

Rudgate RAMBLINGS

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UPDATES AFFECTING RUDGATE FAMILIES * WINTER/SPRING, 2013

RUDGATE EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Easter Egg Hunt...

The Annual 2013 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, March 23, 2013

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, Jaqua Realtors



2013 Home Expo - March 6-9

A great opportunity to get ideas for your next home project! Contact Sue at srome@jaquarealtors.com for your **complimentary tickets!**



FRIENDLY REMINDERS FROM OTHER FELLOW NEIGHBORS:



- **Please remember to stop at the stop signs** throughout the neighborhood.

Many of these are at or near school bus stops and by this simple act, hopefully we can avoid a tragedy should not stopping at the signs become a habit.

- **Please help keep the streets a little safer for pet walkers:** We have the loveliest of neighbors in this very large neighborhood. All seem genuinely caring and thoughtful. However, some dog owners have been a bit lax about leash issues. My mother (76) was walking her dog around the block and an untethered large dog ran across the road to greet mom's dog in a very agitated state. It nearly knocked my mother down. The owner genuinely apologized, explaining that her dog had been misbehaving due to his medication. That dog then went to another elderly neighbors yard and upset him as he was on a ladder removing Christmas decorations. Also, my sister was out walking her two Shelties this past fall and a neighbor dog ran out into the road and bit one of the Shelties. The wound became horribly infected and cost \$1000 in vet medicine and surgery bills. The owner of the offending dog very kindly and gallantly offered to pay all the medical costs. But we can avoid these issues by keeping pets on a leash at all times.



~ By Anonymous Neighbor

Email Database...

To receive exclusive Rudgate email updates, join the Rudgate Email Database by simply emailing srome@jaquarealtors.com.

****Content is exclusive to only Rudgate Residents!****



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Portage School Events Calendar

February 11-12 - High School Conferences evening

February 12-13 - Middle School Conferences evening

February 19-20 - Elementary Conferences evening

February 22 - No School - Mid-Winter Break

February 25 - No School - Mid-Winter Break

March 5-7 - Michigan Merit Examination - high school only

March 27 - End of 3rd Quarter (half day)

March 28-29 - No School - Spring Recess

April 1-5 - No School - Spring Recess

April 8 - School Resume

May 3 - Half day

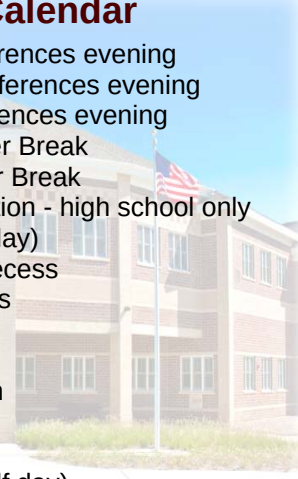
May 22 - 24 - High School graduation

May 24 - No School

May 27 - No School - Memorial Day

May 31 - High School Exams (HS half day)

June 3-5 - High School Exams (HS half day)



Calling ALL 2013 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!



2013 Rudgate Neighborhood Garage Sales...

The dates for this year's sale are Friday June 7th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday June 8th 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 NOW ONLINE!

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

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News From Your Rudgate Neighbors...

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.



Are you interested in doing some **volunteering for a great cause**? The **Pink Ribbon Riders®** needs help with light clerical tasks such as stuffing, stamping and addressing envelopes. Our volunteer-based organization provides direct financial assistance to men and women that have been diagnosed with breast cancer to use for medical bills, gas, food and other expenses. This past year we were able to provide \$500 gift cards to over 600 breast cancer patients throughout MI and six other states!

If you would like to offer your help or know of anyone else willing to volunteer, please send an email with your availability to dalynne@pinkribbonriders.com

SNOWMOBILE RAFFLE—WIN AN ARCTIC CAT FX800 SNO PRO! RETAILS AT \$12,999

TICKETS ARE \$20 & PROCEEDS BENEFIT PINK RIBBON RIDERS, A 501 C 3 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MEN & WOMEN DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER.

Ticket Drawing is Feb. 16th 2013

For more information and to buy tickets, visit www.pinkribbonriders.com and click the "Ways to Help" tab



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW HAIR STYLIST?

Katie Juday has recently moved salons to a location close to the neighborhood. She is taking new clients for hair services at A'vie Longevity Salon in S.W.A.T fitness. Katie has training from Vidal Sassoon Academy, Toni and Guy Academy and Goldwell Color in Toronto.

Please call 269-375-4400 for a consultation and/ or appointment. She is **offering 10% of your total services!**



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New Clients:

Receive \$15 off a combined manicure/pedicure experience the month of February with Jeanne! Call for an appointment—323-2420

LOOKING FOR A CONTRACTOR?

Some of your fellow Rudgate neighbors would like to compile a list of reliable, trustworthy businesses in the Kalamazoo/Portage area and your input is needed!

Email Sue Rome at srome@jaquarealtors.com with recommendations of contractors, plumbers, electricians, etc.. who have done great work for you and we will send out a list with the next issue!



REAL ESTATE MARKET OVERVIEW FOR 2012...

It has been a very strong year for our housing market!

- Residential home sales for 2012 in the Kalamazoo area totaled **\$585,571,839** compared to \$463,574,278 in 2011. **A 21% increase!**
- There were **4,227 homes sold** in 2012 compared to 3,553 in 2011. **A 16% increase.**
- The average selling price rose from \$130,474 in 2011 to **\$138,531** in 2012. **A 6% increase.**

As we have several new businesses entering the Kalamazoo/Portage area and established employers hiring, we expect this trend to continue into 2013 and beyond.

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 2013, contact me to discuss a marketing plan with proven results.

RUDGATE & TEXAS TOWNSHIP HOMES SOLD *By* SUE ROME IN 2012

ACTIVE

7643 Shepherds Glen

ACTIVE

5820 Saddle Club

ACTIVE

5243 Torrey Pines

Thank you for your support and business in 2012, I look forward to working with you in 2013.

7455 Hidden Cove	5395 Cypress Bay	7892 Doubletree	5777 Braeburn Ct.	7115 Veronica	5551 Saddle Club	6956 Veronica	7762 Shepherds Glen
7202 Inverness	6851 Cypress Bay	5449 Montreux	6750 Cypress Bay	5813 Braeburn Ct.	5275 Heathrow	5391 Stoney Brook	