





Megan shared a story about her five-year-old son creating a rock specifically for the Fire Department. “It looked like a minion and he left it by the big park near Station One. One of my girlfriends works for the fire department, so I gave her a heads up. At RomeoFest, my son ran up to the fireman that was manning the table and asked him ‘Did you find a rock?’ He said they did and they keep it on their back patio. He said ‘It’s our mascot’ and my son was over the moon.”

Why is Megan such a big proponent of Romeoville Rocks? “It’s cheap and it gets our kids outside,” she laughs. “The rocks are creative. The kids are running around and not watching TV. Best of all, they feel like they’ve found a treasure when they find a painted rock.” But what if you don’t have a child? Jamie Shawmeker, another member of the Romeoville Rocks group, provided some insight. “The thing that really drew me in was the idea of spreading these random acts of kindness to others.” Jamie works full time while also being a full time student, “so the smallest bit of fun and creativity is enough to break up a rather mundane day for me.”

Megan started up the Romeoville Rocks page on Facebook in May and admits things got off to a slow start, but now there are boy and girl scout troops painting rocks. Jamie knows of parents and daycare leaders who have discovered the activity too. If this sounds like something you want to participate in, join the Facebook group and rock on!