

June 1 citywide rummage sale to aid history group

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A citywide rummage sale, similar to those held in Saukville, Fredonia and Belgium, is being planned for Port Washington.

The inaugural community rummage sale, sponsored by the Port Washington Historical Society, will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 1.

As in other communities, the event draws its name from the fact that many people throughout the city will hold rummage sales that day. Those participating in the event register and are included on a map that shows the locations of individual sales.



“I like the idea of having a one-day, coordinated event,” organizer Chris Asplin said, noting that it will likely increase the number of shoppers and the number of sales occurring that day.

“You don’t have to look in the paper every week if you’re looking for something. It’s very convenient that way.”

Asplin said she based plans for the Port Washington event on Saukville’s community rummage sale, which benefits the Saukville Historical Society.

As in Saukville, there will be a nominal fee — \$5 — charged for a sale to be included in advertising, event maps and brochures. Participants will be able to list three items that are for sale in the brochure.

The Port event will be held the same day the outdoor farmers market opens for the season, something that Asplin hopes will also increase the number of shoppers.

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Asplin said she's not sure what type of turnout there will be in this first year.

"I've already heard a lot of people are really excited about this," she said. "I'm hoping for good weather."

Among the places where registration forms can be found are Edward Jones, Harry's Restaurant, the Niederkorn Library, Port Washington State Bank, Sentry Foods, the Port Washington Chamber of Commerce and Tri-Par, BP and Citgo gas stations in Port Washington.

The forms must be received by the Historical Society by May 25.