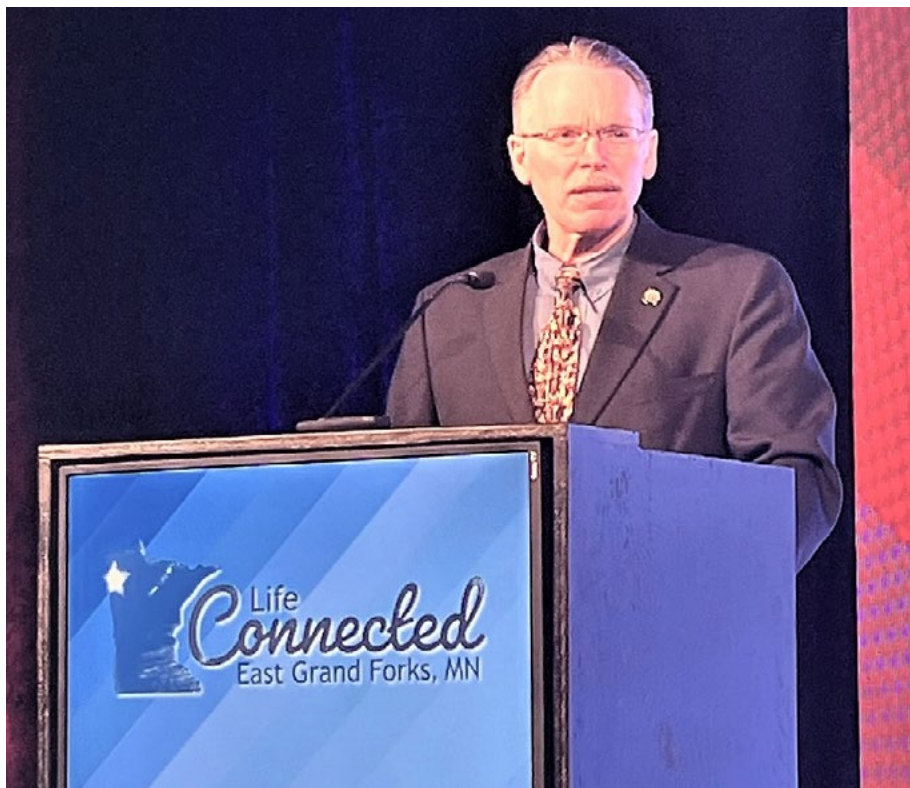


Mayor Gander Hosts 2023 EGF State of the City



The Chamber sponsored the East Grand Forks State of City last month with a great live crowd of over 200. Mayor Gander talked about the many business that are growing and make EGF great. He also yielded time to Council President Mark Olmstad who recognized long standing City Staff Members.

Thank you Mayor Gander for hosting this event with the Chamber.

CHAMBER NEWS

2023 Shark Tank Winners

We are happy to say no one suffered a Shark bite at the Chamber Shark Tank event! 8 brave entrepreneurs jumped into the tank to present their business idea.

In the end, the "Sharks" announced their choice of top 3 ideas:

- 1st Place, Tellegacy
- 2nd Place, Hawks Eye Mobile Detailing
- 3rd Place, Poppy Painting Parties

Thank you to all the contestants for braving the waters, of our Sharks, Matt Winjum, Phil Gisi, Thank you to our emcee, Dana Ferguson, sponsors (listed below), the Empire Arts Center and guests! It was a great night!



Pictured L to R are: Landon Paurus, Matt Winjum, Jeremy Holloway, Phil Gisi, Halle Berdahl, Jessica Woods and Dane Ferguson. USE their last names in the actual release.

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CHAMBER NEWS

High Water Reminds us of the Importance of Major Transportation Infrastructure



*Barry Wilfahrt,
Chamber President
and CEO*

The high water this spring once again reminds us building new and upgrading our roadways is just as important than ever. The Chamber Board continues to strongly advocate for four major infrastructure projects:

1. 42nd street underpass at Demers
2. New I-29 Interchange near 47th Ave S
3. In- town Bridge connecting GF and EGF
4. Merrifield Bridge and connecting roads and a new interchange at I-29

Each of these projects is at one stage or another in the planning process and the 1-4 listing above also corresponds to where each is at in the overall environmental work at this point. Grand Forks City Council is taking the lead on project 1 and 2 and the NEPA (environmental assessment) is nearly complete for both projects.

During the legislative session significant funding was approved to fund some major projects like these. The two city and counties have also hired a firm to lead them through an intercity bridge selection process.

