

**Citizen involvement is needed to maintain and enhance the quality of life.**



**BLUE EARTH COUNTY**

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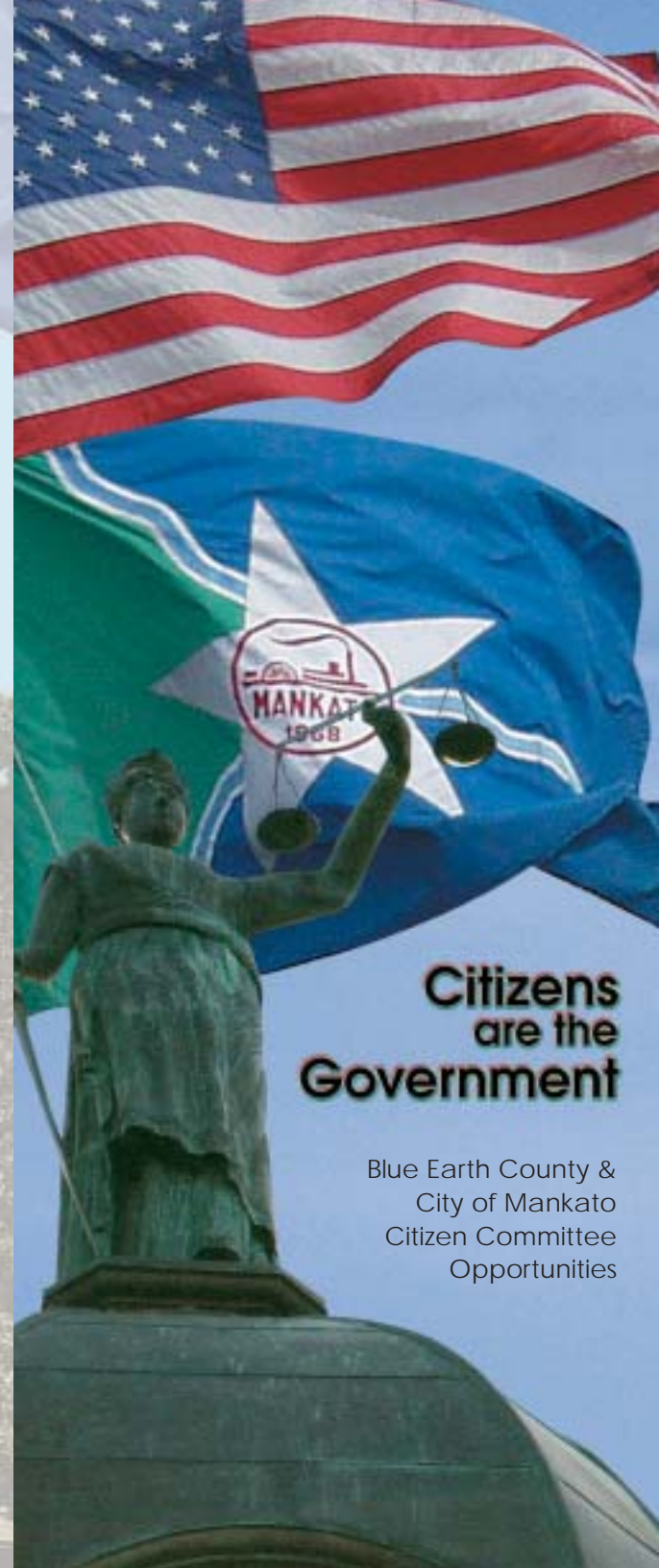
Blue Earth County  
Public Information Office at 304-4491  
Email: [info@co.blue-earth.mn.us](mailto:info@co.blue-earth.mn.us)  
Or apply online at:  
[www.co.blue-earth.mn.us/citizenapp](http://www.co.blue-earth.mn.us/citizenapp)



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Mankato's City Clerk  
at 387-8626 or 387-8607  
Email: [cclerk@city.mankato.mn.us](mailto:cclerk@city.mankato.mn.us)  
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**Citizens are the Government**

Blue Earth County &  
City of Mankato  
Citizen Committee  
Opportunities

# city of Mankato residents

**Board of Review** (meets two days a year, typically in the spring, prior to the Blue Earth County Board of Review): The purpose of the City Board of Review is to listen to citizen concerns on valuations of their property. The Board of Review has the authority to increase or decrease (within 1%) property value.

