

Bittersweet Harvest

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The weather is cooling down and so is the growing season. We've harvested the last of our tomatoes and greens at the 6th street garden. It's bittersweet knowing that this will be our last year growing produce at 6th & Monticello.

Due to city redevelopment, the plot of land where the garden has been since 2007 will be used to build affordable housing. While we're happy that the city has committed to build new affordable homes, we sure will miss connecting with the community at this site. Don't worry though, we will still be growing plenty of produce throughout the city!

Our biggest garden will be at CATEC. It's a 10,000 square foot plot we are currently prepping with the Piedmont Master Gardeners. We've already started to build great relationships with the staff and students at CATEC. The Culinary Arts department helped us host a market day this month by preparing free bags of produce for students. In the future, the Culinary department plans to prepare delicious meals out of the vegetables grown at the school. Stay tuned, we may be bringing those meals near you next year!

→ Earlier this month, we milled lumber at Morven Farms with a group of dedicated volunteers. We were grateful that this event fell on a beautiful autumn day. The mountain views were breathtaking and the smell of fresh cedar filled the air. CATEC construction students will be using the lumber we processed that day to construct raised beds for our new gardens. It's always rewarding to utilize local, sustainable resources.

Finally, we closed out the season at our annual 6th Street Garden Gathering. We gave out produce and hot meals while having fun with our neighbors (wearing masks and socially distancing). It's especially fulfilling to connect with our community despite the continued disruption of COVID. We look forward to spending more time with you in person as restrictions ease in the future.