

THE ROOSTER

CROSS GATES HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION

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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

WHEN: Tuesday January 26, 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: Ron Usner, Firearms and concealed carry trainer. Ron advertises in our Bulletin Board.

From the Pres: I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas Holiday Season. The Cross Gates HOA board thanks those who braved the wet weather on Christmas Eve and placed the luminaries at curb side. Our subdivision once again looked wonderful, and I did receive many positive comments from Christmas Eve visitors. I wish to thank the board, the block captains and the students and faculty members of Boyet Jr. High for their assistance in making this traditional event happen.

I know that on January 1st many of you made New Year Resolutions. Well, I have a New Year Resolution I would like each of you to make. This resolution is easy and will benefit everyone who lives in Cross Gates. The board is calling for you to "GET INVOLVED". We need your support, both financially and physically. Here is how you can help.

- 1) In July when the new fiscal year begins, promptly **PAY YOU'RE DUES**. Increasing costs are making it difficult to function effectively with less than half of our residents paying dues.
- 2) **GET INVOLVED** by coming to meetings. Consider running for office or becoming a board member. Many of us on the board have been serving for several years and would love a break. Volunteering for a chairperson position is another way you can help. We need you!
- 3) **FOLLOW THE RULES** that are in place to protect the integrity of our subdivision as well as your property value. They are simple and easy to abide by with just a little effort by each of us.

Rules such as:

- No parking on lawns, or common green spaces (median, cul-de-sacs)
- No parking on streets over night
- Maintain your property, yards and landscaping
- Abide by the rules for your area that governs the parking of boats, trailers, RV's

Cross Gates has always been the nicest middle class subdivision on the east side of Slidell. If the current lack of financial support, continued disregard for basic rules, and lack of homeowners' involvement continues, it won't be long before it will become impossible to maintain a functional Cross Gates Homeowners Association.

Please help us build a better future for all our residents. If you have questions about any of the board positions, committees, dues, or subdivision rules and customs, you can present them at a general membership meeting or contact one of the board members who will be glad to address your concerns.

NOTE: CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: www.facebook.com/cghoa

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

HOA ELECTIONS COMING UP: With only four general membership meetings a year, the newsletter becomes our primary means of communicating with you. When residents are better informed we become a closer and safer community. Please help us pass on important issues by also keeping us informed of your concerns and problems you encounter in our subdivision and parish.

We are now only four months away from election of officers. The Cross Gates HOA could use your help. Please consider running for a position on the board. All positions are open if you are interested. Elections will be held at the **May** general membership meeting. The newly elected board will take office the 1st of July 2016.

You can make your intentions known by sending a letter to the secretary or by being nominated from the floor at this meeting or at the May meeting prior to the voting. Our secretary, Jodie Griffin, can be reached at 640-5789. Jodie will be glad to answer any question or concerns you may have and will record nominations.

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**

***** SERVING YOU FOR A BETTER CROSS GATES*****

What else is coming up in 2016? **Military Road Alliance**

The Military Road Alliance (M.R.A.) is an organization of homeowner associations representing thousands of homeowners just east of Slidell. A map of our area is available on the 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.

Subdivisions presently in the **MRA** include

- Cross Gates
- Doubloon Bayou Estates
- French Branch Estates
- Frenchmens Estates
- Lake Village
- Landings
- Magnolia Forest
- Old River Road Association (including Quail Ridge, Quail Valley, Bay Ridge, Paradise Point, and The Settlement)
- Park Condo Association
- River Oaks
- Turtle Creek

What does the local election calendar look like as of the first month of 2016?

- **March 5, 2016** – Local residents will likely get their chance to vote on **term limits** for our parish council representatives.
- **April 9, 2016** – Local residents will likely get the opportunity to vote on **renewals for the quarter-cent sales tax for the St. Tammany Parish Justice Center**, and the **quarter-cent sales tax for the St. Tammany Parish Jail**.
- **December 2016** – another local election date set for this year.

We all want to be well-informed voters!

At our M.R.A. meetings you'll also get updates from your parish officials as to what's going on in our area. Keep up with the MRA via our website, <http://www.militaryroadalliance.org/>

YOUR BOARD AT WORK: Many of you are probable hearing about the **MRA** for the first time. The CGHOA subdivision has been a member of the MRA for many years and is represented at all meetings. Jim McCarty, who is a member of the Cross Gates HOA board, also serves on the MRA board. The information exchanged between subdivisions, as well as the information we received from the parish officials in attendance, assists us in planning our agendas.

Here are just a few items your HOA has helped accomplished in recent years:

- Red light installed at Military Rd. and Cross Gates Blvd.
- Street paving and repairs in Cross Gates
- Paving and improvements to Herwig Bluff and Steele Rd.
- Improved street lighting
- Improvements to the retention pond in Cross Gates
- Testing and cleaning of sewer systems
- Increase in parish pumping capacity to help improve drainage
- Installation of larger sewer lines to mitigate sewerage back-up into homes
- Push for turning lanes on Military Rd.

