

Portland downtown rummage sale set for April 15-16

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PORTLAND - The Portland Main Street program will be hosting its second annual downtown rummage sale on the second floor of City Hall on April 15-16. This sale is in conjunction with the City's annual spring cleanup to be held two weeks later on April 29-30.

"Many people at this time of the year are gearing up for the garage sale season, and our Organization and Finance committee felt that this was a great opportunity to kick off this season in downtown Portland," said Main Street Manager Patrick Reagan.

City residents will be able to reserve a space on the second floor of City Hall and pay Main Street just 10 percent of their sale proceeds. In addition, Portland Main Street is exploring ways residents can donate items such as eyeglasses, cell phones, and other items that can be used to help those in need. And those who don't want to hold their own sale are welcome to donate items for Main Street to sell.

It also gives residents a chance to sell unwanted items before the spring cleanup.

"Rather than simply filling landfills with unwanted items, this event allows the community members to sell their treasures

to their friends, neighbors, fellow residents, and visitors," said Reagan. "The best part about this event is the fact that we don't have to deal with the uncertainty of 'Mother nature' in this climate-controlled setting."

Space is limited, so individuals interested in having a space at the rummage sale must fill out a form located on the Portland Main Street website, www.portlandmainstreet.org.

In addition to hosting the sale, Main Street is encouraging churches, non-profits, and other organizations to hold their own sales on the same weekend. For a \$20 contribution, Main Street will include all other sales in its promotional materials and will print maps with all sales locations. "More rummage sales mean more shoppers," said Organization and Finance Committee chair Julie Clement.

"We encourage people to come on the April 15-16 to shop at the rummage sale, and then to explore everything else our downtown has to offer," said Reagan.

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