According to Chamber Past Board Chair, Tommy Kenville “with all of the Federal infrastructure money it is absolutely critical everyone cooperate and we get this work done”.

CHAMBER NEWS

Chamber President meets with Senator Johnson in St Paul



Pictured is MN District 1 Senator Mark Johnson along with Chamber President, Barry Wilfahrt in St. Paul last month. Senator Johnson is working hard to keep MN as competitive as possible.

ND Legislature Close (Special Legislative report coming soon)

Grand Forks Legislators have done a fantastic job fighting for the many local priorities. Watch your inbox for details on the results of the 2023 session.

CHAMBER NEWS

Grand Forks State of the City has a New Look

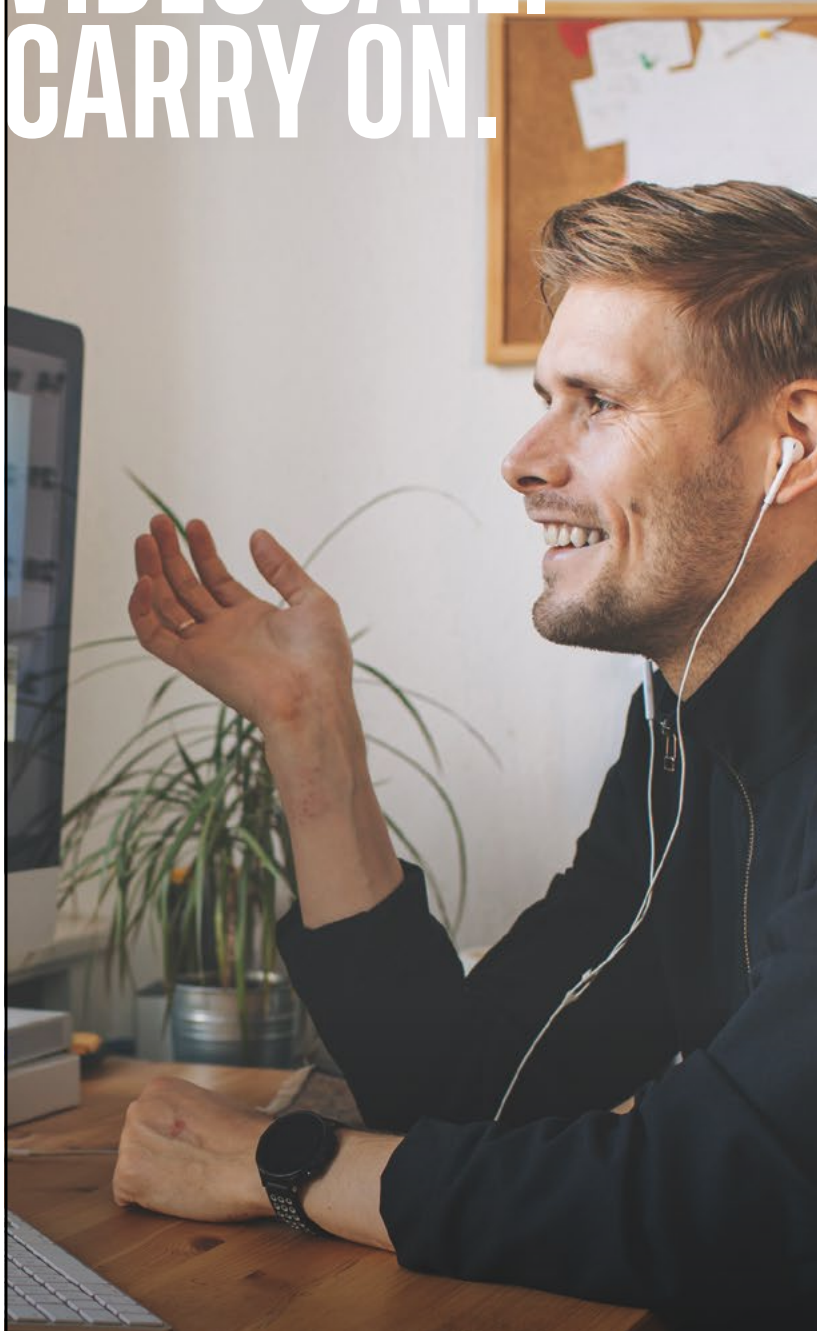


Brandon Bochenski,
Grand Forks Mayor

The Chamber is proud to host the Grand Forks Mayor's State of the City event. Brandon Bochenski will address all those attending at 4 pm on May 10th at the Alerus Center. Following the event will be a social where people can talk about the many great things happening in the Community and also mingle with City Staff. Thanks to the many sponsors of this event, see below.



