

Newsletter

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Thank you!

To all of you who were able to be part of our Community Conversation on November 30th... Thank you! We had a great turn out and as a result, gathered a big list of ideas over the course of two jam-packed hours. For those of you who were unable to attend, here are the highlights of the event.

- Approximately 50 community members and representatives of various organizations attended.
- The Mount Forest Family Health Team initiated this project but over time will pass the reigns to a Community Garden Leadership Committee (CGLC).
- \$1500 was awarded by [Our Food Future](#) to begin the planning process.
- The garden is located in the area of Sligo and Foster Streets, donated by Alan Sharpe for a minimum of 3 years.
- Grant applications, partnerships and volunteer recruitment is well underway
- The Community Garden Leadership Committee will host a follow up meeting for the community in February Watch for announcements about our next meeting on [Facebook](#), or [add your email to the mailing list](#)

February is Planning Month

The Community Garden Leadership Committee (CGLC) is meeting in February to begin laying out the processes of how the garden will operate. Thank you to those of you who kindly stepped up to bring your skills to this very important task. Just like gardening, laying a good foundation for this project will be important for the success and longevity of all the activities of the Mount Forest Community Garden.



Membership

Are you, your family, group or organization interested in growing a garden in 2023? The Community Garden Leadership Committee is now gathering names. Knowing how much interest is out there will help us with the planning process.

Call or email: 519-321-1181 emann@mountforestfht.com to express your interest.

NOTE: actual applications for Membership will be made available at a later time.





Future site of the Mount Forest Community Garden.

Education

Area schools and students, will have opportunities to get involved with the garden project this spring, over the summer months and in September when school resumes.

Want to learn how your class can be involved? Watch Facebook and our website for more information as it becomes available.



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Information Sharing

Community projects succeed best when there is good communication. We welcome your help in spreading the word about the garden and refer those that want to be involved in some way!

Also, we are seeking a few volunteers to help us with online information sharing, including capturing the project in pictures as it develops. If you are interested in helping us by taking pictures, updating social media, researching gardening ideas etc, let us know!

This might be a good volunteer opportunity for a student in need of community hours, or really...anyone with an interest in contributing to this project.



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The Mount Forest Community Garden is an initiative of the Mount Forest Family Health Team.