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## CAR BAZAAR, A PARKING GARAGE FLEA MARKET, POPS-UP THIS APRIL IN DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH

- Makers, artists, retailers, vintage collectors, garage-sellers and more invited to sell their wares from the trunks of their cars
- Shoppers can browse through a festive, multi-level open-air atmosphere featuring live music, hot food, and craft cocktails

**Downtown Pittsburgh** – A Downtown parking garage is being repurposed to house the ultimate Pittsburgh garage sale. Today, the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership announced the launch of the <u>Car Bazaar</u>, a Pittsburgh twist on the beloved British "Car Boot" sale tradition. This parking garage flea market is open to makers, artists, retailers, and people offering second-hand items, all selling goods from their car's "boot" or trunk. Expect the unexpected with unique finds, quirky art objects, apparel, vintage, and kitsch stretching through the upper levels of the garage, including the roof when weather permits. Kicking-off on Saturday, April 3, the market will be open each Saturday in April from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Sixth and Penn Parking Garage. Visitor access to the garage can be found at 542 Penn Avenue.

Shoppers will enjoy a festive atmosphere throughout the garage while browsing, including live music, along with hot food and brunch cocktails from Downtown restaurant favorites, including täkō and Talia. Sellers of all types of goods will set up shop from the trunks of their vehicles across the upper floors of the parking garage. The market is free for visitors and open to the public, with a limited number of discounted \$3 parking spots available with advance reservation online.

"Spring is around the corner and Downtown is rolling out the warm weather welcome mat, starting with the Car Bazaar! We are excited to launch this larger-than-life garage sale, and we can't wait to see what people will bring out to sell, upcycle, and share. This new opportunity provides yet another way to safely enjoy shopping in the heart of the city," said Jeremy Waldrup, President and CEO of the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership. "April showers won't dampen the fun, either, as the garage offers shelter with ventilation and ample room for social distancing."

Health and safety precautions for the event will be incorporated based on the latest guidance from the Allegheny County Health Department. Face masks will be required for all staff, sellers, and visitors, with social distancing enforced throughout the open-air facility. Full details, including safety guidelines, seller registration, discounted parking, weekly entertainment lineups, and restaurant pop-up listings, will be available at <a href="CarBazaarPGH.com">CarBazaarPGH.com</a>.

## SELLERS, MAKERS, CRAFTERS, AND COLLECTORS WANTED

Seller spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Vendor fees are only \$15 per week and include all day parking along with an additional adjacent parking space. Weekly pre-registration is strongly encouraged and available each week at CarBazaarPGH.com, along with information on vendor guidelines. A waitlist option will be available if spaces sell out, with additional spaces added if the weather permits expanding onto the garage rooftop. Same day drive-up vendors will be also accepted if space permits, with updates on availability posted via the PDP's social media channels.

## **About the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership**

The Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership (PDP) is a dynamic, nonprofit organization comprised of business and community leaders, property owners, civic organizations, foundations and residents who provide energy, vision and advocacy for Downtown Pittsburgh. Working collaboratively with its partners, the PDP strives to create a positive Downtown experience for residents, workers and

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