

Rudgate RAMBLINGS



UPDATES AFFECTING RUDGATE FAMILIES * WINTER/SPRING, 2012

RUDGATE EVENTS!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Easter Egg Hunt...

The Annual 2012 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 31, 2012

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



"New" Rudgate Neighbor in Need Program

We Need Your Help!

Sarah Lanting has approached me with a wonderful idea. We have a few neighbors that are facing challenging life & health issues. We would like to start a **"Neighbor in Need" meal delivery program.**

If you are willing to donate and provide a meal on a monthly basis, contact me at **269-217-4311** or **srome@jaquarealtors.com** for more details.

This is something we would like to continue as the need arises so if you know of a Rudgate "Neighbor in Need" let us know!

School Events Calendar

February 21: Evening conferences

February 22: Evening conferences

February 24: Mid-Winter Break,
No school

March 29: Half-day of school (records)

March 30: No school (Spring Friday)

April 2 – April 6: Spring Recess

April 9: School Resumes

Wednesday, May 23: Community High School graduation

Thursday, May 24: Central High School graduation

Friday, May 25: Northern High School graduation

Monday, May 28: No school (Memorial Day)

June 1: Last Day of School (half-day)



Calling ALL 2012 High School Graduates!

Do you want to be included on the Rudgate Graduation Banners this year? Email your name to me at **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!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS FROM OTHER FELLOW NEIGHBORS:

- Please help local disposal companies drivers during the challenging winter months ahead...Please make sure your dumpsters are near the street with arrows facing out
- Walkers at night...please wear reflective clothing and watch for traffic
- To help keep the neighborhood looking nice: Boats, trailers and company vehicles are not to be parked in driveways or on your property for more than 48 hours



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.

I have a client wanting to purchase a Rudgate home with an in-ground pool. Call me at 269-217-4311 for more details



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2012 Rudgate Neighborhood Garage Sales...

The dates for this year's sale are Friday June 1st from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday June 2nd 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**



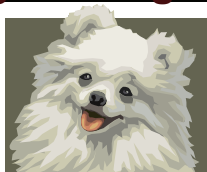
Email Database...

This is your best resource for Rudgate information PLUS the Rudgate Newsletter will be by email in 2013! If you were on the database, you would have received an offer for free WMU football tickets and more last year! Don't miss out, send your email to **srome@jaquarealtors.com**.

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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.



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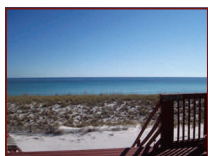
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Rental by Owner - Navarre Beach, Florida

Gulf Front townhouse nestled between Pensacola Beach and Destin. Enjoy miles of paved jogging and biking trails, walking distance to Navarre Beach Fishing Pier,

the white sugar sand beach has been rated one of the top 10 beaches in the U.S., surfing, para-sailing, golf courses, restaurants, shopping, jet skiing, boating, fishing and plenty of places to entertain the family.

If you are interested call (269)375-6019

General Information

- 3 Bedrooms (2 gulf-front with balcony)
- 2.5 baths and a outdoor hot and cold enclosed shower
- Whirlpool tub/shower in Master Bath
- Fully Equipped Kitchen with Breakfast Bar, Dining area
- Washer & Dryer, Central Heat & Air & •Wi-Fi access
- Flat screen cable TV/DVDs in all Bedrooms and Living Room
- Bed Linens and Towels provided

Maximum Sleeping Capacity: 6

Beds: California Queen,
Queen & Twin Beds

Restrictions

- No Pets
- No Smoking Inside
or on Balconies

For Sale: 1999 Chrysler Town and Country van
150,000 mi.



New trans. & brakes in the last 2 years
Leather seats
\$2,000.00 OBO

If you are interested call 375-7295

For Sale: 2005 Chrysler Town & Country



- 85,600 miles • One owner
- 3.3-liter V6 engine
- Stow-n-go seating • Newer tires
- Air conditioning • Rear air and heat, cruise, rear defrost • Power driver's seat, power locks, power steering and brakes, power windows, tilt wheel, tinted glass. • All maintenance records. • Clean; Non-smoking driver.

\$7,850; If you are interested call: 372-1207

Two Happy New Year Promotions at Hydrate Salon + Spa:

Receive \$10 off a pedicure or Shellac with Jeanne.
Book a color service with Katia and receive a complimentary haircut. Ends 2/28/12.



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For More Information: Website: suzukikalamazoo.org
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Attorneys **Chris LaLonde** (from Rudgate neighborhood) and **Darren Malek**, both of **Veritas Law Group**, will give a free seminar on the "Basics of Estate Planning" on **Saturday, February 25 at 10:00 am** in the **Applegate Clubhouse**. A continental breakfast will be served. Please email Rachel at rlalonde@veritaslawgroup.net or call the Veritas Law Group office at 270-3500 to RSVP.



REAL ESTATE MARKET OVERVIEW FOR 2011...

- Residential **home sales for 2011** in the Kalamazoo area equaled **\$497,534,071** a slight increase over 2010 sales of \$494,587,185
- There were **3,878 homes sold in the Kalamazoo area in 2011** up from 3,786 homes sold in 2010
- The **average selling price** of homes in the Kalamazoo market was **\$130,474**, down from \$131,836 in 2010

The slight increase in residential home sales volume in 2011 over 2010 is very encouraging. Let's hope this trend continues through 2012!

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 2012, contact me to discuss a marketing plan with proven results.

RUDGATE HOMES SOLD *By* SUE ROME IN 2011



7880 Doubletree



5369 Woodrush



7630 Sheperds Glen



5728 Saddle Club



5153 Burning Tree



5287 Saddle Club



5211 Heathrow



5388 Foxcroft



7572 Orchard Hill



7983 Deerpath



5487 Telluride



5424 Telluride



5240 Saddle Club



5211 Stapleton



5478 Heathrow



5750 Saddle Club



7538 Hunters Ridge



5620 Brandy Chase



5186 Burning Tree

**Thank you for your support and business in 2011,
I look forward to working with you in 2012.**