**Environmental Committee** (typically meets monthly the third Wednesday at 4 p.m.): The primary function of the Environmental Committee is to review each public and private project in environmentally sensitive areas and consider the environmental impacts of the project.

**Mass Transit Advisory Committee** (typically meets monthly the second Tuesday at 4 p.m.): The Mass Transit Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the City Council on the city bus system. This includes bus schedule changes and services, revenues and expenditures, and the special needs of various users of the city bus system.

**Joint Civil Service Commission** (typically meets monthly, annually, or as necessary): The Civil Service Commission interviews applicants for positions with the police and fire divisions. The Civil Service Commission governs the procedures used in the application process, testing, appointment, and promotion.

**Planning Commission** (typically meets monthly the fourth Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.): The Planning Commission's primary function is to evaluate proposed planning and zoning requests. This includes variances from the city code, conditional use permits, and rezoning applications. Other responsibilities include subdivision review, review of proposed ordinance changes, and assisting in updating the comprehensive plan.

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**Human Services Advisory Committee** (typically meets monthly the second Thursday at 6 p.m.): The purpose of the Human Services Advisory Committee is to provide input to the County Board relating to service developments, priorities, budgeting and evaluation in the areas of mental health, community health, social services, and financial assistance.

**Social Services Task Force** (typically meets monthly the first Monday at 5:15 p.m.): Members of the Social Services Task Force provide community input on policies and services related to protection of children and vulnerable adults, child and adult foster care, adoption, family-based services, developmental disabilities, family daycare licensing, child care funding, sexual violence, and chemical dependency.

**Mental Health Task Force** (typically meets monthly the first Thursday at 6 p.m.): Members of the Mental Health Task Force provide community input on policies, treatment and services related to personal and marital adjustment, parent-child relationships, child therapy, problems associated with aging, legal commitments, as well as case management for persons with serious and persistent mental illness.

**Community Health Task Force** (typically meets monthly the first Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.): Members of the Community Health Task Force provide input on services related to health issues affecting the community. This includes activities such as health education, school health, home health care, tobacco prevention, immunizations, and communicable disease control.

**South Central Children's Project Children's Cabinet** (meets quarterly): The Children's Cabinet is made up of administrators and parents from school districts and counties participating in the South Central Children's Project. Each participating school district and county appoint a representative to assist in the development of procedures, fiscal oversight, and policy recommendations.

**South Central Children's Project Local Advisory Committee** (meets quarterly): The Local Advisory Committee meets periodically with South Central Children's Project staff, community service providers, parents, and interested citizens to determine how services can be most effective and useful to children and families.

**Community Corrections Advisory Board** (typically meets the second Friday at 7:30 a.m.): The Community Corrections Advisory Board, which consists of citizens and corrections professionals, gives advice, reviews programs, and makes recommendations on corrections programs that serve Blue Earth County citizens.

