

# Rudgate & Applegate Trails Ramblings



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Rudgate & Applegate Trails Community Updates • Winter/Spring 2018

Please join  
our Rudgate  
& Applegate  
Trails  
Neighbors  
Facebook group!



*The Home Expo is  
March 8th to  
March 11th*

I am in the process of  
purchasing Home Expo  
Tickets. Please contact me  
immediately if you are  
interested in attending.



## Current State of the REAL ESTATE MARKET

Dear Friends,

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with an overview of our 2017 real estate market, and a preview of 2018 in the Greater Kalamazoo Area. I believe knowledge regarding your local real estate market is imperative, and can be beneficial when navigating through future buying, selling and investment decisions.

In 2017, Kalamazoo County recorded its highest sales volume in the history of the county. Although we are finding that consumer confidence is high, this improved demand has created a significant shortage of homes in our Greater Kalamazoo market. The information below will provide you a greater insight into the area's growth over the past couple of years:

- 5,500 homes were sold in the Greater Kalamazoo Area in 2017, an increase of 1% from 2016.
- Average sale price has risen 7% from 2016 to \$183,295 in 2017.
- Residential home sales have substantially increased by 9% from 2016 to \$1,002,123,444 in 2017.

With the steady increase we have seen throughout the area, and the rising consumer demand, I believe the market for 2018 is going to continue to progress at healthy market levels. If you are interested in discussing more about the state of our market, please contact me. I look forward to speaking with you, or anyone you know, who needs a real estate professional.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for your support and referrals of friends, family and co-workers.

Sincerely,  
Sue Rome-Newell



## Neighborhood Garage Sales

The annual Neighborhood Garage Sale will take place on Friday, June 8th from 6-9pm and Saturday, June 9th from 8am-4pm. We have the garage sale signs ready to go at each corner! If you are willing to donate \$5 or \$10 to help offset the cost of advertising & signs, please send your contribution to Sue Rome-Newell at 7895 Deerpath Road.

*It's Official!* The Rudgate Newsletter is going green!

**DELIVERY WILL BE BY REQUEST ONLY GOING FORWARD.**

This will be the last hard copy delivered unless you have requested to be on the delivery list! Email srome@jaquarealtors.com or text/call Sue Rome-Newell at 269-217-4311 and give your address for continued delivery. Otherwise, you can view the newsletter online at <http://srome.jaquarealtors.com/> or join the group at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RudgateNeighborhood/>

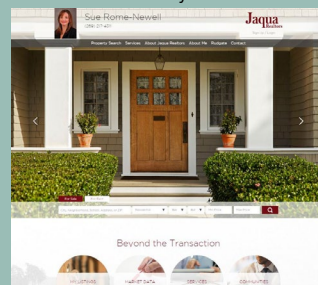
## THE RUDGATE NEWSLETTER IS ONLINE!

You can view newsletters at [srome.jaquarealtors.com](http://srome.jaquarealtors.com) by clicking on the Rudgate icon.

Are you on the Rudgate Email Database?

If not, you are missing valuable neighborhood information and timely news events that affect our neighborhood. To be included, simply email [srome@jaquarealtors.com](mailto:srome@jaquarealtors.com).

\*\*email addresses will always remain confidential\*\*



## Texas Township Homes Sold by Sue Rome-Newell in 2017

7676 Orchard Hill  
7626 Bramblewood  
7843 Shepherds Glen  
5260 Saddle Club  
5485 Saddle Club  
6775 Cypress Bay

8032 Sierra Madre  
8754 Petoskey  
7907 Bent Tree  
6798 Cypress Bay  
5261 Torrey Pines  
5743 Stoney Brook

5134 Foxcroft  
5273 Stapleton  
5464 Telluride  
5847 Ashland  
6865 Southwind  
6636 Annandale

5707 Attleberry  
7572 Orchard Hill  
7099 Dorval

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Thank you for your support and business in 2017. I look forward to working with you in 2018!

Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is on again for 2018! This year's event will take place on Saturday, March 31st. We are excited to welcome back Chris Slocum, with Ol'Moose BBQ who has graciously agreed to provide delicious food for this event! To assist Chris with planning, please RSVP to srome@jaquarealtors.com with how many people will be attending.

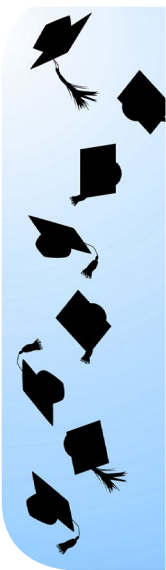
Details:

Time: 11am

Cost: FREE! (Even the great food, compliments of Sue Rome-Newell who sponsors this event each year)

Location: 7555 Orchard Hill (Home of Earl Carl)

What to bring: Basket for eggs and weather appropriate attire. The event is on, rain or shine!



Hey, High School Seniors!

Do you want to be included on the 2018 Neighborhood Graduation Banners? Email your name to srome@jaquarealtors.com. If parents are willing to contribute \$10 to offset printing costs, please send to Sue Rome at 7895 Deerpath Rd. PS: please tell your friends! Anyone that hasn't emailed me will not be on the banner. I will do my best to include everyone. It's up to all of you to spread the word!

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- 2 yard signs
- Banner

2 18" X 24" YARD SIGNS

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CONGRATULATIONS Your photo Your Name CLASS OF 2017 NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL

2' X 5' BANNER

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Texas Township Farmer's Market

The "Fresh on Q!" Farmers' Market will open again for the 2018 season on May 12 and features up to 35 vendors selling fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables, meats, eggs, cheeses, breads, pastries and baked goods, potted plants and cut flowers, as well as foods prepared on-site, ready to eat at the market, and more!

Saturday Market

Open May 12 – October 20  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Tuesday Market

Open June 5 – August 28  
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Save the Date!

PORTAGE ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

**3RD ANNUAL WINTER GALA**

Saturday, March 3, 2018 • 7–11 pm at The Beacon Club

Portage Athletic Foundation presents our Third Annual Winter Gala — a great night of fundraising open to the whole community — featuring social time, light and heavy hors d'oeuvres and dancing with a live DJ at the Beacon Club.

We will have raffles plus silent and live auctions to win sporting packages and getaway retreats.

Tickets are only \$40/person  
Purchase at portageathleticfoundation.org

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