



HERE WE GROWN AGAIN: Community garden volunteers Debbie Bently, Allison Jones, Lynn Reilly, Sloane Boorman and George Magee gathered recently to prepare for the growing season. - Dawn Brown photo

## Things Are Growing at the Acton Community Garden

By: Dawn Brown

April showers bring May flowers, and there are big plans for growth at the Acton Community Garden in Rotary Park. Volunteers met this past Wednesday, May 6 to clean up the beds after a long winter and to start planning for this year's growing season.

Allison Jones, who oversees the garden, explained that it would be expanding this year to include a three sisters garden—a traditional indigenous garden plan which focuses on the benefits of companion plants like corn, beans and squash—and a tea garden.

Also, on Saturday, June 6, with the help of the T.R.A.C.K Program—The Teen Random Acts of Community Kindness program through Halton Regional Police—they will be installing wheelchair accessible beds.

The community garden will continue to maintain the children's garden and touch up

the monarch butterfly pollinator waystation, which was planted late last year. While continuing to maintain the 20 raised beds, there are also plans to overhaul the herb garden, as well as provide canning workshops in partnership with the community kitchen at St. Alban's Anglican Church.

The community garden is a cooperative garden, which is shared with all of Acton. For those who participate in the weekly *work bees* on Wednesday evenings, and additional *work bees* as scheduled, they are welcome to take something from the garden home, based on their needs. The garden also shares with the Food For Life program.

"We really want to encourage intergenerational and community based gardening, and to teach people where food comes from," Jones explained.

For more information about the Acton Community Garden, visit their Facebook page.

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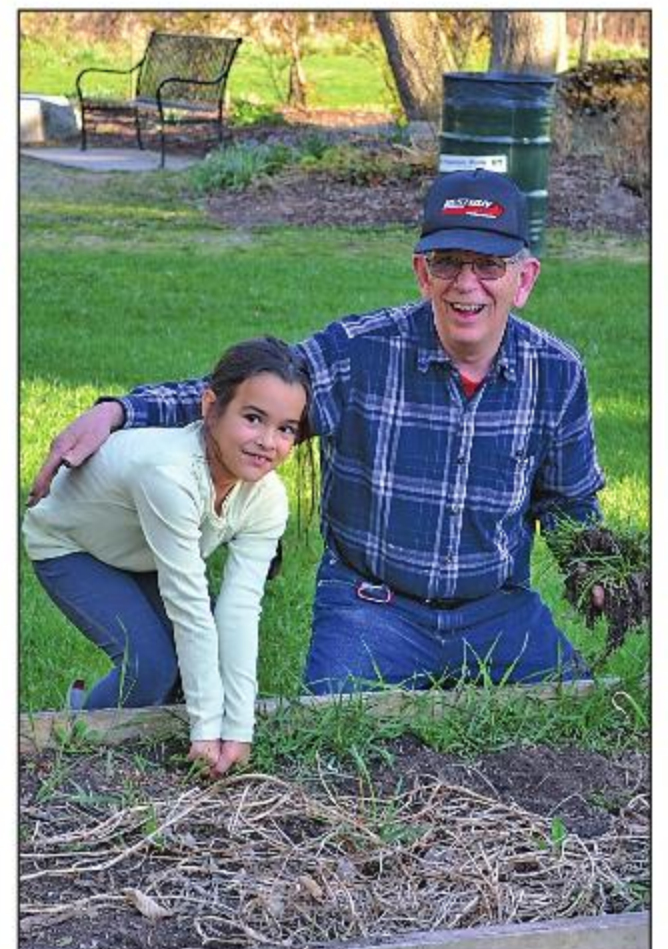
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