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Nancy,

Another season for the Mason Community Garden is completed. As always, all 24 plots plus 6 raised beds were rented out. Also, 5 plots were designated to grow produce for the Mason Food Bank. We also have one plot set aside for herb plantings and one plot for garlic and onions, that all participants may harvest. We are still affected by nearby black walnut trees that exude a toxin in the soil, so two other plots which cannot grow produce, are planted with flowers.

This year the MCG donated a total of 470 pounds of produce including string beans, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash, onions, kale and cabbage. We did experience challenges as always, including early hot weather, squash beetles, Japanese beetles and invading woodchucks.

To promote plant pollination, we encourage our growers to plant an abundance of flowers. A wide variety brings added beauty to the garden. In addition, three hand made birdhouses were installed to attract bug-eating birds.

We had help from Community Building Services of Mason who repaired 5 of our raised beds at no charge. We also purchased two new raised beds to assist a handicapped gardener to try her hand at growing her own vegetables and flowers.

Many of our gardeners will be returning, but we may have a plot or two available next year. Many thanks to our sponsor, Mason Community Services and also the Garden Project of the Greater Lansing Food Bank for their ongoing support.

Sincerely,



Crystal Noecker
Site Coordinator