

For Immediate Release

January 30, 2023

Contact: Joy Gaasch, President

The Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven

jgaasch@grandhavenchamber.org

616.842.4910

**“Envisioning Our Community’s Future”
A Six-Part Speaker Series to Strategically Plan for a Shared Future**

A new year offers new opportunities and fresh starts. It also provides a time to reflect on where we have been and decide where we want to go.

The Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg, in partnership with the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, is offering a unique opportunity for area businesses, local leaders and community members to convene and collaboratively learn about and discuss critical issues impacting Northwest Ottawa County. They have put together a six-part breakfast speaker series, “Envisioning Our Community’s Future,” to strategically plan for a shared future.

“This series will be similar to our Tuesday Forum program, which was very successful from 2006 to 2009, and will include speakers who are recognized both regionally and globally,” said Joy Gaasch, President of The Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg. “Our community is constantly evolving, and we want to honor this by providing a space to gather, learn and engage in conversation about how we can work together to better our future.”

The speaker series will be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 am from February 28 - May 23, 2023, at the Trillium Event Center. The speaker series is being made possible through a \$125,000 Community Impact Grant from the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation.

“This series provides an opportunity for area leaders to not only learn more about key issues impacting Northwest Ottawa County, but more importantly, for participants to understand their role and responsibility in creating a thriving community,” said Hadley Streng, President of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation.

Leadership Coach and Strategic Planner Karen McPhee will facilitate each session. In addition, she will help guide community conversations.

The entire speaker series schedule is as follows:

February 28, 2023 | [Matt Dunsmoor](#), Simon Sinek Master Trainer | [The Infinite Game](#)

March 21, 2023 | [Christine Porath](#), Author of Mastering Community | Surprising Ways Coming Together Moves Us from Surviving to Thriving

April 11, 2023 | [Jennifer S. Vey](#), Senior Fellow - Brookings Metro | Retooling for Growth

April 25, 2023 | [Norm Van Eeden Petersman](#), Strong Towns | Breaking Out of the Housing Trap

May 16, 2023 | [Justice Richard Bernstein](#) | Inclusion: A Healthy Community Imperative

May 23, 2023 | Community Roundtable with [Karen McPhee](#), Leadership Coach and Strategic Planner | Envisioning Our Communities' Future - What have we learned?

For more information and to register visit grandhavenchamber.org/tuesday-forum-series