Economic Alternatives

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A community or neighborhood yard sale is where multiple households in a neighborhood or community come together to host yard sales on the same day. This is a great way to make some extra money while getting rid of things you don't need any more as well as fostering a community.

As a child my neighborhood hosted a community yard sale. The convenience of multiple sales in one area brought in a lot of shoppers. The neighborhood kids got together and walked from sale to sale exchanging old toys with each other.

02

TIKTOK CASHMOB

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When a local business is not doing well, individuals within the local community can band together and pledge to buy something. This can help the business owners recover from a bad week or month as well as establish regular customers who may not have known about the business previously.

Tiktoker Keith Lee uses his platform to uplift failing small restaurants. He brings attention to local gems and encourages the community to get out and try new local places. He has successfully kept multiple businesses from closing.

03
Black Bear Exchange

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The Black bear Exchange is an on campus food pantry and clothing swap. It is open and free to all Umaine students, staff, and faculty who may be struggling. They accept clothing donations at all times and financial donations are used to purchase the food.

04

HACKERSPACE

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    A Hackerspace is a community based workshop that provides the technology, tools, and materials that can be used to create.

      The University of Maine houses a Hackerspace in the Memorial Union. This space has sewing machines, 3D printers, and more that are all free to use for the Umaine community.

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