

THE ROOSTER

CROSS GATES HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION

PMB #316 857 Brownswitch Rd. Slidell, LA. 70458-5335

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

WHEN: Tuesday May 24, 2016

WHERE: Saint Luke Catholic Church, 910 Cross Gates Blvd.

TIME: 7:30 PM (30 minute social from 7:00-7:30)

MEET IN ROOM: 3

GUEST SPEAKER:

From the Pres: The May meeting is our last scheduled Cross Gates General Membership meeting of the 2015-2016 fiscal year. It is by far the most important **CGHOA** meeting of the year. CGHOA board members will be nominated and voted on at the meeting. Your new board will develop the budget and agenda for the coming year, which runs from July 1st. 2016 till June 30th. 2017. The board, as it has in the past, will consist of your neighbors and friends that volunteer time, energy and willingness to serve, in an effort to preserve the Cross Gates we all love. As a member of the Cross Gates community, I ask you to help with the following;

- 1) Nominate someone or place your name in nomination for the board (see below)
- 2) Attend the May meeting and participate in the associations business decisions
- 3) Pay your **dues** early and on time
- 4) Be a proud Cross Gates neighbor and always do what is best for our subdivision

NOMINATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING JODIE GRIFFIN, 640-5789 OR FROM THE FLOOR AT THE MAY MEETING PRIOR TO THE VOTE.....positions open: President, Vice President, all five members' at large positions

YOUR PRESENT CROSS GATES BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Arthur Polo, Jr. 985-645-9849

Member At Large: Pamela Deese

Chuck Livingston

Vice Pres: Open

B. J. Wooten

Richard Wells

Secretary: Jodie Griffin 985-640-5789

Jim McCarty

Treasurer: Eve Bobbitt 985-847-1730

NOTE: CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE: www.crossgateshoa.org & FACEBOOK PAGE: www.facebook.com/cghoa

*****PRIDE STRENGTHENS CHARACTER*****

JUST A FEW REMINDERS:

- 1) See trash, pick it up. Help keep Cross Gates clean and **green**. Clean up after your dog!
 - 2) Keep your doors on your home and cars **locked at all times**.
 - 3) Report to the **sheriff** all suspicious activities or individuals.
 - 4) Walkers and joggers **please wear light colored clothing** or carry a light after dark. Stay between the yellow line and the grass, not against the median. **Think Safety First**
 - 5) Don't park on the grass of common areas or on your lawn. This is what garages and driveways are for.
 - 6) No parking of vehicles on the streets of CG's over night
 - 7) Store your boats, and recreational vehicles according to the covenant rules for your area.
- These simple requests will make a big difference in the appearance of Cross Gates.

PLEASE HELP US BY DOING WHAT IS BEST FOR EVERYONE

*****VISIT THE CROSS GATES WEB SITE*****

NOTE: Go to our web site to see additional information and articles.

Important dates

Future meeting dates

Membership application

Board meeting notes

Subdivision Violations

Copy of the newsletter and more

WE VALUE YOUR OPINION:

The feature: If you would rather communicate by dropping us a line you can send us a letter/e-mail and we will select and print them as room provides. Please keep them short and to the point. Send your comments to the president: Arty Polo, Jr. at 100 Whimby Dr or www.tulanebaseball24@yahoo.com

In every newsletter we plead with our residents to pay the yearly dues, attend meetings, and get involved in the association. It has been a struggle. The letter below is from a highly respected, community involved CG resident. I hope that her message will do what I have been unable to get many of you to realize. It is so important if we are to survive.

She entitled her letter: "LAST CALL"

Will **you and your kids** cut Cross Gates' grass, maintain the neutral ground, and repair the street signs? **DO YOU DEPEND ON YOUR HOA ALWAYS BEING THERE?** Without a Cross Gates HOA how would you deal with these things?

- Who would cut the grass, trim trees, fertilize throughout the subdivision?
- Who would maintain the 2 ½ miles of neutral ground as well as the cul-de-sacs?
- Who would repair, replace and paint the wooden street signs?
- Who would organize, order, and deliver the traditional Christmas luminaries (every home gets them)
- Who would represent you at Military Road Alliance meetings? The 12 MRA subdivision members share information and concerns, then present them as a group to parish government. (drainage, taxes, roads, schools, etc.)
- Who would enforce the covenants (that came with your home) that are in place to help protect property values?
- Who would keep you informed on issues, and subdivision news without HOA meetings, newsletters, web site?
- Who would see that a phone director is printed and delivered and that welcome packages get to new CG residents?

All that I have mentioned can directly impact our families, the investment in our homes, the safety and upkeep of our streets, and the overall beauty of our subdivision. Just look around St. Tammany Parish and you will surely find subdivisions that now suffer from failed HOA's?

