

## Theft at Community Yard Sale

This is a letter to the person(s) who stole the 4 hat boxes from my table at the Community Yard Sale in King.

Stealing is wrong and you know that. Even children know that.

If you feel that you got away with something, I feel sorry for you. This must be your life's work taking things that don't belong to you and feeling justified in doing so.

I had rented a table at the Community Yard Sale at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg for the sale on Saturday, May 3. I came at 3 p.m., my scheduled set up time, was greeted at the door by security and staff, offered my receipt and they said they didn't need to see it. Red flag. I set the table up with all my articles and my lovely hat boxes that I had hoped to sell. I finished set up, covered my table with a tarp at 4 p.m. and left.

Set up times were from Friday, May 2, 12:30-6 p.m. and Saturday, 6-7 a.m. At these times only the vendors are allowed in. No one put an ink stamp on the hand of the vendors or helpers. Another red flag. I set up Friday.

When I returned Saturday morning to my table, the hat boxes were gone. Someone had taken my hat boxes during set up time. The security people and I looked around at all the vendor tables, but could not see them.

A lady approached the lady at the table next to mine, and asked if she was the lady who had the hat boxes, she replied ?no.? I hadn't arrived yet.

If this lady has any information about the hat boxes, I would sure appreciate her getting in touch with me.

I e-mailed all of the King councillors about this incident with suggestions for better security and they all replied and will have a discussion with council about this, so it doesn't happen again at set up times.

I suggested that all vendors and their helpers have their hands stamped with a special vendors stamp (like at the Main Street Christmas). They can bring items and boxes in but must leave emptied handed, even if they have to return to their cars or trucks for more stuff, no boxes or items leave the arena until the sale starts at 8 a.m. Saturday. They must show their stamp each time they re-enter. Plus they must show their receipts.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone who has had a similar experience at the Community Yard Sale.

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