# **THE ROOSTER**

### October, 2017

### CROSS GATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 1133 SLIDELL, LA 70459

# **A Word from your (Vice) President**

Report of the Vice President

In the absence of a president, I am filling in for this issue. The good news is that we have a nominee for president, Chuck Lamarche, who will be voted on at the October general membership meeting. Please come and meet Chuck on October 24.

We have several interesting things planned for the next few months, beginning with Night Out Against Crime on October 17. We have purchased new Christmas decorations, which you should notice brightening up the neighborhood right after Thanksgiving. The luminaries for Christmas Eve will be delivered to your doorstep a couple of weeks later. Also we are making plans for a neighborhood-wide garage sale in the spring. We will do the advertising; all you will need to do is decide what you would like to sell, getting rid of

some clutter and making a little money.

If it has not already arrived, many of you should soon receive a second request for membership fees. We still have nearly 600 residents who have not responded. making it very difficult for the association to meet its goals of keeping the common grounds neat and attractive. Speaking of which, the common grounds including the cul-de-sacs are not to be driven across or parked upon, whether or not they are in front of your house. Please have some consideration for your neighbors and park your cars in your driveway, even if it does require a little more effort on your part. How would you like for them to block access to your house or park in your front vard?



My last comments are about the restrictive covenants for some of the newer houses. Any of the phases built after 5A and 5B do not have automatic renewal clauses in their covenants. These covenants are beginning to expire, and soon there will be no covenants to protect these homeowners. They can be reinstated or renewed, but it will take the support of the residents in these various phases. If you are concerned about covenant protection for your home, please come to the general membership meeting on October 24.

Jim McCarty

<u>General Membership Meeting</u> Tuesday, October 24 — 7:30 p.m. St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church—Room 3 910 Cross Gates Blvd.

**Presidential Election and Agenda Items of Note** 

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# **Membership Drive Update**

2017-2018 CGHOA Membership Drive

(As of September 19, 2017)

Thank you to the 258 members how have paid their dues. Your money is hard at work to keep Cross Gates one of the most respected and popular neighborhoods in Slidell.

The current budget is based on a membership of 410 households taking an active role in keeping Cross Gates a viable community. If you have not already done so, please send in your membership fee today.

# **Your New Neighbors**

### WELCOME COMMITTEE

### Gene and Mary K. Bellisario

Reminder ....

258 Paid Members to date

410—Budget is based on this many members

**<u>152</u>**—Number of member households still needed to cover the association's expenses for the fiscal year.

### 985-641-2268

### bayouduo97@charter.net

All new homeowners and renters receive Cross Gates Welcome Packets including: a Welcome from our president; a membership application, Cross Gates Restrictive Covenants for their phase, parking sticker & information; general parking regulations in Cross Gates; info on the Cross Gates Ladies Club; and other community information and resources.

**If you are a new resident** and haven't received your packet, <u>please e-mail or call</u> us to set up delivery. And if your name hasn't yet appeared in the newsletter, please let us know. Thanks!

**Block captains**, if you know of any new neighbors, <u>please e-mail or call us</u> with their name and address.

Let's welcome our new Cross Gates residents over the past few months!

Corona, Joseph III Douty, Daniel and Eve Guthrie Morrison, Steven and Monica Naquin, Robert and Jodi Hamberger

Trupiano, Philip and Mary

520 Bradford Drive
102 Dublin Court
107 Herwig Bluff Rd.
290 W. Essex Drive
105 Dublin Court



# WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

## Hazardous Waste Day - October 7

Here is a great opportunity to safely discard those troublesome odds and ends you have littering your garage.

A Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on Saturday, October 7th from 9am-2pm at Fritchie Park, 905 W., Howze Beach Road in Slidell.

Thanks to several beautification organizations and parish

government, you can dispose of used paints, batteries, light bulbs, car oil and many more materials hazardous to our environment if simply dumped in a landfill.

Check out the list of items you can bring and items that they cannot accept on October 7 at www.keepsttammanybeautiful.org for more information.

## Night Out Against Crime - October 17

Cross Gates subdivision will take part in St. Tammany Parish's Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, October 17.

POLICE · COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The main neighborhood watch party will be held at the Fire District #1 fire station on Steele Road. Come be a part and enjoy refreshments between 6 p.m.—8 p.m. St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's

Department representatives will be on hand to answer questions and offer safety information.

If you and your neighbors are planning a gathering, contact the Sheriff's office to register your party and request a visit from one of St. Tammany's finest. Also, please share your event photos on the CGHOA Facebook page.

## Luminaries—Save the Date - Dec. 2

You are invited to be a part of a special part of Cross Gate's holiday tradition—the annual luminaries display. Have you ever wondered how thousands of white bags find their way to the streets of your neighborhood on Christmas Eve? It starts with some help from you and a few hours of your time on December 2.

