

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

A Word from your New President:

From your board,

We want to thank Gene Bellisario for his service to our community and wish him a happy well-deserved retirement. We would also like to congratulate Mike Smith as our new Parish councilman.

We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. We have several items we would like to bring to your attention:

This is the initial notice for PHASE 5F1 which includes homes (WHITNEY 603, WAVERLY 504-573) that your covenants are set to expire this year. You will receive one more formal notice before receiving a certified mail packet which will include a ballot to extend your phase's covenants. If you have any questions, please email us at: mycrossgates@gmail.com.

We renewed our mowing contract with NB property services. We feel they have done a fantastic job and we will continue to work together to improve our subdivision.

This year we will be moving forward with our projects to rebuild our entrance signage. We will be working with the utility companies to provide lighting and water services. This is a process and we appreciate your support.

From your president,

I want to extend a special thanks to our fellow 388 neighbors who help financially support our subdivision. Maintenance is not free, and we greatly appreciate you standing with us. I encourage all to join for \$75 a year. Our fiscal year is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Over two thirds of our budget is median maintenance as well as street and entrance signage. These are forever increasing costs. We are now faced with the expense of paying for median water as times have changed. With dues and participation remaining the same, we are at the brink of cutting back expenses and services. There is no reason 388 out of 855 homes should be supporting the entire subdivision. Invest in your subdivision because it IS an extension of your home. If you have questions or concerns you can reach us at www.crossgateshoa.org, mycrossgates@gmail.com, or www.facebook.com/cghoa.

Phillip Leitz, CG HOA President

**Let's get involved to make our neighborhood
even better!**

Cross Gates Homeowners Association

February 2020

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<u>Executive Board:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Email address:</u>
President	Phillip Leitz	mycrossgates@gmail.com
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Committees:

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Membership	open	
Newsletter	Joe Campbell	j_campbell@charter.net
Website	Richard Wells	
Welcome Committee	Gene, Mary K. Bellisario	bayouduo97@charter.net

Military Road Alliance (M.R.A.) delegates from Cross Gates:

(5 delegates per subdivision; 3 can vote; CG only has 3 delegates currently)

Mary K. Bellisario	bayouduo97@charter.net
Phillip Leitz	mycrossgates@gmail.com
Jim McCarty	jimmccarty@hotmail.com

Cross Gates Homeowners Association:

Website	http://www.crossgateshoa.org
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Mailing Address:	Cross Gates HOA, P. O. Box 1133, Slidell LA 70459

Safety Tips from the St. Tammany Sheriff's Office:

Safety tips from the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office:

Over the past few months in the Cross Gates area, there have been several reports of trespassers on people's patios and driveways late at night, often captured by residents' property cameras.

At the January **Military Road Alliance** meeting, two representatives of the Sheriff's Office spoke. Of all the criminal acts in the Military Road area, "the greatest number is vehicle burglaries." **Capt. Brett Hardaker** told those in attendance that suspicious individuals often "just try vehicle door handles to see if one's unlocked." Then they proceed to take anything found – "particularly money or fire arms." If the vehicle is locked, "they often just go on to the next one."

From the Sheriff's Office website:

"Non-violent crimes as reported to the FBI, include **burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft**. Several of the reported burglaries from 2019 were recently cleared when warrants were issued and arrests made in a string of residential burglaries that occurred in the Slidell.

Sheriff Smith pointed out that residents can help the agency reduce the number of non-violent crimes, particularly vehicle burglaries (which are reported as thefts) by removing valuable from parked cars, locking their vehicle doors, and calling in any observed suspicious activity.

Sheriff Smith asks that anyone with information about crimes occurring in our parish, to submit a tip through the **St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office website** (www.STPSO.com), by calling the narcotics tip line (**1-888-GO-2-JAIL**), or by calling Crimestoppers. You can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward through Crimestoppers."

A Word from Gene Bellisario:

To the residents of Cross Gates – thank you for your years of support! Together we have made a lot of gains for our area. I enjoyed working issues with you: we've addressed road improvements in our subdivision, got many roads paved and drainage projects done, established a Utilities Work Group to address our long-range utility company issues, and secured grant projects, such as the one that gave us the Lower W-15 drainage project that is helping reduce flooding on streets in the Military Road area.