All of these things would not have been accomplished if not for the hard work of our councilmen, who took our concerns serious and worked to get the funding to make them a reality. A special thank you to councilmen Gene Ballisario who work so tirelessly to provide us with outstanding representation.

YOUR CROSS GATES BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Arthur Polo, Jr. 985-645-9849	Member At Large: Pamela Deese
Vice Pres: Open	B. J. Wooten
Secretary: Jodie Griffin 985-640-5789	Jim McCarty
Treasurer: Eve Bobbitt 985-847-1730	Chuck Livingston
	Richard Wells

YOU MIGHT HAVE A CLUE: If you have security cameras on the exterior of your home, we would like for you to let us know. We will keep this information private. The reason for asking is that if a crime is committed in a particular area of the subdivision and your camera is in the vicinity, it may be vital in helping us solve the crime. You can let us know by e-mailing; tulanebaseball24@yahoo.com and giving us your address and a contact phone number. Again, your information will be kept private and used only in the event of a crime.

THINK ABOUT IT: **"Congressmen should wear uniforms, You know, like NASCAR drivers, so we could Identify their corporate sponsors."**

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

Nothing of interest to report this month.....

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

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

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

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

WELCOME COMMITTEE: Mary K. and Gene Bellisario 985-641-2268 bayouduo97@charter.net

RECENT HOME SALES: Please welcome the following new residents to Cross Gates

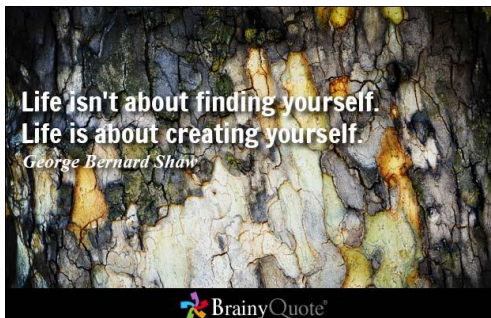
- 100 Camborne Lane – Ruth Tseles to Frederick Knecht, Jr
- 610 Whitney Drive – John and Patricia Ploen to Ryan and Aubrey Gaudin
- 134 Woodruff Drive – Verna Guesnon to Kathy Guard
- 885 Cross Gates Blvd – Bonnie Strong to Clarence and Aurora Miley.
- 1419 Lake Village Blvd – James Leitz to Philip and Alexa Wingerter.

New resident to Cross Gates who have not received a welcome package: contact Gene or Mary K. Bellisario. We extend to all new residents an invitation to join the CGHOA.

TIME FOR A LITTLE HUMOR:

Dan was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business. When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed a wife with which to share his fortune. One evening at an investment meeting he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away. "I may look like just an ordinary man," he said to her, but in just a few years, my father will die, and I'll inherit \$200 million." Impressed, the woman obtained his business card and three days later, she became his stepmother. Women are so much better at financial planning than men.

***** **HAVE YOU THANKED A SERVICE MEMBER LATELY** *****



GEORGE BERNARD SHAW.

(July 26, 1856-November2, 1950) Nobel Prize and Oscar winner. Irish playwright, critic, and socialist who had a huge influence on Western theater.

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.



CROSS GATES HOA BULLETIN BOARD

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<p>Jamberry An Independent consultant Natalie Van Pelot Natalie_vanpelt@yahoo.com www.nvanpelt.jamberrynails.net</p>	<p>SIGNATURE RESOURCES Strategists in organizational performance Nelson R. Helwig, MBA O (303)-680-7555 Senior Consultant M (504)-575-2139 nelson@signatureresources.com www.signatureresources.com</p>	<p>SUPPORTING OUR HOA NEIGHBORS THAT ADVERTISE WITH US.</p> <p>FROM YOUR CGHOA President, Arty Polo Jr.</p>
<p>OR MAYBE HERE</p>	<p>JOIN THE CGHOA & PLACE YOUR BUSINESS AD HERE!</p>	<p>OR MAYBE HERE</p>

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.

WE COULD USE YOUR HELP:

- 1) WE NEED BOARD MEMBERS.....WE CURRENTLY HAVE A Vice Presidents position unfiled and a Covenant Chairperson vacancy.
- 2) If you are a lawyer or have legal experience and would like to assist us, we can use help
- 3) Have a green thumb? If you enjoy gardening and planting and would like to volunteer to assist
- 4) If you are handy with tools and enjoy small projects like repairing signs

If you think you might be interested in volunteering some time, contact Jodie Griffin and she will arrange with a board member who will get in touch with you.

THE ROOSTER HAS CROWED!

*****NEVER TO LATE TO BECOME A MEMBER*****

DUES 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