

Rudgate RAMBLINGS

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RUDGATE EVENTS!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Easter Egg Hunt...

The 2010 Rudgate Easter Egg Hunt is coming soon! Please save the date, and make plans to join us in this special annual event! There will be games, prizes and even a visit from the Easter Bunny himself!

When: Saturday, March 20, 2010

Time: 11 AM

Cost: FREE!!

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

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

Please join us for this fun-filled day!

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Email Database...

If you aren't listed on the Rudgate email database, you are missing valuable information!



Your neighbors have received 56 emails in the past year regarding vandalism, theft, community events or any other time sensitive information relating to our neighborhood.

I am currently listed with the Police Department as an immediate contact for anything that happens in Rudgate, so I can send an emergency email to everyone if needed. If there is a lost child, break-in, etc. they will contact me and I'll send an email to those who are in the database. Your email address will always remain completely confidential.

If you want to be included, email me at srome@jaquarealtors.com.

Rudgate Garage Sales...

The dates for this year's sales are Friday June 4th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday June 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We have the brand new garage sale signs ready to

go at each corner! If you are willing to donate \$5 to \$10 to help offset the cost of 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**

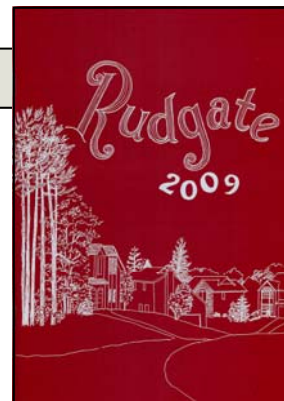


Need Neighbor Volunteers!

The Rudgate Recreation Committee does their best to plan and implement Rudgate Community Events. We are looking for more volunteers to help out with this endeavor. This group will meet periodically to organize and implement community events throughout the year. You can help in two ways. Email me at srome@jaquarealtors.com if you either want to be a part of the committee or if you have any ideas on events that you would like to attend. Past events have included the Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Party, Neighborhood Garage Sale, Graduation Banner planning, Halloween Party Games, Santa visits Rudgate, Christmas Caroling, and Summer Flower Planting event. What events interest you? Do you have any new suggestions? Your input will impact our decisions!

The New Rudgate Directory Is Here!

By now, you should have all received your new Rudgate directory sponsored by Jaqua Realtors. I know everyone really appreciates the directory and I want to give a special thanks to Sheri Moore at Jaqua Realtors for tackling the job of compiling names and information and working with the printer to be as accurate as possible with the information. The person in charge of directories at Jaqua Realtors retired and Sheri took it over this year in addition to her normal administrative activities. It was quite a job! I think she would really appreciate it if some of you would send her a quick "thank you" email to smoore@jaquarealtors.com.



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- UPCOMING EASTER EGG HUNT & GARAGE SALE DETAILS!
- REAL ESTATE MARKET OVERVIEW!

Calling ALL High School Graduates!

Do you want to be included in 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!



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.



Need scrapbooking supplies or a

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place to hang with other women to scrapbook and socialize? Contact Kelley Simpson, Rudgate Resident and Creative Memories Consultant for 6 years, at 269.375.5773. Host a night with your friends in my basement-monthly! Have fun! Spend a night out! Visit www.mycmsite.com/simpson or send an email to email4kelley@yahoo.com for more details.



Need gift ideas for the man or woman in your life?

Contact Liz Plaisier at 269.353.4741 for the latest Mary Kay products.

Visit www.marykay.com/lplaisier for more details.

St. Michael Lutheran Church Adds 5 PM Saturday Service
Visit FUSEservice.org for more details



Searching for a licensed electrician and handyman? Look no further! Contact Brian Bowman at Handy B, 269.599.9381. A Licensed Electrician & General Handyman, Brian will provide expert service for your needs.

CURRENT LISTINGS IN RUDGATE *By* SUE ROME



FOR SALE

5333 Foxcroft



FOR SALE

5427 Gatwick



FOR SALE

5382 Stoney Brook



FOR SALE

7622 Cobblewood



FOR SALE

7936 Deerpath



PENDING

5375 Saddle Club

REAL ESTATE MARKET OVERVIEW FOR 2009...

- Residential **home sales for 2009** in the Kalamazoo area equaled **\$456,365,922** compared to \$520,155,810 in 2008
- There were **3,704 homes sold in the Kalamazoo area in 2009** (down from 3,819 homes sold in 2008)
- The **average selling price** of homes in the greater Kalamazoo area equaled **\$123,209** for 2009 (down from the average selling price of \$136,202 in 2008)
- We had **2,529 active residential listings as of December 31, 2009** (compared to 2,844 at year end 2008)

2009 was a challenging year in our economy and housing market. Economic predictions for 2010 are that we will see an increase in activity and home sales from now until the end of June due to the government tax credit incentives currently in place. Contact me for more information about the tax credits if you want specific details.

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 2010, contact me to discuss a marketing plan with proven results.

Sue Rome

RUDGATE & TEXAS TOWNSHIP HOMES SOLD *By* SUE ROME IN 2009



SOLD

5464 Telluride



SOLD

7159 Veronica



SOLD

5868 Stoney Brook



SOLD

6956 Veronica



SOLD

5386 Four Seasons



SOLD

7769 W Q Ave.



SOLD

5186 Foxcroft



SOLD

5636 Stoney Brook



SOLD

5266 Snowbird



SOLD

6735 S 12th St.



SOLD

7211 Breton Woods



SOLD

8323 Keenan St.

Thank you for your support and business in 2009, I look forward to working with you in 2010.

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