

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

The Voice of Business for September



When: September 14, 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
grandmn.com/events/ by
September 11, 2026

Calendar of Events

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



September 14, 2026
Monthly Luncheon
presentation by our area
mayors and community
leaders
at Timberlake Lodge

September 17, 2026
Super Heroes Annual Golf
Outing & Fun Day
Pokegama Golf Course

October 8, 2026
Women's UN-Conference
Sugar Lake 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

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MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14TH
TIMBERLAKE LODGE
11:45 AM

STATE OF THE CITIES: UPDATES FROM COMMUNITIES ACROSS OUR AREA

This conversation will provide area mayors and city leaders an opportunity to highlight their communities, share updates on current and upcoming projects, discuss opportunities for growth, and address challenges or barriers affecting economic development.

Luncheon
Sponsored by:



SPEAKERS INCLUDE REPRESENTATION FROM:

- City of Bovey
- City of Cohasset
- City of Coleraine
- City of Deer River
- City of Grand Rapids
- City of Hill City

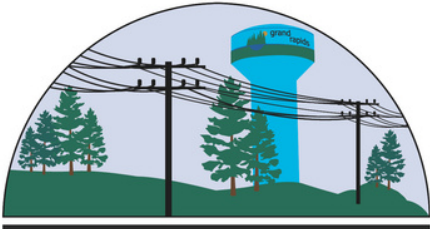
11:45 Buffet Available
12:00 Luncheon Begins
1:00 Adjourn

RSVP Deadline: 09/11/26
218-326-6619
grandmn.com/events/

\$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!

Thank you to:



**GRAND RAPIDS
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for your sponsorship
of this luncheon!

Join us to hear from area
mayors and community leaders
about projects in our area!

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Women's Unconference is back!

Join us October 8, 2026 at Sugar
Lake Lodge for a day designed to
bring women together, build
connection, and experience what
belonging can really look and feel
like.

This year's theme, WE & ME, is an
invitation to invest in both - to
reflect on the person you are
becoming while recognizing the
impact you have on the people
around you.

Come ready to connect, recharge,
learn, laugh, and spend the day
with an incredible group of
women in a setting made for
meaningful conversation.

**Grand Rapids Area Chamber
members receive a special
discount!**

Scan the QR code on the flyer for
more information and
registration.

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WOMEN'S UNCONFERENCE

📍 SUGAR LAKE LODGE



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MORE INFO &
REGISTRATION:



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HeraldReview
GrandRapidsMN.com

August Business Spotlight

Local Guidance. More Choices. Trusted Protection.



Greater Insurance Service has been helping individuals, families, and businesses
protect what matters most for generations. As an independent insurance agency, GIS
works with a broad range of insurance carriers, giving our clients more options when it
comes to finding the right coverage for their needs.

From home and auto insurance to commercial, workers' compensation, life, and more,
our team takes pride in providing personal service and helping clients understand
their coverage — not simply selling them a policy. We're proud to call the Grand Rapids
area home and to support the businesses, schools, organizations, events, and
communities that make northern Minnesota such a great place to live and work.

Greater Insurance Service

More choices. Local service. Coverage you can count on.

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Ribbon Cuttings

Minuteman Press of Grand Rapids

Locally Owned. Community Focused. Bigger, Better, Still Local.

Minuteman Press of Grand Rapids has served area businesses, organizations, and individuals for more than 25 years. Owned by Paul and Sherry Frick since 2000, the locally owned business has built its reputation on quality products, personalized service, and community commitment.

In 2026, Minuteman Press purchased Rapids Printing and relocated to a larger location at 414 South Pokegama Avenue, expanding its printing and design capabilities. Paul and the Minuteman Press team, including designers Anna and Melaine, can help customers take projects from concept to completion.

Services include graphic design, business cards, brochures, flyers, invitations, newsletters, banners, signs, labels, stickers, promotional products, direct mail and more. While the business has grown, Minuteman Press remains committed to providing the same personal, local service customers have counted on for decades.



Pictured from left to right: Chamber Ambassador Laurie Clausen- Edward Jones, Chamber President, April Arnason, Chamber Ambassador LeAnn Hardy-City Limits Storage, Minuteman press Design & Production team member Melaine, Owner Paul Frick, team member Anna, Chamber Ambassadors Becky Gilbert-The Title Team, and Lori Flint-Midland Title LLC.

Duluth Entertainment Convention Center

The **Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC)** is a one-million-square-foot complex collection of 10 venues sitting in the Lake Superior harbor of the Canal Park neighborhood.

The DECC hosts large-scale events ranging from conventions, concerts, expos, sporting events, festivals, and more.

As a state authority created by state statute, part of the DECC's mission is to drive the regional economy and they look forward to connecting to greater Minnesota venues in collaboration of entertainment opportunities.

Welcome to the Grand Rapids Chamber! Learn more at: decc.org



Pictured from left to right: Chamber President, April Arnason, DECC Employees: Amy Carlson, Director of Food Service; Lilia Fremling, Entertainment Event Planner; Kim Carr, Entertainment Booking Manager; Alex Wink, Executive Assistant; Sue Ellen More, Director of Sales; Dan Hartman, Executive Director; Olivia Niska, Event Planne; Aimee Toland, Premium Experience Coordinator; and Amanda Denton, Finance Director.

Grand Rapids Downtown Alliance

We recently celebrated a ribbon cutting with newly formed organization, **Grand Rapids Downtown Alliance!** While they officially formed in 2025, they made their launch to the public a few weeks ago.

The organization's goal is to create and maintain a vibrant, thriving downtown for all to share. Their projects and initiatives will focus on placemaking, beautification, events, business support, economic vitality, and long-term development to create a more engaging downtown experience.

The Alliance believes a healthy, active downtown is representative of the health and overall community.

Visit them at their location: 221 NW 1st Ave, or their website at: grdowntownalliance.org

Welcome to the community and to the Chamber!



Pictured from left to right: Chamber President April Arnason; Alliance Vice Chair, Michelle Carlson; Alliance Board Members, Amanda Lussier & James Mack; Alliance Executive Director, Chris Walker; Alliance Treasurer, Dan Foster; Alliance Secretary, Mindy Nuhring; and Alliance Board Chair, Bill Martinetto; Chamber ambassadors, LeAnn Hardy - City Limits Storage Center, Inc., and Becky Gilbert -The Title Team.



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Directory Cover Photo Contest

Deadline to submit
October 30, 2026



*\$250
Chamber
Bucks!*

218-326-6619
grandmn.com/events

Your photo could be on the cover of our 2027 Grand Rapids Area Directory!

We're looking for a photo that captures the beauty, character, and spirit of Itasca County and we want to see our community through your lens.

Enter the contest for a chance to have your image featured on the cover of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce Directory and win **\$250** in Chamber Bucks!

Submission deadline: October 30, 2026

Scan the QR code on the graphic for submission details, or visit grandmn.com/events/.

New Members



**HFL Bookkeeping
LLC**

Cohasset, MN
218-259-8700
hfl-bookkeeping.com



**GRAND RAPIDS
DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE**

221 NW 1st Ave, Grand Rapids
218-999-5574



Katie Reschenberg
Grand Rapids, MN
888-290-5232

President – CEO: **April Arnason**
Business Relations Coordinator: **Kerry Larsen**
Events & Marketing Coordinator: **Jennifer Plackner**

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