

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

The Voice of Business for August



When: August 10, 2026

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
August 7, 2026

Calendar of Events

Visit our website for a
listing of our events
including learning
opportunities!



August 10, 2026

Monthly Luncheon
presentation by
MiningMinnesota
at Timberlake Lodge

August 11, 2026

Work Smarter, Not Harder
Session 2
8:30 am - 10:00 am
Rapids Brewing Co.

August 18, 2026

Business Finance: From
Start-Up to Succession
Timberlake Lodge

To Learn More:

grandmn.com/events/

Committee Meetings

Ambassador:

3rd Wednesday/Month
Noon - 1:00pm

Government Affairs

Last Friday/Month
7:30am - 9:00am

Natural Resources:

Last Friday/Month
9:15am - 10:45 am

To be added to the invite,
email April:
april@grandmn.com

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE!

We wish to extend gratitude to our sponsors, in-kind sponsors, over 100 volunteers, Fairgrounds maintenance staff, vendors, visitors, and the community for the support of the Northern MN Swap Meet & Car Show and your time and efforts to ensure it's success!

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NORTHERN MINNESOTA SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW

Gold Sponsors:



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Larry Carlson

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AUGUST 10TH
TIMBERLAKE LODGE
11:45 AM

UNEARTHING OPPORTUNITY: UPDATES ON MINNESOTA'S CRITICAL MINERAL PROJECTS

Join MiningMinnesota for an update on Minnesota's critical mineral projects and the opportunities they create for our region and state. Learn about recent developments across Minnesota's copper, nickel, cobalt, and other critical mineral projects, with a special focus on Talon Metals and the upcoming public comment period for the Tamarack Project. Whether you're a business leader, community member, or simply interested in Minnesota's future, this discussion will provide valuable insight into one of the state's most important economic development opportunities.

Luncheon Sponsored by:



SPEAKER:



JULIE LUCAS
Executive Director
MiningMinnesota

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

RSVP Deadline: 08/07/26
218-326-6619
jennifer@grandmn.com

\$15/Members
\$20/Non-members

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



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August 18, 2026

Business Funding Sessions
Three sessions - attend one,
two, or all three!
at Timberlake Lodge.

For questions, contact the
Chamber at 218-326-6619.

Tuesday, August 18
Timberlake Lodge
144 17th Street SE, Grand Rapids

Attend one, two, or all three sessions!



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Business Funding: From Start-Up to Succession



7:30 - 9:00 AM
New Business /
Entrepreneurial
Funding

For those exploring a new
business idea, launching a
business, or looking for
early-stage funding
resources.

Chamber Members: Free
Non-Members \$25

9:30 - 11:00 AM
Expand, Remodel &
Grow

For existing businesses
considering expansion,
remodeling, equipment,
growth, or other next-step
investments.

Chamber Members: Free
Non-Members \$25

11:45 - 1:00 PM
Lunch-N-Learn
**Business Succession
Planning by Northspan**
Learn why succession
planning is a long-term
business strategy, and
how to prepare for future
ownership or leadership
transition.

Chamber Members: \$15
Non-Members \$20

Morning sessions include refreshments. 11:45 session includes lunch.
Discounts offered for attendance at more than one session.

Presenting organizations include:



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Ribbon Cuttings

Waterways Restoration

Waterways Restoration provides professional lake, pond, river, channel, and canal services for private, commercial, and municipal clients. Services include cattail and bog removal, aquatic vegetation and lake weed removal, boat channel clearing, shoreline cleanup, debris removal, algae and duckweed skimming, and muck and sediment dredging.

Their work is completed without chemicals using an environmentally friendly fleet of workboats. They also help customers understand DNR regulations and permit requirements.

As waterfront property owners themselves, the Waterways Restoration team understands the challenges of maintaining healthy, usable waterways.

Call (612) 607-3755 or visit their website to learn more.



Pictured from left to right: Chamber Ambassadors, LeAnn Hardy - City Limits Storage, Kari Weerts - Thrivent Financial, Jason Helland and Tony Smieja - Waterways Restoration, Chamber Ambassador, Greg Bounds - Century 21, and Chamber President, April Arnason.

Northern Lights Rapid Growth

MGrand Rapids native Alex L'Amie recently opened **Northern Lights Rapid Growth (NLRG)**, the area's first cannabis grow store.

After nearly 10 years working in Denver's cannabis cultivation industry, Alex returned home with his family and saw a need for local access to quality growing supplies and experienced guidance.

