



greater MANKATO *this month*

Getting Involved in your Greater Mankato Community

One of the key assets of Greater Mankato is the willingness of its citizens to get involved for the betterment of our community. Greater Mankato has a wealth of opportunities for citizens to become engaged in a variety of areas.

Through the Envision 2020 (E2020) initiative alone, more than 20 task forces and special project teams are working to enhance our community (e.g. early childhood education, health improvement, energy conservation). You can learn about all the E2020 task forces and special projects and how you can get involved at the upcoming Envision 2020 Expo and Annual Meeting on **May 20** from 4:30–6:30 p.m. at the Verizon Wireless Center. From 4:30-5:00 p.m. E2020 leaders will review the past year's accomplishments and from 5:00-6:30 p.m. attendees will have the opportunity to visit with exhibitors from each taskforce and organization. To learn more visit envision-2020.com.

If you're interested in making a more formal commitment to our region, I would encourage you to consider running for office. I realize this requires a significant dedication, but what a fantastic way to contribute to your community. If our community is to continue to thrive, we need our best and brightest to represent us at the local, state and national level. The filing period for elected offices is **May 18 – June 1, 2010**. For a listing of



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open positions, visit the Public Affairs area of Greater Mankato Growth's website greatermankato.com/publicaffairs.php.

Throughout the election season, GMG will utilize this website, along with candidate forums and surveys, to provide information on all sides of the issues important to the business community, as well as opportunities for dialogue between business representatives and existing and potential public policy makers.

Which leads me to another way we can all make a positive impact on our communities – get informed on the issues important to you and then Vote.

No matter what you do and regardless of how much time you spend, it's always worthwhile when you are contributing to the betterment of Greater Mankato.



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Apply to be a part of the 2010-11 Leadership Institute, the area's comprehensive leadership training program with a professional, personal and community focus. For more information and an application, visit greatermankato.com/gmg-leadershipinstitute.php. Applications due **June 4**.

Envision 2020 EXPO AND ANNUAL MEETING

May 20 at the Verizon wireless Center

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Annual Accomplishments

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Exhibits by E2020 taskforces & organizations

Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend and get involved in E2020!