You now have a new parish councilperson, Mike Smith, who lives on Cross Gates Blvd. We are transitioning the council responsibilities, so that he can assist the residents of Cross Gates and the other 40+ sub-divisions in District 9.

Mike will be appointed to the Utility Workgroup that works with the Administration to ensure that the Administration makes the necessary improvements to our Tammany Utility Company. This will ensure oversight of the pending and future improvements that need to be made.

I have always regarded my elected position as "community service." It has been a pleasure serving you.

Regards,

Gene Bellisario

Former District 9 Parish Councilman

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Calendar

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2020

Public meetings and activities for residents of the Military Road area:

February 4, Tuesday	St. Tammany Parish Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Koop Drive, Mandeville
February 6, Thursday	St. Tammany Parish Council, monthly meeting, 6:00 p.m. Koop Drive Complex, Hwy. 59, Mandeville,
February 6, Thursday	St. Tammany Parish School Board, Committee Mt., 6:00 p.m. Schoen Complex, Covington,
February 11, Tuesday (tentative)	<u>Parish Council District 9 Community meeting,</u> 7:00 p.m. Boyet Jr. High cafeteria, Slidell,
February 13, Thursday	St. Tammany Parish School Board, Full Board meeting, 6:00 p.m. Schoen Complex, Covington,
February 18, Tuesday	<u>Cross Gates Homeowners Board,</u> monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. To reach the CGHOA president or board members, email to: mycrossgates@gmail.com, or see the CG website, or FB page.
February 19, Wednesday	<u>Military Road Alliance</u> monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m. Boyet Jr. High Cafeteria, Slidell All M.R.A. meetings are open to the public.
February 24-25, Mon-Tues.	Mardi Gras holidays – Schools closed all week.

A Word from your new Councilman:

St. Tammany Parish Council District 9, Mike Smith, Email: mmsmith@stpgov.org, Phone : 985-788-3157

Hello everyone,

I'd like to introduce myself – I'm Mike Smith, St. Tammany Parish District 9 Councilman. I'm your neighbor – I live on the boulevard in New Cross Gates. My wife Natalie and I have two sons, both Northshore High students.

I just started my first term; our first Parish Council meeting was last week. Currently I am making arrangements to hold monthly Community Meetings at Boyet Jr. High. I hope to start in February. I have already asked the new Parish President Mike Cooper to set aside time to be our guest.

During the day I teach at Northshore High School; I can be available to address your concerns after 3 p.m. on weekdays, and anytime on weekends. Please don't hesitate to call. My contact information is above.

Please call me anytime with your concerns or ideas for our area. Thank you for your support.

In my first few days I've received several calls and/or emails about the debris buildup around the "donation container" located adjacent to the McDonald's and the Ice Machine on S. Military Road. I have sent a work order request to Code Enforcement and Keep St. Tammany Beautiful (KSTB) via the Parish Council office to inform them of the debris problem. This will start the process to keep the area clean or have the property owner remove the "donation container" entirely from the area. In addition, I also reported a debris problem behind the Winn Dixie and the recently-closed Dollar General.

**Mike Smith, St. Tammany Parish
Council, District 9**

Welcome New Cross Gators!

Welcome Committee: **Gene and Mary K. Bellisario**
985-641-2268 Bayouduo97@charter.net

All new homeowners and renters receive **Cross Gates Welcome Packets** including: a Welcome from our president; Cross Gates Restrictive Covenants for their phase, parking sticker & information; general parking regulations in Cross Gates; a membership application; info on the Cross Gates Ladies Club; local government information; 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. 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, please e-mail or call us with their name and address.

