

## SouthFields Village first ever community garage sale will give new life to old stuff

SouthFields Village is hosting its first ever community garage sale this Saturday (Sept. 13) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Community garage sales are a wonderful way to bring neighbours together, allowing them to get to know each other, and a great way to give previously loved items new life with a new family. This community event follows many other successful community-building events in the SouthFields community, such as the Community Days, Community Clean-ups, Farmer's Market and the Easter Egg Hunts.

All the formal event organizing is paying off. Whenever there's a pickup basketball game between high school kids and a bunch of adults that thought they'd show the younger generation how it's done, or art in the park or soccer for toddlers. Neighbours from throughout the community are really starting to get to know each other and feel like engaging with each other.

The event's two main organizers, Lariza Shea and Andrea Kurz, have spearheaded this initiative by creating and distributing flyers door-to-door, with the help of a team of community volunteers. The two local moms hope the community garage sale will make it easier for their neighbours to clear out their garages and basements and make a little money at the same time.

The best part for residents who want to take part is that all they have to do is set up their items in their yard without going through the trouble of promoting their own sale.

"It's always better when done together," remarked Yevgenia Casale, who is assisting in the marketing of the sale.

The community garage sale also serves as a fundraiser for the community itself.

"We are hoping to spread the word to anyone who may have missed the flyer, so we can have as many people taking part as possible to make the event successful," Kurz explained. "It's the first year for this event and we are hoping to use it as a fundraiser for other community building initiatives."