



Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

The Voice of Business for September



When: September 8, 2025

Where: Timberlake Lodge

Time: 11:45 am: Buffet
12:00 pm: Luncheon

Cost: \$15.00 members
\$20.00 non-members

RSVP required:
218-326-6619 or email
jennifer@grandmn.com
by September 5th, 2025

Calendar of Events
Be sure to visit our website for a listing of all of our events including NEW learning opportunities!



Luncheon: Power Hour
September 8, 2025

Lunch-N-Learn: MN PFMLA Updates
September 16, 2025

Golf Outing & Fun Day
September 18, 2025

Learning at the Lake: Women's Leadership Summit
September 24, 2025

Taking Care of Business
December 3, 2025

Chamber Committee Meetings

Ambassador - Third Wednesday/monthly, noon - 1:00pm

Government Affairs
Last Friday/monthly, 7:30am - 9:00am

Natural Resources - Last Friday/monthly, 9:15am - 10:45 am

To be added to the invite list for these committees, email April: april@grandmn.com

August Customer Service Award

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AMY DETTMER



Congratulations TO AMY FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND AT THE GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

PICTURED WITH AMY IS CHAMBER AMBASSADOR, KARI WEERTS FROM THRIVENT FINANCIAL

2025 Scholarship Recipients

2025 GRACC Scholarship Recipients

4-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP **2-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP**



KAYLA JENKINS
GRAND RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL



TEGAN BODIN
NASHWAUK HIGH SCHOOL

THANK YOU:
Thank you to Mesabi Metallics for your generosity in being our 2025 scholarship sponsor.



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Upcoming Opportunities

Monday, September 8: Power Hour: Updates on Energy

Join us for updates from Minnesota Power, Lake Country Power, Great River Energy and Grand Rapids Public Utilities, including upcoming projects, service improvements, and recent developments in green energy and sustainability. Connect with leaders through a panel discussion as they discuss the future of clean, reliable energy in our region.

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Tuesday, September 16: MN PFMLA Updates

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Join us for an informative luncheon focused on the employment and labor law changes taking effect in Minnesota in 2026. This session will cover key updates including paid family and medical leave, mandatory rest and meal breaks, earned safe & sick time, and employer compliance to help business leaders prepare for this evolving regulatory landscape. Don't miss this opportunity to stay ahead and ensure your organization is ready for the new mandates.

Offered complimentary to Grand Rapids Chamber members

Wednesday, September 24: Women's Leadership Summit

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This is not a sit-and-listen conference - expect a hands-on, interactive gathering for women to connect, collaborate, and gain practical skills through real-time engagement.

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Featuring curated, interactive sessions on topics like resiliency, humility, collaboration, and the ever-present imposter syndrome. We'll reimagine what leadership - and women in leadership - looks like in 2025 and beyond. Whether you're an intern, a seasoned professional, or a retired CEO, you'll leave with tangible tools and inspiration for what comes next.

Grand Rapids Chamber members receive \$10 off with code: **WLSChamber**

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Business Spotlight

At **Black Dirt Grand Rapids MN**, we understand that organic black dirt is hard to find in Itasca County. With our 200 acre pasture near Swatara, we discovered a beautiful deposit of Red River Valley-type organic black dirt that we harvest and provide to area gardeners, law care specialists, homeowners and contractors of all types! **Black Dirt Grand Rapids MN** appreciates your business, and we know you appreciate our organic black dirt.

There is a common misconception that topsoil is the same as black dirt. To clarify, topsoil is native soil of the area which is usually a black sand. Our organic black dirt is superior to any in the area. Here at **Black Dirt Grand Rapids MN**, we are knowledgeable of soils and planting. We help our customers determine the amount of black dirt they need for any project.

We offer two convenient delivery methods: pickup truck and dump trailer for deliveries of 6 cubic yards or less, or dump truck deliveries up to 16 cubic yards! We can also accommodate small load-outs by appointment from Cohasset for anyone wanting to pick up. This is the most economical for smaller yardages.

Black Dirt Grand Rapids MN's business moto is WE ARE HERE TO SERVE!!!

**Black Dirt
Grand Rapids MN
218-398-7122
blackdirtgrandrapidsmn.com**

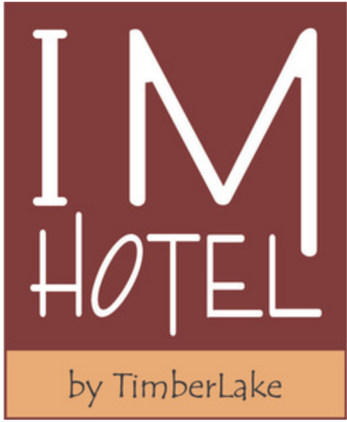


2025 Northern MN Swap Meet & Car Show



Photos by: Taylor Larsen

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Welcome New Members!



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to help rural economies grow
and close the opportunity
gap. We believe in the
potential of rural areas and
want to see them thrive. We
know living in rural places is a
choice, and we're here to
make that choice easier.



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