

Rudgate RAMBLINGS

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UPDATES AFFECTING RUDGATE FAMILIES * FALL, 2014

Trick-or-Treating Safety Tips:

- ▶ Choose **bright colors** and flame-retardant materials.
- ▶ Make sure your child's costume is loose enough for **warm clothing**
- ▶ **Skip the masks** – A mask can obstruct your child's vision
- ▶ **Get in on the fun** – Accompany trick-or-treaters younger than age 12
- ▶ **Stay close to home**
- ▶ **Set ground rules** – establish a route and set a curfew
- ▶ **Inspect the treats carefully**
- ▶ **Ration the loot**
- ▶ **Plan a party** – consider planning a trick-or-treat party instead of house-to-house door knocking.

Friendly Reminder!

Back to School means there are more children in the streets of the Neighborhood so please watch your speed!

Please refrain from speeding up to avoid waiting for the buses as occasionally children may be running to catch the bus and we don't want any accidents. Also, remember to keep your eyes on the road, no texting/emailing while driving!

A Pre-Thanksgiving Poem

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire.
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something,
for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.
During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations,
because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge,
because it will build your strength and character.

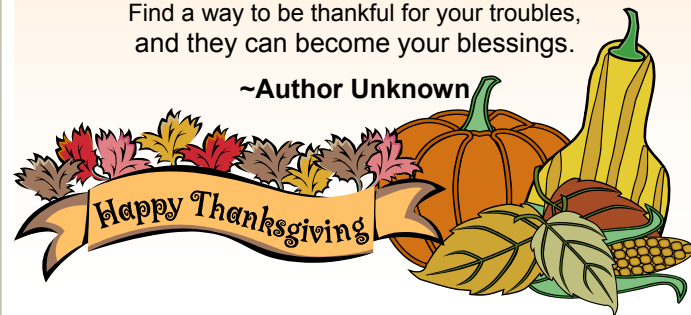
Be thankful for your mistakes.
They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary,
because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things.
A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.
Find a way to be thankful for your troubles,
and they can become your blessings.

~Author Unknown



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Are you on the Rudgate Email Database?

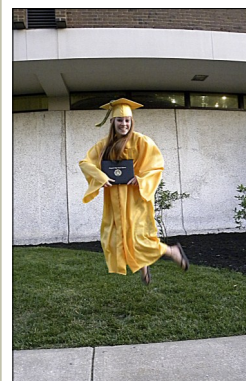
If not, you are missing valuable neighborhood information such as my offer for complimentary Home Expo tickets each year and timely news events that affect our neighborhood. To be included simply email Sue Rome-Newell at srome@jaquarealtors.com.

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



Attention 2015 High School Graduates!

We are preparing the list of Rudgate High School graduates for 2015!! If you know of a Rudgate resident that will be a senior this year, e-mail their name to srome@jaquarealtors.com.



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Upcoming Township Board Meetings:

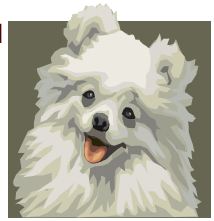
Mondays: November 10th & 24th: 6:00 PM
Township Hall: 7110 West Q Avenue



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Are you planning a vacation and need someone to care for your pets while you're away? Contact Dawn Feddema at the Rudgate Pet Care Service, 269.353.3116. She provides excellent in-home care for your pets.



Need To Get Your Hair Done?

Helen Pastrick does hair on Mondays & Wednesdays in her home at 7978 BentTree!

She has owned a salon in Colon for the past 24 years and her basic haircuts start at \$10. Please call for prices on any hair service, 269-350-0844, feel free to leave a message.

Fall Reminders:

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- ♦ October is International Walk/Bike to School month. Please use caution and slow down when in a school zone. Young walkers often believe if they can see you THEN you can see them. Help keep all children safe by watching for students on their way to school.
 - ♦ There are many walkers, runners, bikers, and children in our neighborhood and it is difficult to see them now that it is darker in the morning and earlier at night. Please take care to be watchful for the active members of our community when coming & going through the neighborhood.
 - ♦ The neighborhood gets very dark once Autumn hits and Rudgate is a very dark neighborhood. Please keep your porch lights on, they say houses & well lit neighborhoods are deterrents for vandals. Lets help keep everyone safe.
 - ♦ Please remember to store your outdoor toys! It's very unsightly for boats, jet skis & trailers to be driveways & yards, during winter with blue tarps.
 - ♦ Also, visitors need to park in front of the hosts home. It is difficult to mow or snow blow if someone's car is in the way, especially when plows can not get in front of homes.

Back to School Time: School has started again & we have included some important dates.

2014-2015 Portage Public Schools Calendar

October 30: Half Day

October 31: No School

November 5-6: HS Conferences 3:30-7:15 PM

November 11-12: MS Conferences 3:30-7:15 PM

November 12-13: Elementary Conferences 4:30-8:15 PM

November 26: No School

November 27-28: Thanksgiving Recess

December 22-31: No School - Winter Recess

January 1-2: No School - Winter Recess

January 5: School Resumes

January 19-22: High School Exams (HS Half Day)

January 23: No School

February 10-11: HS Conferences 3:30-7:15 PM

February 11-12: MS Conferences 3:30-7:15 PM

February 17-19: Elementary Conferences 4:30-8:15 PM

February 27: No School - Mid-Winter Break

March 2: No School- Mid-Winter Break

March 3-5: Michigan Merit Examination - HS Only

April 2: Half day

April 3: No School (Tentative) - Spring Recess

April 6-10: No School - Spring Recess

April 13: School Resume

May 1: Half day

May 25: No School - Memorial Day

May 26-28: High School Graduation

June 2-5: High School Exams (HS Half Day)

June 5 - Last Day Of School-Half day

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR CO-WORKER LOOKING FOR A HOME? TELL THEM ABOUT THESE WONDERFUL RUDGATE HOMES CURRENTLY LISTED FOR SALE BY SUE ROME-NEWELL.



7889 Summerhill
4 bedrooms / 3 baths



5849 Stoney Brook
4 bedrooms / 3.5 baths



5647 Saddle Club
4 bedrooms / 4 baths