

Rudgate & Applegate Ramblings



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Please join our
Rudgate &
Applegate Neighbors
Facebook group!



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

The Home Expo is March 7th to March 10th

We are in the process of purchasing Home Expo Tickets. Contact jslocum@jaquarealtors.com or text/call Jen Slocum at 269-615-0904 for complimentary tickets.

CURRENT STATE OF THE REAL ESTATE MARKET

Dear Friends,

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with an overview of our 2018 real estate market, and a preview of 2019 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 2018, 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:

- 5,308 homes were sold in the Greater Kalamazoo Area in 2018, a decrease of 3.93% from 2017.
- Average sale price has risen from \$183,295 in 2017 to \$195,477 in 2018, a 6.70% increase.
- Residential home sales have substantially increased from \$1,008,123,444 in 2017 to \$1,037,593,213 in 2018, a 2.51% increase.

With the steady increase we have seen throughout the area, and the rising consumer demand, I believe the market for 2019 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 7th from 6-9pm and Saturday, June 8th 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.

Texas Township Farmer's Market

The "Fresh on Q!" Farmers' Market will open again for the 2019 season 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 11 – October 19
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Tuesday Market
Open June 4 – August 27
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Texas Township Homes Sold by Sue Rome-Newell in 2018

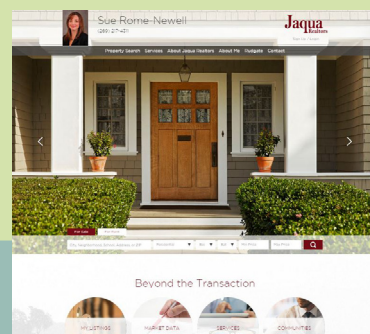
7587 Thrasher Ln.	7092 Dedham St.	5243 Huntwick Rd.
7634 Thrasher Ln.	7612 Bramblewood Dr.	7579 Hunters Ridge
5595 Attleberry	5143 Burning Tree	5196 Heathrow
7163 Dorval Rd.	5273 Hitching Post	5287 Saddle Club
7088 Glade Trail	7890 Deerpath Rd.	7795 Clydesdale
7762 Shepherds Glen	5266 Snowbird Ct.	8459 Grapevine Cir.

THE RUDGATE & APPLEGATE RAMBLINGS IS ONLINE!

You can view newsletters at srome.jaquarealtors.com by clicking on the Rudgate/Applegate icon.

Delivery will be by request only going forward.

Contact srome@jaquarealtors.com or text/call Sue at 269-217-4311 and give your address for continued delivery. If you contacted us previously, you are already on the list!



Are you on the Rudgate/Applegate Email Database? If not, you are missing valuable neighborhood information and timely news events that affect our area. To be included, simply email jslocum@jaquarealtors.com.

email addresses will always remain confidential

Thank you for your support and business in 2018. I look forward to working with you in 2019!

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News From Your Neighbors

Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is on again for 2019! This year's event will take place on Saturday, April 13th. 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 jslocum@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: 6603 Texas Drive, Kalamazoo (Texas Drive Park)

What to bring: Basket for eggs and weather appropriate attire.

The event is on, rain or shine!

St. Michael Lutheran School Christ for Kids Childcare Center

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www.stmikeschool.org

Schedule a tour any time or check our Facebook page for Open House dates!

Enrollment is open at St. Michael Lutheran School! St. Michael provides a Christian setting for children (preschool through 8th grade) to develop and grow spiritually, emotionally, socially, intellectually and physically. All members of the community are welcome regardless of faith affiliation. Check out our website for more information: www.stmikeschool.org

Preschool Programs:

- 3's M/W or T/TH 8:15-11:15
- 4's M-F 8:15 - 11:15 or 12:15-3:15,
- 5's (Transitional Kindergarten) M-F 8-11:30

Do You Need a Pet Sitter, Dog Walker, Personal Shopper, or more?

Jackie Johnson has been a Rudgate resident for 30+ years. She is newly retired and would like to offer her services of pet sitting/care, dog walking, house sitting, babysitting, light cleaning, personal shopping, and transportation.

You can contact Jackie at jackiej1974@gmail.com or call at 269-567-8627 (please leave a message if no answer)

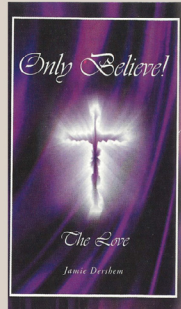


Check out Kalamazoo's newest hamburger joint 'The Burger Bros' located at 806 Riverview Dr Suite B (269) 443-2952
Owned by fellow neighbor Chris Slocum and partner Mark Nieuwenhuis.



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Texas Township Homes Currently on the Market and Listed by Sue Rome-Newell:



7781 Percheron



PENDING
5273 Stapleton



5885 Rolling Pines



PENDING
5275 Foxcroft



7573 Farmington



PENDING
6828 Southwind



Hey, High School Seniors!

Do you want to be included on the 2019 Neighborhood Graduation Banners? Email your name and school to jslocum@jaquarealtors.com. If parents are willing to contribute \$10 to offset printing costs, please send to Sue Rome at 7895 Deerpath Rd. Please tell your friends! Anyone that hasn't emailed me will not be on the banner. We'll do our best to include everyone. It's up to all of you to spread the word!



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