NLRG serves home growers and commercial cultivators with LED grow lights, soils, nutrients, grow tents, irrigation and propagation equipment, harvesting supplies, Cannatrol systems, and more.

Visit nlrgmn.com or stop by 611 NW 4th Street, next to Glen's Army Navy.



Pictured from left to right: Chamber President April Arnason, Chamber Ambassadors, Kari Weerts - Thrivent Financial, Jennifer Rauschel - Members Cooperative Credit Union, NLRG owner Alex L'Amie & daughter Olive L'Amie, Chamber Ambassadors LeAnn Hardy - City Limits Storage, Lori Flint - Midland Title LLC, and Laurie Clausen - Edward Jones.

Itasca County Pickleball Association (ICPA)

The Itasca County Pickleball Association (ICPA) is proud to be a member of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dedicated to growing the sport of Pickleball, the ICPA creates opportunities for people of all ages and skill levels to play, learn, compete, and build community.

We recently celebrated the completion of a major court resurfacing project at the Itasca County Family YMCA with a ribbon cutting ceremony, marking the exciting milestone for pickleball in our Region. Our state-of-the-art complex features 10 dedicated pickleball courts that are open to the community free of charge, providing a welcoming place for recreation, fitness, and connection.

The resurfacing of these courts was made possible through the partnership and support of the City of Grand Rapids, the Grand Rapids Area Basketball Association, the Itasca County Family YMCA and the Itasca County Pickleball Association.



Pictured above: Members of the ICPA, YMCA leadership team, Chamber president April Arnason, Chamber Ambassadors: LeAnn Hardy-City Limits Storage, Jennifer Rauschel- Members Cooperative Credit Union, and Danielle Witherill- Edward Jones.

West Range Dental



Pictured from left to right: Chamber Ambassadors, Laurie Clausen-Edward Jones, and LeAnn Hardy-City Limits Storage, Chamber President - April Arnason, Dr. Kyle Hammer (Owner), Tricia Gordon (Hygienist), Dr. James Rostvold, Jennifer Morris (Practice Manager), Dara Alto (Assistant), Dr. Shilo Hilger, Edy Niemela (Assistant), Holly Thompson (Assistant), Ally Gould (Patient Care Coordinator), and Chamber Ambassador, Danielle Witherill-Edward Jones.

West Range Dental recently celebrated an exciting milestone with a ribbon-cutting ceremony recognizing the practice's new ownership, continued growth, and commitment to the Grand Rapids community and surrounding areas.

Dr. Kyle Hammer acquired West Range Dental in November 2024, beginning a new chapter for the long-standing dental practice. In July 2025, Dr. Shilo Hilger joined the West Range Dental team, bringing more than 20 years of dental experience. The practice is proud to celebrate his first year of caring for patients and families throughout the community.

"It has been incredibly rewarding to become part of the Grand Rapids community and build upon the strong foundation already established at West Range Dental," said Dr. Hammer.

West Range Dental is dedicated to providing exceptional dental care in a welcoming and comfortable environment. Its compassionate and experienced team works closely with individuals and families to help them achieve healthy, confident smiles that last a lifetime. The practice continues to invest in its team, technology, and patient experience while remaining deeply connected to the community it serves.

Visit our website: westrangedental.com or to call our office: 218-326-2560

June Business Spotlight

Your Well-Being. Our Community. Stronger Together.

At Northland Counseling Center, Inc., we believe that everyone deserves support and hope. For over 65 years, we've been proud to serve our neighbors in Itasca County and surrounding communities with compassionate, confidential, and inclusive behavioral health care.

SUPPORTING EVERY STAGE OF LIFE

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
Individual, family, and group counseling for all ages.

SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT
Outpatient programs and support for lasting recovery.

CARE COORDINATION & SUPPORT
Helping you connect to resources, set goals, and achieve better outcomes.

HOUSING & VOCATIONAL SERVICES
Guidance and skills for independent living and meaningful work.

PEER SUPPORT & ADVOCACY
Support from those who understand. Advocacy for a stronger community.

CARE THAT'S INCLUSIVE. SUPPORT THAT EMPOWERS.
We welcome people of all backgrounds, identities, and walks of life. Our team is here to listen, without judgment, and help you take the next step toward wellness.
You are not alone.

PROUDLY SERVING OUR COMMUNITY
Northland Counseling Center, Inc. is a local, non-profit agency committed to building a healthier, stronger Northland.

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Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-326-1274

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Follow us on Facebook for updates, resources, and community events!

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Reach out today. We're here for you.

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