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

Albertson, Brian & Maria	115 Aberdeen Drive
Alexander, Erin Foret	611 Whitney Drive
Barham, Jason and Jessica	122 Harrow Drive
Beroular, John and Valerie	142 Aberdeen Drive
Berry, Denis	921 Cross Gates Blvd.
Castro, Joel & Danielle	289 W. Essex Drive
Chadwick, Robert & Ruthann	105 E. Queensbury Dr.
Chapetta, Dalton & Jennifer	100 Dublin Ct.
Chiasson, Earnie & Jennifer	149 Woodruff Drive
Chan, Megan	191 Woodruff Drive
Clement, Joseph & Benita	160 Thatcher Drive
Culpepper, Brandon & Megan	138 Aberdeen Drive
DeLuca, Andrew & Jill	811 Cross Gates Blvd.
DiMaggio, Jason & Jennifer	108 W. Durham Drive
Dunn, Jeremy & Crystal	203 E. Queensbury Dr.
Dunshie, Kiel & Lauren	221 Camden Drive
French, Robert & Anna	385 E. Essex Drive
Galloway, Adam and Julie	824 Cross Gates Blvd.
Gibson, Matthew and Alina	278 Cross Gates Blvd.
Guste, Wayne & Kendall	204 E. Queensbury
Julius, Jesse and Chanil	225 Camden Drive
King, Darren & Lisa Bremond	315 N. Buckingham
Langston, Michael & Karen	196 Trenton Drive

Larkin, Linda	631 Whitney Drive
Leibe, Tammy	553 Manchester Drive
Liberato, Joseph & Leiley	286 W. Essex Drive
McDonald, Kate	116 Whimby Drive
Merrick, Edwin & Erin	100 Dover Drive
Mayeux, Ronnie & Angela	896 Cross Gates Blvd.
Nguyen, Phung & Tin Le	532 Waverly Drive
Nine, Alberto & Anna	391 E. Essex Drive
Peoples, Christina	112 Norfolk Drive
Perret, Gregory & Lauren	151 Woodruff Drive
Ritter, Jason & Shannon	108 Woodruff Drive
Robinson, Earl and Myoshia	171 Woodruff Drive
Roussel, Brandon	328 Steele Rd.
Russum, Susan P.	114 Oakleaf Drive
Santana, Jorge & Val	111 Whimby Drive
Sparks, Christopher & Carley	114 Herwig Bluff Rd.
Temple, Henry & Tiffany	139 Aberdeen Drive
Totora, Angela	1417 Lake Village Blvd.
Vu, Ban N. and Chi L.	465 Waverly Drive
Winters, Barry & Rebecca	124 Aberdeen Drive
Winters, Matthew & Lauren	557 Manchester Drive
Yost, William and Sharon	301 W. Queensbury Dr.



CROSS GATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

"Proud to call it home"

Cross Gates Neighbors,

2020

July marks the beginning of another year of the **Cross Gates Homeowners Association (CGHOA)**. As you are aware, a strong homeowners association keeps **your property values high**. The CGHOA maintains the services to our community to which Cross Gates residents are accustomed, such as the maintenance of our medians and the many cul-de-sacs throughout Old Cross Gates and New Cross Gates.

Where do your annual dues go?

The majority of homeowner dues are spent on grass-cutting and landscaping needs. This includes the cutting of 2 ½ miles of median, cul-de-sacs, and common areas, and bush and tree trimming. This adds to the re-sale value of **your home**, and everyone else's home, on every street.

Tree-trimming, endcap planting and enhancement, & fertilizing runs between \$5000 and \$7000 a year.

The traditional Christmas **luminaries** cost about **\$2400** per year.

Printing and mailing the newsletter & dues notices runs about **\$3,200** per year.

Repairing damaged or stolen street signs costs the CGHOA about **\$1000** per year.

Additional necessary costs to running a homeowners association include: **liability insurance; covenant enforcement; minimal seasonal decorating** at the entrances; and the cost of a **small storage unit**.

Added up, residents will see that **Cross Gates needs paid membership from all residents. These services benefit everyone, whether renter or owner**, on the boulevard, or a side or back street. All benefit.

Please consider where you live and the community services provided.

Without membership dues from everyone, all the amenities of Cross Gates will be diminished. All residents are welcome at homeowner meetings, four times a year; we value your input and comments!

Surely helping to keep up Cross Gates, our home, is worth a small **annual \$75** investment!

Please mail your dues today! -----

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES APPLICATION:

CROSS GATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

NAME: _____ **SPOUSE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **PHONE:** _____ **CELL:** _____

DUES: \$75 per year _____ **DONATION:** _____ **EMAIL:** _____

(Email addresses are not listed in the directory)

MAIL TO: Cross Gates HOA

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**AS A MEMBER OF THE CGHOA,
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

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