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 collaboratively learn about and discuss critical issues impacting Northwest Ottawa County and strategically plan for a shared future through a six-part breakfast speaker series, “Envisioning Our Community’s Future.”

CIVILITY & PROFESSIONALISM GUIDELINES
Considerable time and resources have been invested into designing a unique opportunity for community leaders and members to hear some of the nation’s preeminent thought leaders share their perspectives on how to build vibrant and thriving communities. In addition, the series includes time for attendees to reflect and share their thinking after each keynote presentation.

In order to realize optimal value from the series and to ensure all participants feel welcome, it is expected that all attendees honor a civility code of conduct, including:

* Recognizing the dignity and humanity of others by valuing their experiences and perspectives and appreciating their contributions and feedback, even if they differ from their own.
* Maintaining civil and inclusive behavior, including controlling negative emotions or reactions, and refraining from uncivil responses, such as combative argumentation or contentious or disruptive remarks and gestures.
* Managing their own “talk time” so that all who wish to speak have an opportunity to do so.

Thank you in advance for adhering to these guidelines.

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Jennifer S. Vey is a senior fellow with Brookings Metro and the Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Center for Transformative Placemaking director. Vey's work primarily focuses on how place-based policies and practices can generate widespread economic, social, and environmental benefits. She is the co-editor of Retooling for Growth: Building a 21st Century Economy in America's Older Industrial Areas and Hyper-local: Place Governance in a Fragmented World. Vey will be sharing highlights from Retooling for Growth.

RETOOLING FOR GROWTH
Jennifer S. Vey
Senior Fellow
Brookings Metro
April 11, 2023

Norm Van Eeden Petersman is an energetic enthusiast for Strong Towns members' work worldwide. Strong Towns is a for-impact organization that advocates for cities of all sizes to be safe, livable, and inviting. Van Eeden Petersman is a skilled communicator and community builder. He leads Deltans for People-Oriented Places, a Local Conversations group, and is a leader of the Strong Towns Toastmasters Club. He will discuss the relevant topic of breaking out of the housing trap.

BREAKING OUT OF THE HOUSING TRAP
Norm Van Eeden Petersman
Strong Towns
April 25, 2023

Justice Richard Bernstein was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in 2014 and became the first blind justice. He is an attorney, an educator, and a former Wayne State University Board of Governors Chair. Throughout his career, Justice Bernstein's cases often set national standards. Among them, he partnered with the U.S. Department of Justice to force the City of Detroit to fix broken wheelchair lifts on its buses, establishing a precedent for accessibility in public transportation. Justice Bernstein will discuss inclusion and how it is imperative for a healthy community.

INCLUSION: A HEALTHY COMMUNITY IMPERATIVE
Justice Richard Bernstein
MI Supreme Court
March 21, 2023

Christine Porath is an author and Associate Professor at the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University and a consultant who works with leading organizations to help them create a thriving workplace. Her research has appeared in publications like the Harvard Business Review. She has been featured on 20/20, FOX News, CNN, The Wall Street Journal, and The Washington Post, among others. Porath will discuss the surprising ways coming together moves us from surviving to thriving.

SURPRISING WAYS COMING TOGETHER MOVES US FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING
Christine Porath
Author of Mastering Community
May 16, 2023

Karen McPhee serves as a leadership coach and strategic planning facilitator in school districts and other education-related initiatives in Michigan. In 2015-2016, McPhee served as Governor Rick Snyder's Senior Policy Advisor on Education. Before this, McPhee worked at the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District for 31 years and served as superintendent for 11 years. McPhee will facilitate each session and wrap up the series with a community roundtable discussion where she will guide conversation, reflecting on each session and how attendees can apply the information to individual communities.

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED? ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
Karen McPhee
Leadership Coach and Strategic Planner
May 23, 2023

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Matt Dunsmoore is a Simon Sinek Master Trainer specializing in company culture, innovation, purpose, and leadership development. Dunsmoore will present The Infinite Game and discuss the difference between finite and infinite games and the five practices required to lead in an infinite game. In addition, he will explore a new way of looking at leadership, the environment inside an organization, and how to maintain and rebuild trust.

THE INFINITE GAME
Matt Dunsmoore
Simon Sinek Master Trainer
February 28, 2023

Justice Richard Bernstein
MI Supreme Court
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