



Montgomery Place ACTIVITIES

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Dates to Remember *

June **Garbage Collection**
June 3, 10, 17 24

June 17 **Deadline**
Newsletter Submission
email:
communications@montgomeryplace.ca
Drop off 3363 Cassino Ave.

June 9 **Association Meeting**
7:00pm Montgomery School

A big thanks to the residents of Montgomery Place. The annual garage sale (nice weather again) was a great success again. The following is an article from the Star Phoenix.

Would you take 25 cents for that?
Reporter sees how far \$20 will go at
garage sale
By Jeremy Warren, The
StarPhoenixMay 4, 2009

At the annual Montgomery Place neighbourhood garage sale -- Saskatoon's largest -- one can learn a lot about desperation. There are people anxious to unload a lifetime's worth of amassed goods or redundant furniture and the people desperate to buy those items at deeply discounted prices. One woman was furiously grabbing the shoulders of shoppers Saturday morning, trying to rid herself of a microwave. "Does anyone want a free microwave? Please, somebody take it," she said. My task: Take that desperation and \$20 and bargain down every purchase to see how far it stretches in this frantic hub of neighbourhood commerce. The best deal of the day was a barbecue for \$5, perfect for a small patio. The next most expensive item cost \$4, a cheeseburger and pop combo purchased from a Scouts Canada fundraiser. Each item in the rest of my haul didn't pass \$3, thanks to one rule: Negotiate a discount or walk away. With two exceptions, all finds were

bought for half the sticker price. Bargaining for several books, including a two-for-one deal of Hunter Thompson's *The Great Shark Hunt* and a short biography and scrapbook of '70s heartthrob Shaun Cassidy that cost 25 cents, were the easiest deals to make. The two books in hand, I went up to the table's cashier and put a quarter in her hand. "Will that do?" With a slight hesitation, she nodded the confirmation. But not all haggling goes as smoothly. One house had three versions of *Trivial Pursuit* for sale, each one costing \$10. I said I would pay half that. "I'd rather keep them for that price," the seller said. The golf equipment and used electronics in his garage gave the impression this wasn't spring cleaning, but a chance to make money.

"I was here half an hour ago and they haven't sold. People are already marking down their prices," I said, referencing a table that had begun slashing prices before noon. He refused to budge and I walked away empty handed, but wiser. The costlier an item, the less likely one is to get a huge discount. People are more willing to part with pocket change than a \$5 bill. So start small and your money will go further. My \$20 that day bought a painting of Jesus with two disciples breaking bread (50 cents), four books (\$1), an All Saints CD (50 cents), a DVD of Paris Hilton's *A Simple Life* and a Matt Groening book (\$3) and a wrestling doll that responds with aggressive banter when you smash its head or appendages (originally \$5, bought for \$3). After a few more smaller purchases, the last dollar of the day went into the guitar case of a young busker. There are times when negotiating might be inappropriate. Kerstin and Mark Hettinga organized a garage sale to raise money for a friend's son who desperately needed a \$1,800 stroller made specifically for his medical needs. James Patterson, 18 months, has cerebral palsy and has been using an ordinary stroller. With

the help of friends and neighbours, the couple sold donated goods and food at their home and raised more than \$2,000. "We've sold a ton of stuff," said Mark. Even at a fundraiser, the bargain hunters tried to bring down the prices. "You realize it's gotta go, and so you sell it when you can," said Mark. I bought a copy of F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* from the Hettinga's table for 25 cents. In recent years, residents have begun selling on Friday, but Saturday is the big day with sellers on every block in the southwest Saskatoon neighbourhood. Montgomery Place is home to about 2,000 people. The community association doesn't track attendance or the number of homes hosting garage sales.

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A once obsolete technology, vinyl records are popular among music collectors and audiophiles and at the Montgomery garage sales, it's hard to find a table without a box of records. Peter Henderson, 23, found a table offering literally a handful of vinyl for a dollar. Among his picks, Heart, Gordon Lightfoot and Blood, Sweat and Tears. "I'm just trying to get my hands on people's collections," said Henderson. "But there's probably better stuff back in the houses. "When one comes across an item that must be bought, negotiations falter. A mint condition copy of Waylon Jennings' greatest hits is the one time my tough stance bent. With a shaggy beard and wearing a black cowboy hat on top of long hair with a half-smoked cigarette clenched in a grin, Waylon was coming home with me. It cost a dollar. "I'll give you 50 cents," I said. "One dollar. That box was full this morning," said my bargaining partner, smiling. "I can't go down. I can't sell enough vinyl. "He knew I was taking it and wouldn't budge. I bought Waylon for a dollar.

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Thursday, Jan 22	Mischief under \$5000	3100 Mountbatten St
Thursday, Jan 29	Theft of vehicle under \$5000	3400 Dieppe St
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Monday, Feb 23	Break & enter residential prop	3400 Ortona St
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Thursday, Apr 3	Theft under \$5000	3400 Armhem St
Thursday, Apr 9	Theft from vehicle under \$5000	3300 Cassino Ave
Saturday, Apr 11	Arson	1600 Haida Ave
Saturday, Apr 18	Mischief under \$5000	1200 Elevator Rd
Thursday, Apr 30	Graffiti	3200 Caen St



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