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<http://tylernagelagency.com/>**

The Tyler Nagel Agency LLC started the beginning of July and recently took over the Brian Larson Agency in November. As an American Family Insurance Agent, my business is focused on providing tailored insurance solutions to individuals, families, and businesses. I work exclusively with American Family Insurance to offer a range of products, including auto, home, life, and commercial insurance. My goal is to help my clients identify their unique insurance needs and provide them with personalized coverage options that fit their budget. With the support of American Family Insurance, I am committed to delivering exceptional customer service and building lasting relationships with my clients.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Red River Watershed Management Board

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www.rrwmb.us

The Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) was created by the MN Legislature in 1976. We are a joint powers board comprise of 7 watershed districts in the MN portion of the Red River Basin. We've funded or co-funded over 60 flood projects including city projects, over 300 farmstead ring dikes, LiDAR, River Watch Program, and several technical studies. Check out our website for more information.

Brick & Barley

Sarah Horak
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<http://www.brickandbarleygf.com/>

Established in August 2013, Brick & Barley has the largest tap beer selection in the area. With our full kitchen, we create delicious food items that will pair well with the 48 beers we offer on tap. Many of our taps are year round favorites but the large majority are rotating taps that feature craft brews from smaller breweries around the region and country. With a 64-foot butcher block bar top, comfortable seating, and a relaxing atmosphere, Brick & Barley is a great spot for lunch, happy hour, dinner, and late night entertainment. All customers must be 21+. Charitable gaming on site.

Photos from Chamber membership drive kickoff. The Chamber is a strong membership organization with well over 1,000 members. Welcome our new members.



THE CHAMBER'S ANNUAL

Membership Drive

April 12-May 16

"GET THE SCOOP ON THE CHAMBER"

Starting April 11th our membership drive volunteer teams will be "SCOOPING" up prospects at our Kick-off party.

During the drive, our volunteers will be contacting non-chamber member businesses about joining. If you know of a business our teams should visit or if you're interested in becoming a member, let Jessica know!
jessicat@gochmaber.org



Top **TEN** Chamber Membership Benefits

- 1. New Business Contacts** – Networking and new business contacts will help your business grow. With more than 100 chamber programs and events, you'll have no problem adding to your contact base.
- 2. Credibility** – Make a statement that you are committed to the future of the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks region.
- 3. Leadership Development** – The Chamber offers learning and professional development opportunities to help you run a smarter, more profitable business.
- 4. Community Commitment** – Community involvement benefits you and the community and shows your commitment to helping our region grow.
- 5. Referrals** – The Chamber's referrals of our members are a great return on your investment.
- 6. Publicity and Exposure** – Publicity and heightened name recognition as a Chamber Member shows your customers and potential customers who you are.
- 7. Marketing & Advertising** – Targeted and affordable advertising offered by The Chamber help you promote your business effectively on a small budget.
- 8. A Healthy Local Economy** – Be a part of a group that is committed to creating a strong local economy to keep our business momentum moving forward.
- 9. Gain a Voice in Government** – The Chamber is your representative on a local, regional, state and national level. With over 1100 members representing thousands of area employees, The Chamber speaks with a strong voice for our business community on issues affecting your business.
- 10. Partnership** - You will be a part of an organization whose mission is to create an environment that encourages business success while enhancing the quality of life in our region.



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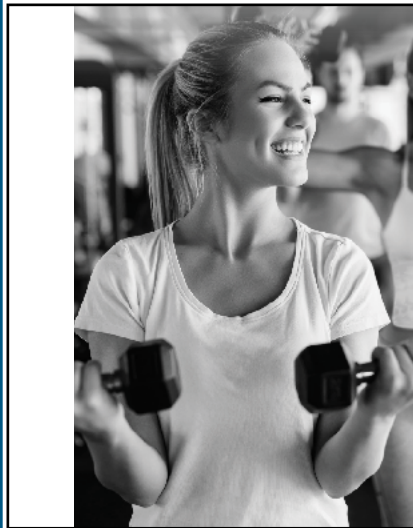
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

April 1, To April 30, 2023

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Assurity Finance & Development, LLC	Mangata Medical Spa
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April Ambassador Meeting, was held at Speedway.



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Forward this message on to your friends and colleagues.
See you Thursday, May18, 2023 at Business After Hours!

*Because of the nature of this event, no children under 18 may attend.

Thank you to BluePeakc for hosting an eventful April Business After Hours.



