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MADISON, NJ - On Saturday Madison held its first town-wide garage sale with approximately 50 registered families peddling their wares. Ellen Kranefuss, a member of the Madison Environmental Commission and one of participants in the sale, explained that the event was “an effort to bring neighbors out to get to know each other, to sell and trade goods, and to keep unwanted and unused merchandise out of landfills.... It is a good way to get things into the hands of those who want them.” Kranefuss explained that the sale was spearheaded by Claire Whitcomb, Environmental Commission chair. Kranefuss and Whitcomb hope that the sale will become an annual town-wide event.

Kranefuss explained that if any of her merchandise does not sell, she has further options to recycle it. Either she will donate it to Kids' Consignment in Madison or the Viet Nam Vets or Good Will, and she donate the many used softballs she has to teams that need them.

Longtime residents Sally and David Lebwohl welcomed the town-wide sale because their house is on the market and they are down-sizing to Cambridge, Massachusetts. David Lebwohl stated that the sale came at the perfect time when they are reallocating 30 years of collecting. He proclaimed “it is amazing to find what is in your own house. It's nice that our possessions will go to local people.”

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At resident Laura Partynski's house, she and the other three members of the a cappella quartet, Anthology Quartet, sold cupcakes and merchandise and entertained the crowd with their melodic

harmonies. The other members are Kim Pulaski of Howell, Faith McDonald of Springfield, and Carol Bailey of Mountainside. The group rehearses in Madison and participates in the Sweet Adelines International competition. They plan to use the money earned at the garage sale to help pay for coaching, travel, and costumes. The group is available to perform and can be reached via Facebook at AnthologyQuartetSAI and at Impartynski@hotmail.com.

A happy shopper from Chester declared that he was planning on filling his truck at the multiple garage sales in Madison.

Also noted there were many additional houses that did participate in the sale but did not benefit from the publicity and the google map provided via media to out of town residents.

"We are hoping to keep the momentum rolling and do this at least once a year if not more," said Whitcomb.