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Catalyst Park Community Garden Beds

Mason County WSU Master Gardeners are starting off the 2023 season at their Catalyst Park garden, located at the corner of 8th and Harvard in Shelton. This multi-purpose space serves as a demonstration garden and houses a community garden, a greenhouse, and a food bank garden that donates 2-3000 pounds of produce to Saints' Pantry Food Bank every year.

This past winter, Master Gardeners worked hard to improve the community garden beds. The area now showcases a variety of raised bed gardening methods. A new, more efficient irrigation system is also being installed to reduce costs and educate visitors about water conservation.

Community gardeners are able to pay a small annual fee to rent a 4'x8' bed, 2'x6' stock tank bed, or ADA-accessible bed. Gardeners get access to a ready-to-plant garden space, irrigation, weekly time to chat with Master Gardeners, and free monthly educational workshops on topics such as building healthy soil, vertical and square-foot gardening, companion planting, pest management, and seed saving.

If you are interested in becoming involved at Catalyst Park or getting involved with the Mason County Master Gardener Program, stop by the WSU Mason County Extension Office M-TH, 10:00AM-4:00PM at 303 N. 4th St. in Shelton or contact the Program Coordinator, Tessa Halloran, at (360) 427-9670 ext. 682 or Tessa.Halloran@wsu.edu.

For additional information about WSU Extension Mason County and its programs go to <https://extension.wsu.edu/mason>.

Applications for community garden beds are due April 3rd and are available at the Extension Office, through the Program Coordinator, or on the WSU Extension Mason County Website.

Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension Office.

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WSU Extension Mason County Master Gardeners working hard to get some of the last updated community garden beds constructed at Catalyst Park, January 2023.