of high-skill, stable jobs will further reinforce IAAAP's role as an economic anchor for Southeast Iowa.



HIGHWAY 61 COALITION

The Greater Burlington Partnership, in collaboration with the Highway 61 Coalition, Des Moines County, the City of Burlington, and the City of West Burlington have announced a collective partnership to develop, revitalize, and reconfigure the Roosevelt Corridor of Highway 61 through Burlington. To achieve this effort, Grow Greater Burlington, the economic development division of the Greater Burlington Partnership, has hired a civil and structural engineering firm, Snyder & Associates, to guide the coalition with the mission of presenting a plan to Iowa's Transportation Commission.

The Roosevelt Corridor serves as both a critical transportation route and a visual gateway to the Greater Burlington community. This initiative aims to enhance the ease of navigation for both residents and travelers, improve safety conditions, better support the area's local businesses, and elevate the overall aesthetic of one of the community's most traveled corridors.

The beginning of this process will consist of collecting public input as to what the community would like to see in a reimagined corridor. A public input form for citizens to submit their feedback has been posted on

the Greater Burlington Partnership's website. In addition, on Monday, September 29th from 5:30 – 7 PM, the public is encouraged to attend a public input session at the Greater Burlington Partnership to share feedback.

Following initial public input, Snyder & Associates will develop three different potential plans. A second community input session will then serve as an opportunity to gather feedback on the three potential plans. This second community input session is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 12th from 5:30 – 7 PM at the Partnership.

Following a second round of community input, a consensus plan will be presented to the Highway 61 Coalition for approval before being presented to the DOT commission.

Learn more at GreaterBurlington.com/RevitalizeRoosevelt.



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2025 ELECTION FORUMS

OCTOBER 28 AND 29 | WINEGARD BOARD ROOM

The Government Relations Committee will host Candidate Forums for City Council and School Board Elections on Tuesday, October 28 and Wednesday, October 29 in the Winegard Board Room at The Greater Burlington Partnership offices. Additional details will be available in Friday Facts, Facebook and email communications throughout October.



TOURISM POWERS DES MOINES COUNTY'S ECONOMY AND OUR FUTURE



**GREATER BURLINGTON
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**
A DIVISION OF THE GREATER BURLINGTON PARTNERSHIP

Tourism in Greater Burlington means more than welcoming group tours and riverboat guests. It's a core driver of Des Moines County's economic growth. In 2023, visitor spending generated \$177.4 million in local tourism revenue, helping support 1,262 tourism-related jobs right here at home. Visitors also helped generate \$14.23 million in state tax revenue and \$13.69 million in local taxes - dollars that help fund streets, parks, public safety, and quality-of-life amenities without increasing the burden on residents.

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

Why does this matter? Tourism is an export industry. Visitors bring in outside dollars and spend them at hotels, restaurants, shops, attractions, gas stations, and events. Those purchases ripple through our economy, supporting small businesses, sustaining year-round employment, and stabilizing sales for merchandise suppliers and service providers. The result is a broader tax base and

more resilient local enterprises that can reinvest, expand, and hire.

Tourism can also be a secret weapon in the fight for population growth. By supporting the events and attractions that heighten the tourism experience, such as Burlington River Days, The Burlington Jazz Festival, the Snake Alley Art Fair and more, the CVB can promote Greater Burlington as not only a place to recommend as a travel destination, but also as a potential landing spot for those considering relocation. Population growth is essential to Des Moines County's economic health, and every new resident is a tourist first. A positive first visit often becomes a second trip, an apartment lease, a new job, and ultimately a homeowner and community volunteer.

When visitors choose to visit Greater Burlington, they do more than make memories - they power paychecks, fund public services, and spark the next chapter of growth. That's a win for every household and business in Des Moines County.



PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS



The 2026 Marketing & Sponsorship Opportunities booklet has arrived. Melissa Jones will be reaching out to Chamber of Commerce members to confirm the 2026 right of first refusal renewals.

New marketing & sponsorship sales will begin immediately following the renewal opportunity deadline.

