



Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

The Voice of Business for December



When: December 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 December 5th, 2025

Calendar of Events

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



**Taking Care of
Business**
December 3, 2025

**Luncheon
The Changing
Landscape:
Cannabis and the
Local Economy**
December 8, 2025

***Lunch with
Legislators**
January 8, 2026

*Chamber members and
public officials only

**Luncheon
Beyond The Dues: A
Guide to Chamber
Membership**
January 12, 2026

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

Grand Rapids Area
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**DECEMBER 8TH
LUNCHEON AT
TIMBERLAKE**

A CHANGING LANDSCAPE: CANNABIS & THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Join us for an informative discussion exploring Minnesota's evolving cannabis industry. Hear from local leaders as they share insights into how this emerging sector is creating jobs, fostering entrepreneurship, and generating new economic opportunities. We will also address common myths and misconceptions surrounding cannabis clarifying the realities of regulation, taxation, workforce needs, and community impact. Our panelists will highlight how cannabis is intersecting with existing industries and shaping our future.

Luncheon Sponsored in part by:

SPEAKERS:



DEREK FOX
Chemistry & Engineering Faculty
Minnesota North College



SHOLOM BLAKE
President
Grand Rapids Economic
Development Association



MELISSA STOPKA
Compliance Manager
HWY35 Cannabis



**HIGHWAY
35^{LLC}**

**11:45 Buffet Available
12:00 Luncheon Begins
1:00 Adjourn**

**RSVP DEADLINE: 12/5/25
218.326.6619
jenniferegrandmn.com
\$15/ Member
\$20/Nonmembers**

*Taxes are not included in the price and will be
added at checkout. Gratuity is also not included.
Thank you for your understanding and support!

**THANK YOU AGAIN TO
NOVEMBER LUNCHEON
SPONSOR:**



**The Reif Center
218-327-5780
720 NW Conifer Drive
Grand Rapids, MN
reifcenter.org**

Business Spotlight

"The Bounds Team" with Century 21 Land of Lakes
Meet Deb & Greg Bounds



Deb and Greg are full-time Realtors serving buyers and sellers across Itasca County. From homes and cabins to lake lots and acreage, they love helping clients find the perfect fit.

They're also active in the community - volunteering, supporting local nonprofits, and cheering on local businesses. This community is their home, and they're committed to helping it thrive.

A note from Greg & Deb:

"We love living and working in Itasca County. Whether you're selling a longtime property, buying your first home, or searching for lakeshore, we'll be with you every step. We're committed to clear communication, honest guidance, and a smooth, rewarding experience. Our business is built on trust and hard work - and that will never change."

**We'd love to hear from you!
Call Deb anytime at 218-556-3561.**

Ribbon Cuttings



The PLUM Catalyst

“The PLUM Catalyst is honored to be a part of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce! Best known for our work on the goMARTI project, we’re equally proud to lead a wide range of initiatives that advance innovation in transportation, workforce development, and engagement across Minnesota and beyond.

With a focus on collaboration and forward-thinking solutions, our team is dedicated to creating meaningful partnerships that improve how people connect and move. We’re excited to share more about our work and to collaborate with Chamber members to help shape the future of mobility in our region.”

<https://theplumcatalyst.com/>



Follow them on Facebook:



Community Welcome to Taking Care of Business

The Grand Rapids Area
Chamber of Commerce

Invites all of WHOVILLE to
TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

- 🍎 Wednesday, Dec 3rd
- 🍎 Timberlake Event Center
- 🍎 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Open to the public!

- First 50 community members receive a prize at the door!
- 55 Chamber Member business booths with giveaways and FUN!
- Sign up for drawings AND meet our special guest - SANTA!
- No cost to attend.

Main Event Sponsor:



Santa Serfling
Sponsored by:
The Rapids Riders
ATV Club



Welcome New Members!

218 Style

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Itasca County
Pickleball Association

icpamn.org



Ledger & Ladle

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& Ladle
EST. 2025

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National Alliance on Mental Illness
Grand Rapids Area



Roots & Wings Early Learning Center

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