MEMBER NEWS

The Arc Thrift Store is relocating



Just as seasons change throughout the year, things in life also change over time. We must adapt to changing seasons to survive and thrive. The Arc Upper Valley (The Arc) understands this concept very well, as we have navigated many seasons since our inception in 1955, some more challenging than others. No matter the circumstance, we have always risen to the challenge, and have become better along the way. We are pleased to share that our organization is moving into a new season. It is poetic to share this news in the Spring because we are looking forward with a sense of renewal and growth.

It is the mission of The Arc to advance the human rights of people with disabilities and ensure that all people can live their best lives in the community without limitations. This drives the work that we do, and the decisions that we make about the direction of the organization, including the spaces where we operate. Our building on Demers Avenue has served us well for over 30 years. Unfortunately, time has not been kind to the building, and it is in significant disrepair. We are having ongoing discussions about the future of our organization, including what a future space might include and how it could serve the Greater Grand Forks community. Making the best decision takes time, so we are taking steps to relocate while we engage in long-term planning.

We are excited to announce that the thrift store will be relocating to 1200 South Washington Street in June. Moving into this new space will allow us to create a more upscale resale experience, with a new look and an updated brand. Administrative staff will move into offices at the new thrift store location while organizational planning continues. The Arc's services will remain the same, with some occurring onsite at the thrift store, and others taking place at different locations in the community. All updates will be made on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

We embark upon this new journey with a sense of hope and purpose. In bettering ourselves, we create a foundation upon which we can better serve others. We have been honored to serve Grand Forks, and the surrounding communities, for the past 68 years. We look forward to continuing this important work for the next 68 years!

MEMBER NEWS

Dale Scully named the next Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Engagement, and Wellness



Dale Scully

The University of Minnesota Crookston is pleased to announce T. Dale Scully has been named the next Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Engagement, and Wellness. Scully begins his new role on campus June 19, 2023.

Scully recently served as the vice president for campus life at Fresno Pacific University in California and has previously served in leadership roles such as vice president for student affairs, associate dean of students, and director of residential life at various universities and colleges in the U.S., plus he served as an athletic director and associate dean of students in Uganda.

“I am extremely excited to join the University of Minnesota at Crookston educational community,” Scully pronounced. “Having developed a deep understanding and appreciation of college life in small-town, rural America, I am committed to connecting with students and collaborating with faculty and staff to provide the best student experience possible.”

“UMN Crookston appears to have an amazingly close-knit and dedicated campus community,” he added. “I look forward to learning from the students and new professional colleagues as well as having the privilege to integrate my skillset and experiences into an already exciting and robust academic environment.”

The Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Engagement, and Wellness leads campus initiatives to create a vibrant community characterized by a strong commitment to equity and belonging for students with diverse backgrounds. They report to the chancellor and are part of the senior leadership team.

“We are extremely pleased to welcome Dale to our campus,” said Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause. “He brings a wealth of experience in the many facets of student life and has extensive prior experience at several colleges that were located in small rural communities similar to Crookston.”

MEMBER NEWS

Preszler Joins EDC Staff as Workforce Development Specialist

Preszler will carry out programming designed to strategically solve workforce challenges in the Grand Forks region.



Katherine Preszler

Katherine Preszler has joined the Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation (EDC) as its Workforce Development Specialist. Preszler will assist and lead the efforts to carry out workforce programs like the Northern Valley Career Expo, InternGF, and Greater Grand Forks: Way Cooler than You Think! recruitment and retention initiative.

“The EDC plays an important role in the Grand Forks region and I am delighted to join a team of dedicated leaders who are continuously working to enhance our community’s economic vitality,” said Preszler. “Workforce is an important area for our region, and I am grateful for the opportunity to support and grow the number of people available for jobs through specialized programming.”

“Katherine has already been a valuable asset to the workforce team in her first few weeks on the job,” said Becca Cruger, Director of Workforce Development. “The EDC’s role in workforce development has expanded considerably as we work to meet the needs of our member companies throughout Grand Forks County, and I’m thrilled to have Katherine here to add capacity and talent.”

EDC President & CEO, Keith Lund said, “The EDC is lucky to have Katherine on staff. Her strong background in content and media creation, project management, and general business operations make her a perfect fit for this role.”

Preszler comes to the EDC with extensive experience in operations, video production, and project management from the local production company, Twin Tandem. In the community, she previously worked with legislators managing projects, completing casework, and providing constituent services through community outreach. Preszler currently serves as a community representative on the board for the Grand Forks Community Land Trust. In her free time, she enjoys backpacking, cooking, and a good book.

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