Contact Melissa Jones,
mjones@greaterburlington.com, to discuss
your 2026 business marketing plan.

Opportunities that remain available for 2025:

- **Downtown Holiday Open House Premier Sponsor** – November 10, \$600
- **Reason for the Season Expo**– November 20 – Premier Sponsor, \$1,000
Booth Bingo Sponsor, \$500 and Booth Sponsors, \$250
- **Living Windows Premier Sponsor** – December 5. \$1,750

#GreaterBurlingtonPartnership



BUSINESS *after* HOURS

Burlington Community School District
1429 West Ave Burlington | October 9, 5 - 7 PM

Join Chamber of Commerce member businesses to build your network at Business After Hours and grow your business!



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!

Hill and Harbor Creative Agency

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As fellow business owners, we know the daily hustle is real. That's why we're here to be your partners in all things marketing, content, and design. We're a full-service marketing and design studio based in Burlington, and our goal is to take the creative work off your plate so you can focus on growing your business. As professional photographers by trade, we specialize in capturing your brand's unique story and marketing it effectively through strategy-driven content and creative solutions.

Brennan Marine

JFBrennan.com/harbor-management

Brennan Marine provides harbor management and barge services along the Upper Mississippi River, including fleeting, switching, towing, and barge cleaning. With operations in Burlington and beyond, they serve utilities, bulk terminals, and large shippers. Brennan Marine is known for safe, efficient service backed by 24/7 dispatch and Coast Guard-compliant vessels.

Meadow & Main, Inc.

MeadowandMain.com, 319-209-8089

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The Suites of Burlington

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Your professional presence deserves a premium setting. Introducing our modern offices at The Suites of Burlington! Ideal for beauty and wellness professionals, consultants, insurance agents, financial planners, and remote professionals seeking: Private, fully customizable space, Safe & accessible 24/7 entry, Complimentary parking, Breakroom and on-site laundry, Various suite sizes available from 1 person on up. Schedule a tour today.

Contour Airlines

ContourAirlines.com

Contour Airlines now provides convenient jet service from Burlington to Chicago, offering travelers easy connections to major airlines through its interline partnerships. Flying 30-seat Embraer jets with spacious seating and complimentary snacks, Contour combines comfort with affordability to make regional travel simpler and more enjoyable.

TIME FOR A QUICK INFO CHECK

Max Out Your Member Perks

Your Info Hub is more than just a directory listing — it's where you can post jobs, share Hot Deals, register for events, and manage invoices. If you haven't explored those tabs yet, go take a look! You might be surprised how much is waiting for you behind that login.



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THE SUITES OF BURLINGTON - GRAND OPENING



TWO RIVERS BANK & TRUST DRIVE THRU ATM GRAND OPENING

CHAMBER AMBASSADORS *Spotlight*

BRENT HARTLEY
MIDWESTONE BANK



As Second Vice President of Commercial Banking at MidWestOne Bank, I enjoy partnering with businesses to help them achieve their goals, whether that

involves starting up, expanding, purchasing real estate or equipment, or improving operations with Treasury Management solutions. With 20 years in banking, including 11 in lending, I strive to be more than a lender and to serve as a trusted partner and advisor.

A 2016 graduate of Greater Burlington Leadership, I soon became a Chamber Ambassador as a way to give back and get more involved. As a non-native, this role has helped me connect with local leaders and form lasting partnerships while contributing to a community I am grateful to call home.

My wife, Becca, and I have been married 20 years and are proud parents of two boys. Declan, age 15, is our musician, and Evan, age 11, is our athlete. We are active at The Crossing Church in Keokuk and enjoy camping, movies, and exploring Greater Burlington's many family-friendly activities. I look forward to connecting with you out and about.

