



# Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

## The Voice of Business for March



Join us on March 11, 2024 for the GRACC Luncheon:

### Build Mesabi Build Itasca!

**Where:**  
Timberlake Lodge Hotel

**Time:**  
11:45 a.m.  
Buffet lunch,  
12:00 pm Luncheon begins.

**Cost:**  
\$15.00 members  
\$20.00 nonmembers

**RSVP required:**  
218-326-6619  
or email  
Kerry@grandmn.com no later than  
March 5, 2024



Build Mesabi, Build Itasca is a local action committee is a grassroots organizing body that has been assembled by local residents and Mesabi Metallica. Build Mesabi, Build Itasca meets on a bi-monthly basis to receive project updates and brief other stakeholders on project developments. Build Mesabi, Build Itasca advocates the cause of Mesabi Metallica to all connected people and garners the active support of local residents. A series of Town Hall meetings has been scheduled with two meetings completed at this point. Additional events and rallies include the Build Mesabi, Build Itasca Day at the Capitol scheduled for April 3rd, 2024. This group will monitor the progress and assure the interface between Mesabi Metallica, Local Government, and the Public is constructive and beneficial to all parties.

#### Luncheon Sponsored by:

**Larry Sutherland**



President and C.O.O.  
Mesabi Metallica

**Greg Heyblom**



Nashwauk Resident  
Build Mesabi, Build Itasca  
Local Action Committee mem-



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## Meet the Grand Rapids Area Chamber Board of Directors

Over the coming months, we invite you to follow along as we spotlight various members of our esteemed Board of Directors. Each individual contributes a wealth of knowledge, passion, and unwavering



Trent Janezich, our new Board Chair, an accomplished, compassionate, and multifaceted leader.

Trent's talents shine as he serves as the Executive Director at Minnesota North College by day, inspiring CEOs and leaders as a coach. Additionally, he runs a beloved family business, "The Ice Cream Truck," with his wife and sons. Trent's versatility extends to his role as a voice-over artist for Hibbing High School events, showcasing his dedication and grace across various endeavors.



Todd Witherill, an accomplished Director of Operations at Minnesota Diversified Industries (MDI).

Todd has over 30 years of manufacturing experience, oversees various facets including production, quality, and engineering. Beyond his professional role, he actively supports community initiatives such as Swap Meet events and United Way, aligning seamlessly with GRACC's mission. Todd's commitment to Grand Rapids and his leadership qualities make him a valuable asset to the community and the chamber board.



Bri Wagner, Director of Grand Itasca Foundation and Regional Senior Director of Community Relations.

Bri brings 11 years of expertise to Grand Itasca healthcare. Her unwavering commitment to top-notch healthcare is evident through her active involvement in community boards, demonstrating her passion for fostering community vibrancy, learning, and networking. As a devoted mother, she fosters a better environment in a community rich with amenities, reflecting her positive demeanor.



Ashley Brubaker, owner and stylist at True North Salon and co-owning Brubaker Acres Maple Syrup Company.

Ashley specializing in Aveda hair and skincare, her salon offers a serene environment for clients. Ashley is highly engaged in the community, actively supporting events such as the Frozen Fairways Golf Tournament, and she also serves on the Downtown Plan Advisory Committee. Outside of work, Ashley enjoys exploring Northern Minnesota with her husband and friends.



# This Month's Business Spotlight Recipient: Providence Financial Advisors



Providence Financial Advisors is proud to announce its new name and branding as well as its partnership with OneAscent Financial. The Providence Financial Advisors team has served the Grand Rapids community under an affiliation with a different firm for over a decade. With this new partnership, they are excited to continue to serve their clients with excellence, offer greater flexibility to customize for clients' specific needs and offer more investment solutions.

Providence Financial Advisors boasts a team of professionals dedicated to working collaboratively with clients to help them find clarity, confidence and contentment in their financial lives. They employ the Providence Process, which is designed to get to know clients holistically, including their client's values and dreams. They then deploy the seven pillars of financial planning, six key risks of retirement and Biblical principles for financial management. The team is led by Chief Stewardship Officer/CEO and Financial Advisor Brad Nelson, CFP®, CKA®, RICP®, CLTC®, a financial services industry professional with over 10 years of experience, who serves alongside Benjamin Weerts, RICP®, CLTC®, FIC; Sara Bolen, RICP®; Simon Jackson; Bailey Ziemski and Janessa Pierzina.

"We're eager to partner with OneAscent, an organization whose values align with ours," said Nelson. "This partnership will allow us to elevate the experience we provide to our existing clients and provide a platform on which we can thoughtfully grow our business."

With its partnership with OneAscent Financial, Providence Financial Advisors joins a growing community of independent advisors across the nation who utilize the OneAscent Platform. OneAscent Financial is the premiere partner for faith-driven advisors to gain independence, grow their businesses and impact the Kingdom.

"OneAscent is thrilled to partner with Providence Financial Advisors," said COO, President of Financial Services and Co-Founder Rob Grubb. "We're honored to be Providence Financial's values-aligned partner as they continue to serve the Grand Rapids community."



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**ABOUT PROVIDENCE FINANCIAL ADVISORS**  
Providence Financial Advisors is a team of financial professionals dedicated to helping successful families, business owners and institutions find clarity, confidence and contentment in their financial lives. By understanding clients' values and aligning those values with their financial planning, Providence empowers their clients to be good stewards of God's provision.

For more information about Providence Financial Advisors, visit [www.providencefa.com](http://www.providencefa.com).

**Become a Chamber Member for your chance to be premiered.**  
For more information contact Kerry Larsen at 218-326-6619 or [Kerry@grandmn.com](mailto:Kerry@grandmn.com)

## Ribbon Cutting Bark & Beyond LLC



Bark & Beyond LLC is a pet supply store offering a wide range of unique products. We have sourced high-selling items at competitive prices, allowing customers to eliminate subscriptions, shipping costs, and waiting time. We are committed to offering products made in the USA with minimal ingredients. We also cater to specific needs, such as poultry health and organic feed, dog hunting gear, custom pet tags, pet clothing, cat trees, and unique wellness items. At Bark & Beyond, we have invested considerable time in researching customer preferences, market trends, and desired products. We prioritize outstanding customer service and offer a loyalty program to foster long-term customer relationships. We are located in the Central Square Mall at 201 NW 4th St Suite 117, Grand Rapids, MN. You can also find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/barknbeyondmn/> - Chamber Ambassadors: Stacia Rom - Applebee's, Debbie Tatanin - Midland Title, LeAnn Hardy - City Limits Storage and Danielle Witherill - Edward Jones



# RIBBON CUTTING

**You are invited!**

Chamber Ambassadors will be conducting a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Join us in celebrating these members!

**Wed. March 13, 2024 @ Noon**

**504 NW 1st Ave Ste 200, Grand Rapids, MN 55744**



**Wed. March 13, 2024 @ 12:45 pm**

**813 Pokegama Ave S Grand Rapids, MN 55744**



## New Members



Tru Healthcare  
2701 West Superior Street  
Suite 101  
Duluth, MN 55806



Loon Point Resort  
51898 County Road 310  
Bigfork, MN 56628  
218-245-1470



Sunbelt Business Advisors  
& True North M & A  
10 N 1st Ave East  
Ely, MN 55731



President & CEO: Malissa Bahr

Business Relations Coordinator: Kerry Larsen



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