Volunteers are needed on that Saturday morning to assemble the luminary kits that are then distributed by our loyal block captains. Assembly day takes place in the Boyet Jr. High School Cafeteria.

Save the date on your calendar and be a part of this

community event at the start of the holiday season. For more info, call Chuck Livingston at 641-8545.



### ATTENTION Cross Gates Block Captains: Mark your calendars

The 2017 Luminary Distribution day is December 2nd. Luminaries can be picked up between 11am and noon in the cafeteria at Boyet Junior School. If you are not available to pick up for your area, please arrange for a substitute to make your pick-up. The board will have to distribute the bags of luminaries to block captains who do not who do not show up after a long assembly day.

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## **Cross Gates HOA Bulletin Board**

Bouche' Heating and AC, Inc. Service & Sales Joey & Mike Bouche' 646-1191 Since 1962 www.boucheac.com

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Coldwell Banker Tec

985-788-9650

Amy.lararche@cbtec.com

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985-643-0104 Owner: Pamela Deese

#### **Gayle Macomber**

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Financial Advisor 985-290-7030 Scot.dubuisson@valic.com

E.C.O. Builders, Inc. General Contractors 985-645-9558 Edwin & Davina Ordoyne

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Firearms Instruction Concealed Carry Classes Ron Usner 985-643-6855

#### **Camellia Landscape**

985-445-9646 LA HORT#2929 camellialandscape@yahoo.com Owned/Operated: Dylan Suarez

### Garage Doors by: Elite

Doors, Motors, Service, Repairs Free estimates-Licensed/Insured 985-639-9748

Standard Mortgage Corp.

John B. Remond— 985-847-0575 NMLS#1226071 NMLS#44912 LA & MS licensed mortgage Co. Equal housing lender

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1654 Front St. Ste.5 Get cool stuff with your logo!

### 985-649-5145

Many thanks to Professional Image for printing our news-letter.

Cross Gates Homeowner Association Members in good standing get to advertise free in this quarterly newsletter. Ads can be up to 4 lines of 26 characters each. The board/editor reserve the right to refuse any ad deemed in poor taste. Ads will also be displayed on the CGHOA website.

### News from Gene Bellisario—

### Parish Councilman—District 9

### Parish to elevate Herwig Bluff Road

The Parish has budgeted funding in 2018 to elevate the Herwig Bluff Road area between the AT&T substation and Oakleaf Drive to keep the road passable during heavy rain events similar to the March 14, 2016 heavy rainfall.

Capital Projects for 2017 supplemental – Camden Street and Bristol Place. For 2018 – Hampton Lane and Woodruff Phase 2 from 170 Woodruff to Windsor Drive.

### **Recycling**

As I drive through our sub division I've noticed the level of recycling participation is well below 40% of our homes. Some of you may not be aware of it but you pay for recycling as part of your monthly garbage collection fee that is shown on your Tammany Utilities bill.

### Lower W-15 Drainage Project

Over the years there have been several flooding events and the Parish prepared an extensive study of ours and surrounding areas to come up with a game plan to reduce the potential for flooding. On Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 9 pm the Parish Government is having a meeting to present and discuss the Lower W-15 Drainage Project that includes the 50+ acre Tenet Pond that's located behind the Ochsner Health Systems complex on the north side of E. Gause Blvd.

### **Tammany Utilities East**

As a follow up to my article in the July 2017 newsletter, the Parish Government studied the area near the intersection of Cross Gates Blvd and E. Gause Blvd. They developed a capital project that will redirect the sewerage line from a lift station on the south side of E. Gause Blvd that went to a sewer manhole on the east side of Cross Gates Blvd. and redirected it to the lift station at Cross Gates Blvd. and Waverly Drive. This will be an improvement to the area.

Also, Tammany Utilities East is scheduling capital projects for their Wastewater Treatment Plant and a new well for the Herwig Bluff Road area.

JOIN YOUR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TODAY!				
MEMBERSHIP	YEAR 2017-2018	<b>CROSS GATES</b>	Homeowners	ASSOCIATION
Owner/Renters N	Name(s):			
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			(E-mail not lis	ted in the directory)
	Additional Dona			
Mail Checks to:	Cross Gates Homeown	ers Association, P	.O. Box 1133, Slic	dell, LA 70459

Check out our Website and Facebook Page www.crossgateshoa.org www.facebook.com/cghoa

### What can you find there:

- Membership information
- Listings of subdivision violations
- Board meeting notes
- Copies of past newsletters
- Updates and info on upcoming events
- Emergency community announcement
- Parish Information from Councilman Gene Bellisario
- School Board Information from Mary K. Bellisario

