

Rudgate RAMBLINGS

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UPDATES AFFECTING RUDGATE FAMILIES * WINTER/SPRING, 2014

RUDGATE EVENTSMARK YOUR CALENDAR

Easter Egg Hunt...

The Annual 2014 Rudgate Easter Egg Hunt is coming soon! Please save the date and make plans to join us at this special annual event! There will be games, prizes and even a visit from the Easter Bunny himself!

When: Saturday, April 12, 2014

Time: 11 AM

Cost: FREE!!

Where: 7555 Orchard Hill (Home of Earl & Mary Beth Carl)

Bring: Basket for eggs & dress for the weather (rain, snow or shine)



Please join us for this fun-filled day! Sponsored by Sue Rome-Newell-Jaqua Realtors



The 2014 Rudgate Neighborhood Garage Sale!

The dates for this year's sale are Friday June 6th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday June 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We have the garage sale signs ready to go at each corner! If you are willing to donate \$5 to \$10 to help offset the cost of Gazette ads and signs, please send your contribution to **Sarah Lanting at 5058 Stoney Brook in Rudgate** or contact her at 544-0375 or s.lanting@sbcglobal.net.



THE RUDGATE NEWSLETTER IS ONLINE!

Starting now you can view the Rudgate Newsletters online at srome.jaquarealtors.com and click on the Rudgate icon.

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 srome@jaquarealtors.com.

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



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Portage School Events Calendar

February 19-20 - High School Conferences evening

February 24-25 - Middle School Conferences evening

February 25-26 - Elementary Conferences evening

February 28 - No School - Mid-Winter Break

March 3 - No School- Mid-Winter Break

March 4-6 - Michigan Merit Examination - high school only

April 2 - Half Day

April 3-4 - No School - Spring Recess

April 7-11 - No School - Spring Recess

April 14 - School Resume

May 2 - Half day

May 20 - 22 - High School graduation

May 23-26 - No School

May 30 - High School Exams (HS half day)

June 2-4 - High School Exams (HS half day)

June 4 - Half Day

Calling ALL 2014 High School Graduates!



Do you want to be included on the Rudgate Graduation Banners this year? Email your name to srome@jaquarealtors.com.

If parents are willing to contribute \$10 to offset printing costs, send to Sue Rome at 7895 Deerpath Rd.

Grads... 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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News From Your Rudgate Neighbors...

Beautiful solid cherry dining set with lighted hutch for \$500.00.



Also, coffee table & two end tables, will accept best offer. If interested please contact Debbie Unser at debralunser@yahoo.com.

Looking to Stay Active In the New Year?

Lets start a neighborhood walking group to help with New Years resolutions! No experience necessary but this way we can keep each other accountable to walk the neighborhood several evenings a week & stay on track! It gets dark early & there is safety in numbers, so if you are interested please contact Jody Crump at jlhinz69@yahoo.com.

Winter 2014 Texas Township Board Schedule

January 20th, 6:00 PM: Crooked Lake Special Assessment District

January 27th, 6:00 PM: Regular Meeting

February 10th, 6:00 PM: Formal Presentation on the 2013 Community Survey for Texas Township

February 24th, 6:00 PM: Regular Meeting

All meetings take place at the 7110 West Q Ave, Township Hall

Did You Know? "Fresh On Q!"—the Texas Township farmers market— added an extra day in the past 2013 season! The regular season runs **Saturdays, mid May-mid October, 8-12pm** and now on **Tuesdays, mid June-end of August, 4-7pm**. Support local farmers and food businesses while getting the freshest, tastiest foods around – all grown and prepared locally!



REAL ESTATE MARKET OVERVIEW FOR 2013...

- Residential home sales for 2013 in the Kalamazoo area totaled **\$710,676,799** compared to \$586,502,869 in 2012. **A 22% increase!**
- There were **4,757 homes sold** in 2013 compared to 4,247 in 2012. **A 12% increase.**
- The average selling price rose from \$138,531 in 2012 to **\$149,396** in 2013. **An 8% increase.**

We experienced strong residential home sales in 2012 & again in 2013. Economic indicators predict another strong year in 2014!

As a resident of Rudgate, I have a vested interest in keeping home values strong in our community and have some exclusive marketing ideas for ONLY my personal clients. If you are considering selling in 2014, contact me to discuss a marketing plan with proven results.

RUDGATE & TEXAS TOWNSHIP HOMES SOLD *By* SUE ROME-NEWELL IN 2013



5813 Braeburn Ct



6750 Cypress Bay



7643 Shepherds Glen



5528 Sierra Madre



7207 Hunters Ridge



5358 Stoney Brook



5772 Stoney Brook



5233 Foxcroft



7781 Percheron



7426 Thrasher Ct.



6839 Cypress Bay



5243 Torrey Pines



5229 Stapleton



5382 Stoney Brook



5304 Stoney Brook



5368 Foxcroft



5212 Torrey Pines



5832 Vista Ridge



5360 Orchard Hill



5456 Stoney Brook



7923 Interlochen



6863 Cypress Bay



7115 Veronica



5820 Saddle Club



7840 Cantor Glen



5420 Heathrow



7880 Doubletree Ct



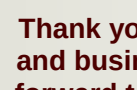
5386 Four Seasons



5478 Saddle Club



7520 Haflinger



Thank you for your support and business in 2013, I look forward to working with you in 2014.