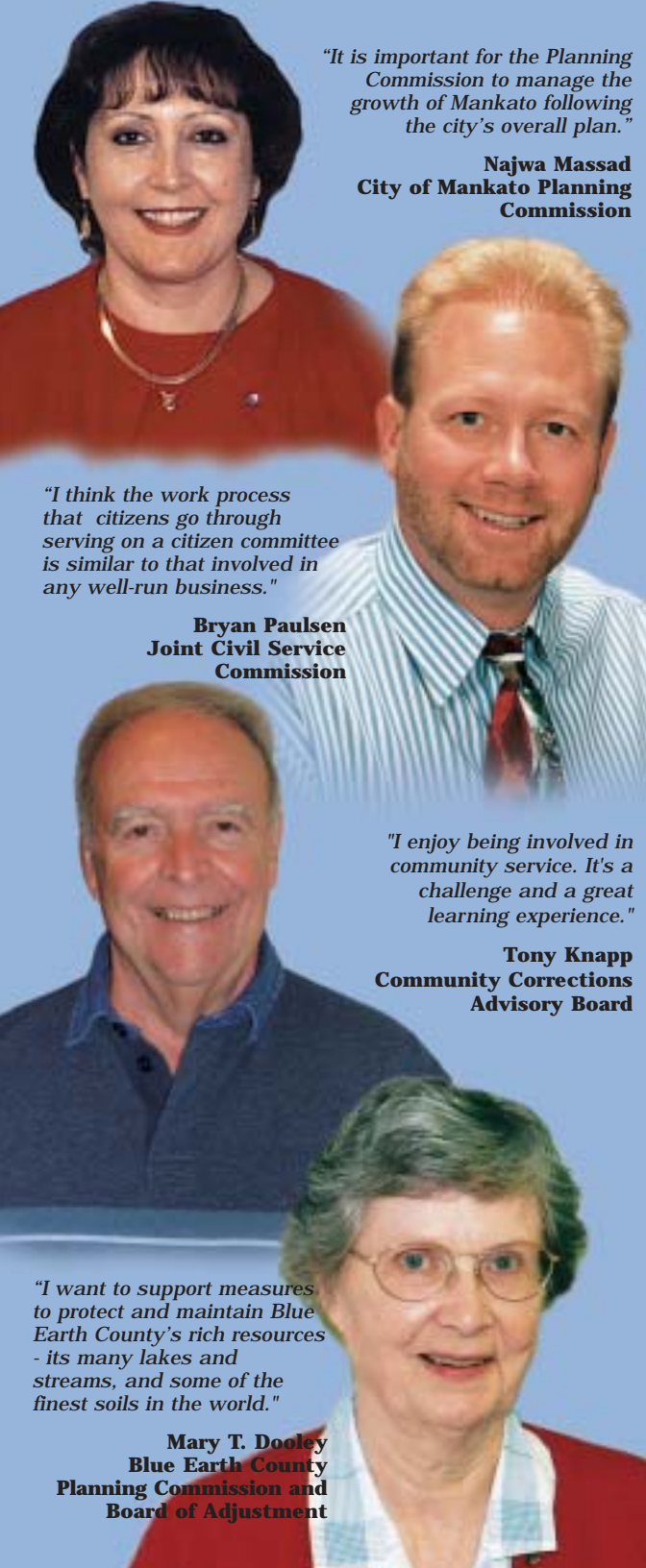
**Extension Committee** (typically meets quarterly): The Extension program is an educational outreach program of the University of Minnesota that targets farm families and businesses, youth (4-H and others), consumers, limited-resource families, and gardeners. The Extension Committee's responsibilities include program development and evaluation, budget recommendations, staff hiring and evaluation, and promotion of programs.

**Recycling Education Committee** (typically meets monthly the first Wednesday at 6 p.m.): The Recycling Education Committee makes recommendations on recycling and waste reduction in Blue Earth County. The committee is responsible for creating action plans for projects, displays and presentations, and participates in school presentations, Earth Day, the County Fair, and home shows.

**Environmental Services Advisory Committee** (typically meets monthly the third Thursday at 3:30 p.m.): The Environmental Services Advisory Committee provides advice and recommendations on Environmental Services issues. The committee works to identify community environmental needs, assists in the development of goals and policies, reviews state and federal regulations, and acts as a resource for the public.

**Planning Commission** (typically meets monthly the first Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.): The Commission is responsible for holding public hearings to consider ordinances and ordinance amendments, review land development requests, and to forward recommendations to the County Board of Commissioners for final approval of land-use issues.

**Board of Adjustment** (typically meets as needed on the first Wednesday at 7 p.m.): This Board is a quasi-judicial body that makes decisions when citizens appeal for variances, or exceptions, to the County's existing land-use regulations.



*"It is important for the Planning Commission to manage the growth of Mankato following the city's overall plan."*

**Najwa Massad**  
City of Mankato Planning Commission

*"I think the work process that citizens go through serving on a citizen committee is similar to that involved in any well-run business."*

**Bryan Paulsen**  
Joint Civil Service Commission

*"I enjoy being involved in community service. It's a challenge and a great learning experience."*

**Tony Knapp**  
Community Corrections Advisory Board

*"I want to support measures to protect and maintain Blue Earth County's rich resources - its many lakes and streams, and some of the finest soils in the world."*

**Mary T. Dooley**  
Blue Earth County Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment

# citizen committee opportunities