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EVENTS

2 - 29 - October Gallery Show:
 Unearthed
 Art Center of Burlington, times vary
 BTownArt.com

2 - 100+ Like Minds
 Night Cap Listening Lounge, 5 - 7 PM
<https://www.facebook.com/nightcaplisteninglounge>

2 - 5 - Something Rotten
 Players Workshop Theater
 7:30 PM Thurs - Sat | 2 PM Sun
 PlayersWorkshopTheater.com

2 - Comedy Thursday: Jon Rudnitsky
 Memorial Auditorium, 7 PM
 BurlingtonRiverfront.com

2 - Brews & Qs
 Busted Cup Brewhouse, 7 PM
 BustedCup.com

3 - Manufacturers Appreciation Luncheon
 Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center
 Doors Open 11 AM, Lunch served 11:30 AM
 GreaterBurlington.com

3 - Artist Reception
 Art Center of Burlington, 5 - 8 PM
 BTownArt.com

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

3 - The Phantom of the Opera
 Capitol Theater, 7 PM
 BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

4 - Miles & Memories 5K Walk/Run
 Great River Hospice House, 9 AM
 GreatRiverHealth.org

4 - That's Yesterday's News
 Burlington Public Library, 10 AM
 Burlington.lib.ia.us

4 - Oktoberfest
 Community Field, 4 - 10 PM
[facebook.com/BurlingtonnoonlionsOktoberFest](https://www.facebook.com/BurlingtonnoonlionsOktoberFest)

6 and 8 - Rob Zombie's The Devil's
 Rejects
 Capitol Theater, 7 PM
 BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

9 - Ladies Adventure Group: Archery &
 Hatchets
 Starrs Cave Nature Center, 5 PM
[facebook.com/StarrsCaveNatureCenter](https://www.facebook.com/StarrsCaveNatureCenter)

9 - Business After Hours
 Burlington Community High School, 5 PM
 GreaterBurlington.com

10 - The Bride of Frankenstein 90th
 Anniversary Screening
 Capitol Theater, 7 PM
 BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

11 - Track or Treat
 34 Raceway, 2 - 4 PM
[facebook.com/34Raceway](https://www.facebook.com/34Raceway)

11 - Big Holloween
 Big Hollow Creek Recreation Area, 4:30 - 7 PM
 DMCConservation.com

11 - Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra
 Capitol Theater, 7 PM
 SEISO.us

11 - Matt Landon
 La Bohème, 8 PM
[facebook.com/61552960887564](https://www.facebook.com/61552960887564)

16 - Employer Workshop
 National Disability Employment Month
 Greater Burlington Partnership, 9 AM
 GreaterBurlington.com

17 - Witches Night Out
 Downtown Burlington, 5 PM
[facebook.com/DowntownBurlingtonIowa](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownBurlingtonIowa)

17 - November 1 - Haunted Auditorium
 Memorial Auditorium, 7 PM
 BurlingtonRiverfront.com

18 - Walk to End Alzheimer's
 Westland Mall, 9 AM
 ALZ.org/iowa

18 - Rocky Horror Picture Show
 Capitol Theater, 10 PM
 BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

21 - Lunch & Learn
 Greater Burlington Partnership, 11:30 AM
 GreaterBurlington.com

23 - Open Mic Comedy Night
 Night Cap Listening Lounge, 7 PM
 BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

24 - Downtown Trick or Treat
 Downtown Burlington Iowa, 4 - 6 PM
[facebook.com/DowntownBurlingtonIowa](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownBurlingtonIowa)

25 - The Mexican Brass
 Capitol Theater, 7 PM
 BurlCivicMusic.com

26 - Bel Canto Chorale Fall Concert
 First United Methodist Church, 2 PM
 BurlBelCanto.com

28 - Coffee with the Chamber
 Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 8 AM
 GreaterBurlington.com

28 and 29 - Election Forums
 Greater Burlington Partnership
 GreaterBurlington.com

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

30 - YMCA Trunk or Treat
 Burlington Area YMCA, 5 - 8 PM
[facebook.com/BurlingtonY](https://www.facebook.com/BurlingtonY)

30 - John Carpenter's Halloween
 Capitol Theater, 7 PM
 BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

31 - Teachers Appreciation Expo.
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 11 AM - 12:30 PM
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For more information, follow 34 Raceway on Facebook or visit: 34Raceway.com.

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