Garden Party celebrates successful season at Acton Community Garden

A garden party was held on the evening of August 9th at the Acton Community Garden, hosted by Halton Environmental Network, to thank and celebrate the volunteers and community partners for the hard work they put into making this year's growing season a success.

The Community Garden saw quite the bumper crop and because of the amount of produce at the garden, Elin Marley, Director of Garden Programs and Environmental Education of the Halton Environmental Network, is encouraging the community to harvest.

"We share the work in the garden, we share the harvest in the garden, and whenever anyone comes by, we're always encouraging people to harvest. The more we harvest, the more it (the garden) produces. That's one of the pieces of communication that we've been really trying to share with the community this year, is really trying to encourage people to harvest."

Along with harvesting produce, Marley ensures that nothing goes to waste whenever possible.

"Whatever we harvest, when we have our work bees and gatherings, that nobody is taking home right away, we generally take it to the community fridge at the library and the Roxy Centre."

Marley also notes that, during the season, some of the garden boxes were replaced through generous donations from Leathertown Lumber and Robyn King of Desjardins Insurance, with Red's Garden Centre donating soil.

While the growing season is starting to wind down,

there is still lots of work to be done at the garden throughout the fall.

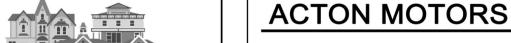
If you are interested in lending a hand, work bees take place each Wednesday evening at the Acton Community Garden, which is located at Rotary Park on Elizabeth Drive. For more information on the garden, and to get involved, you can visit haltonenvironet.ca.



Left: A very lively look at the Acton Community Garden's crops that proved successful this year, thanks to volunteers and ideal growing conditions.



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