Wouldn't you agree that our dues (\$75 /yr.) are a small investment in support of our HOA? What they accomplish with less than 400 paid members from a pool of 850 is truly amazing. Imagine what could be done with 2 or 300 more paid members? Many Military Rd. subdivisions have yearly dues in the hundreds of dollars, most of which are mandatory. A successful HOA requires participation. Along with annual dues HOA's need attendance at meetings; they need fresh board members, people to serve on committees, and volunteers to help when there is work to be done. Cross Gates volunteers care about our subdivision and are driven by the desire to make things better for all of us. While serving they are loyal to the cause. But in life, priorities eventually change. This is why I feel it is unfair to expect our HOA board members to have to stay on the board just because none of us will step up and volunteer to serve.

If my letter helps you better understand what your HOA does and the seriousness of the negative effect of a failed HOA on the value of your family and property, then my time spent writing this was well worth it. Maybe I will encourage some of you to find a way to help. We have to continue to work together as a community if we are to keep Cross Gates the premier subdivision it was designed to be. If we, you and I, decide to do nothing, the HOA could eventually fail. If this happens, some will surely blame the board, when in reality it is truly the fault of all of us who have done nothing.

Think about this; will paying \$75 a year break you? Can you find a couple of hours a month to serve on the board? Will you pledge to attend a meeting or two this year? Will you be an example to your neighbors by following the covenants and subdivision good practices and speak out in support of the work of the HOA?

It is easy to find excuses for why we decide not to do something. But a successful HOA requires participation. I know there are some of you out there that can help make a difference. Please think about stepping up before it is too late. I love where I live and thank the CGHOA for all their hard work. My family and I do appreciate it!

*****HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS*****

Military Road Alliance (M.R.A.) is an organization made up of HOA's that representing thousands of homeowners just east of Slidell. (view map on MRA web site). Meetings are held on the **third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the cafeteria at Live Oak Village**, 2200 Gause Blvd. Live Oak Village sits back off the north side of Gause Blvd. with the entrance between Tire Kingdom and the Gause Boulevard Veterinary Hospital. If you would like to receive Email announcements of MRA meetings, please send your contact information to mra@militaryroadalliance.org.

*******PARISH BUSINESS*******

E. L. "Gene" Bellisario, Parish Councilman District 9985-788-8186

2016 Capital Project: Cross Gates Blvd East (close to being ready for bid)

The repaving of both lanes of Cross Gate Blvd. Tentative start date, July 2016. Work will take several months.

March 14 thru March 18 Flooding event (no homes in Cross Gates experienced flooding)

The flooding event caused 33 homes in District 9 to flood. Some street flooding along Herwig Bluff Rd., the intersection of S. Military Rd. at Cross Gates Blvd and W. Essex Drive. Flooding was the result of back water from the W. Pearl River. We are working to see if we can obtain grant monies to raise the eastern portion of Herwig Bluff Rd. near Oakleaf Dr., along with two other roads in District 9.

Herwig Bluff Road " Preliminary Traffic Calming Study"(4 different options)The report will be finalized within a month and then we will obtain grant funding to do the project. Of the 4 options, the traffic consultants came up with the two favorable options: install two permanent solar-powered radar speed signs at designated locations or install prefabricated attachable/detachable rubber speed tables in three locations. If necessary an impact study will be done and shared with the area residents.

Improvements to the Cross Gates retention pond

Bid packages have been released by Public Works for the installation of the 10 hp pump on the north side of the pond. The work should start before the end of June and will help maintain lower pond levels during heavy rain. Presently pond levels are temporarily being controlled by a 2nd portable pump This process proved successful during the recent March 14th - March 18th heavy rains. Engineering is still working on a program to remove algae from the pond. Replanting of trees on the south side of the pond is in the planning stage..

Drainage improvement projects

Work performed by Public Works to clean major drain culverts in our area seems to have made drastic improvement in controlling heavy rains. Please report any future problems so they can be quickly addressed.

Lighting District #9

Thanks` to you our voters for passing the recent Lighting District #9 parcel fee. Had it not passed many of our neighborhoods would have lost their street lights. I was concerned about the anti-tax sentiment in our area, but you believed in us and supported our community with a positive vote. Lighting is important and vital to keeping our streets safer for all our residents.

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

Mary K. Bellisario District 15 985-641-2268 e-mail: Bayouduo97@charter.net

All new homeowners and renters receive Cross Gates Welcome Packets including: Cross Gates Restrictive Covenants for their phase, parking sticker & information, a membership application, the Cross Gates Directory, info on the Cross Gates Ladies Club, the Slidell Newcomers Club, and other community information and resources.

