

CARVER COMMUNITY GARDEN PROVIDES A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST



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Just one look at the man smiling from ear to ear with his arms full of beautiful corn shows that The Carver Community Garden formed this past spring has been a resounding success! The city of Johnson City has been generous in their support of this garden, as they have helped install water (which they provide at no charge!), have erected a fence around the garden (which came from privately donated funds), and purchased a tool shed as well! There is already talk of expanding this community garden idea to other locations.

The next stage is to improve the soil over the winter, using compost and organic matter. If funding can be found the group hopes to build raised beds before planting begins next spring.

Community gardens are a wonderful way for people on a set income to deal with the rising price of food and the unsteady economy. For Master Gardeners, this garden provides an opportunity to earn service hours and to teach others how to garden successfully.

Anyone who has questions about the project or who would like to help is asked to call Sam Jones at 349-6119 or email at: simpleintn@yahoo.com.

FESTIVAL TIME AT EXCHANGE PLACE!

Exchange Place Living History Farm, 4812 Orebank Road in Kingsport, will hold its 36th annual Fall Folk Arts Festival on Saturday, September 27, from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, September 28, from 12 noon to 5 pm. The Festival will focus on harvest time activities on an 1850s farm with an emphasis on pioneer arts and crafts, traditional foods and music. Children's activities will include demonstrations of hearthside cooking, apple butter and cider making and blacksmithing. Artisans will demonstrate and sell traditional crafts including baskets, woven goods, pottery, dried flower arrangements, and wooden items. The Harvest Market will feature autumn plants and produce. Admission is \$1 for adults and \$.50 for children. For more information, call 423-288-6071. Master Gardeners will have an information booth. To volunteer to staff the booth, contact Joy Moore at 348-6572 or jonmoore@tricon.net.

