

32nd Annual Solon-Area Garage Sale Days!
Friday, June 2nd & Saturday June 3rd, 2023

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General information:

- **Registration deadline is 6 p.m. Monday, May 22nd, 2023. NO EXCEPTIONS!** Registration will close BEFORE this time if we have reached our maximum number of sales (80 in-town). Early registration is strongly recommended.
- Registration is via **e-mail**. If you do not have access to e-mail, please call the Garage Sale Coordinator for assistance. **The Friends e-mail is FriendsSolonLibrary@gmail.com** and Coordinator's phone is (319) 400- 6746.
- You can register to be open on Friday only, Saturday only, or both days. At a minimum we strongly urge you to open from at least 8 a.m. – noon on Saturday. Most people find that it is not profitable to be open on Saturday after 1-2 p.m. Friday hours, if any, are up to you, but we have found that morning hours (9-12) and late afternoon/evening hours (3-6, 4-7) seem to be the best. Our advertising will indicate that some sales have extended hours and handouts will list the exact hours of each sale.
Tip: It is generally more successful to open on Friday or early on Saturday than to be open later on Saturday and/or on Sunday. Many sales are now offering special pricing during the last hour of their sales – indicate in your listing if you are doing that.
- Encourage your neighbors to register their sales or consider a multi-family sale – these tend to draw more customers.

Registration Fee:

- There is a registration fee of **\$10.00** for an in-town sale, and **\$5.00** for an out-of-town sale. (The registration fee is waived for non-profit groups.) The outside of town sales will NOT receive a numbered sign.
- The registration fee is used to pay for advertising and printing costs. The fee is NON-refundable in the event of rain.
- The sale event will be extensively advertised in area newspapers, on bank signs, and in local businesses.
- In-town registered sales will receive a sturdy metal sign with an insert indicating your sale's "number" for use on sale day(s). **(Sign & insert to be returned to the library for use in following years.)**
- Listings will appear on-line at the library's website at noon on the Thursday before sale days, and will be handed out at the library on Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

Registration Procedure:

- **Initial registration is done via e-mail.** If you do not have e-mail access, please call the Garage SaleCoordinator for assistance.
- **You will pay your registration fee at the library.** (Checks should be made payable to the *Friends of the Solon Library*). Your registration is NOT COMPLETE until your fee is paid and you receive an E-MAIL CONFIRMATION that you are registered. **If fee is not paid by 6 p.m. on May 22nd, your sale will NOT be listed.**

Information to include in your registration e-mail to FriendsSolonLibrary@gmail.com:

- Your **name** (contact person) and phone number
- The **address** of the sale – or indicate if you are requesting an outdoor space at the library.

You will be listed on a map by neighborhoods--please select one of the following as to where this address is located:

Inside City Limits:

- AT the library*
- Original/Old section of town*
- Old Mill Creek*
- Windmill Estates*
- Prairie Acres*
- Fox Ridge*
- Apple Valley*
- New Development (please write name here:_____)*

Outside City Limits:

- West of Solon*
- South of Solon*
- East of Solon*
- North of Solon*
- Lake Crest Manor (NW of Solon)*
- Twin View Heights (NW of Solon)*

- The **hours and days** you plan to hold your sale and any special pricing (1/2 price in last hr., etc.)
- Will you **cancel** in the event of **rain**?
- A **brief description of items** or types of items for sale. Your un-edited text will appear on the website listing (unless it is deemed to be excessively long), but we may need to edit down for the print version depending on how many sales we have, so please list items in priority order, as this will be how we edit the listing for the handout. (Listings are generally 25-75 words).
- Try to be as helpful as possible to potential shoppers: Instead of “clothing,” say “girls’ clothes 2T-4T;” instead of “bike” say “adult men’s bike,” etc.
- **Please indicate if you’ve paid the registration fee at the Solon Public Library!**

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IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES for 2023:

- May 22nd – 6 p.m. – Registration deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS. **Fee must be paid by this time or you will not be listed.**
- May 22nd – 6 p.m. – Deadline for any changes to your listing or to cancel your sale. These MUST go through the Garage Sale Coordinator, NOT the library.
- June 1st – June 3rd – Ads will appear in print media (Economist, Press-Citizen, Mt. Vernon-Lisbon Sun)
- June 1st by noon – listings will be available on the library's website (www.solon.lib.ia.us)
- June 1st (noon – 7 pm) – Garage Sale listings/map handout available at library.
- June 1st (by 7:30 p.m.) – SIGN DELIVERY for in-town (non-library site) sales. A volunteer will deliver your numbered sign to the address of the sale. If you are not at home, we will leave the sign by your FRONT DOOR. If your sale is not at a residence, please let us know where to deliver your sign.
- June 2nd – Friday sales open at various times.
- June 3rd – AT LIBRARY SITE sales should arrive between 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. to set up. DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 6:30 a.m. At 6:30 there will be a volunteer to direct you to your spot.
- By June 8th – **return garage sale sign to library—PLEASE RETURN TO BASEMENT ENTRANCE.**

PLEASE REFER ALL QUESTIONS TO THE GARAGE SALE COORDINATOR. The library staff does not coordinate the garage sales, nor do they have current information.

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