If you are a new resident and haven't received your packet, please e-mail or call us to set up delivery.**If your name hasn't yet appeared in the newsletter**, please let us know. Thanks! **Block captains**, if you know of any new neighbors, please e-mail or call us with their name and address. **Let's welcome our new residents over the past few months!**

Allen, Walter and Babette	314 Steele Road	Durand, Christopher	499 Cross Gates Blvd.
Applewhite, Brent and Katelyn	504 Bradford Drive	Eastin, Deborah	907 Cross Gates Blvd.
Bertrand, Erick and Milo	506 Bradford Drive	Fain, Nicholas and Amanda	112 Oakleaf Drive
Black, Jared and Courtney	152 Woodruff Drive	Fineout, Joshua and Stephanie	130 Aberdeen Drive
Brouillette, Christie	306 W. Queensbury	Fortenberry, Chad	284 Cross Gates Blvd.
Bruno, Matthew and Aimee	160 Thatcher Drive	Gales, Doris	188 Woodruff Drive
Bullock, Steven and Tanya	208 Victoria Drive	Gaudin, Ryan and Audrey	610 Whitney Drive
Cavallino, Kristy	521 Bradford Drive	Graves, Christy	545 Waverly Drive
Cecchini, Leo and Heather	204 Hampton	Gray, Chance, Courtney St. Julien	126 Oakleaf Drive
Clark, Randall and Amy	129 Woodruff Drive	Guard, Kathy	134 Woodruff Drive
Clayton, Jason and Rachel	675 Whitney Drive	Halfpenny, Mark and Brianne	128 Oak Leaf Dr
Cox, Christian and Melanie	102 York Court	Hawkinson, Joseph	202 Trenton Drive
Delatte, David and Debra	585 Waverly Drive	Hebert, Christopher and Stacey	340 Quill Court
Didonato, Joseph & Barbara	730 Flair Drive	Henry, Gregory and Rebecca	102 Milford Circle
Dbay, Theresa	321 N. Buckingham Drive	Hill, Charles and Linda	312 Steele Road
Holmes, William and Linda	501 Cross Gates Blvd.	Pichon, Edward and Inga	102 Cardiff Court
Johnsen, Adam and Maria	325 Quill Court	Pierce, Raymond Jr. & Terri	123 Herwig Bluff
Knecht, Frederick	100 Camborne Lane	Rodrigue, David and Sandra	118 Thatcher
Lala, Jason and Tara	106 Aberdeen Drive	Ronis, Martin, Lisa & Eleanor	524 Bradford Dr.
Lin, Peng Fei	194 Woodruff Drive	Scruggs, William and Teresa	108 W. Durham Dr.
Livaudais, Lionel and Tina	243 Camden	Shaw, Michael and Sherrill	114 Wimby Drive

Lorino, Toni
 MacCurdy, Dale and Mary
 Miley, Clarence and Aurora
 Molinary, Louis
 Nguyen, Tuan
 Ogea, Andrew and Amy
 Orillion, Scott and Alicia
 Ormond family
 Ornot, Philip and Erin
 earce, Ray and Sandra
 Penton, Christopher and Dana

107 Norfolk Cour
 204 Camborne Lane
 885 Cross Gates Blvd.
 104 Dover Drive
 588 Waverly Drive
 1406 Lake Village Blvd.
 118 Harrow Drive
 302 Steele Road
 118 Herwig Bluff Drive
 104 Dublin Court
 109 Whimby




Singletary, Williams Todd & Amber
 Sinitiere, Darryl & Deborah
 Smith, Joseph & Leandra
 Stravinsky, Melissa
 Strecken, Chris and Sherri
 Suarez, Dylan
 Tenfen, Adilson & Nelice Ribiero
 Trainor, Ryan and Megan
 Warren, Elizabeth, Edward Peak
 Wingerter, Philip and Alexa


157 Woodruff Drive
 201 Camborne Lane
 304 Steele Road
 136 Oakleaf Drive
 138 Aberdeen Drive
 532 Waverly Drive
 127 Herwig Bluff Drive
 106 Oakleaf Drive
 103 Camborne Lane
 1419 Lake Village Blvd

Cross Gates HOA Bulletin Board Rules: Members of Cross Gates Homeowners' Association in good standing may place free ads on the Bulletin Board in the quarterly Newsletter. These advertisements may not exceed four lines of up to 26 characters each and should include your name, business name and address, phone number, and/or e-mail address. If you are interested, please mail your 4-line ad to the Association at 3090 Gause Blvd. East, #402, Slidell, LA 70461. The Treasurer will verify your membership and forward your ad to the editor. **Ads will be repeated through May and then must be resubmitted with your next dues renewal.** The board and editor reserve the right to refuse any ad in poor taste and to omit or modify ads because of space limitations.



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OR MAYBE HERE	JOIN THE CGHOA & PLACE YOUR BUSINESS AD HERE!	OR MAYBE HERE

If you would like to sponsor an HOA expense, please contact a member of the board. You will be rewarded with recognition on our web site.

*****CUT HERE AND MAIL TODAY*****

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: CROSS GATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

NAME: _____ SPOUSE FIRST NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

DUES \$75/ Yr.: _____ ADDITIONAL DONATION: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Mail checks to : Cross Gates Homeowners Assoc. (E-mail will not be made public)
 PMB #316 857 Brownsitch Rd.
 Slidell LA. 70458-5335 **“YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE”**

Feel free to use the back of your application to make any comments or express your concerns.

CROSS GATES, WHERE WE LIVE, WHERE WE PLAY, WHERE WE LAY OUR HEADS AT NIGHT;

BE PROUD, BE SUPPORTIVE

THE ROOSTER HAS CROWED!