THE ROOSTER

CROSS GATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

WHEN: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 WHERE: St. Luke Catholic Church, 910 Cross Gates Blvd.

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

MEET IN ROOM: 3

From the Pres: First things first: Please, if you have not joined the Cross Gates HOA yet, please do so **now. Membership payments** are the life blood of the Association. If we are to continue to serve you and maintain the subdivision, we must have additional support from our residents. Costs are rising each year and we cannot continue to provide the same services if the membership continues to shrink. I do not think \$75 a year is too much to ask of our residents.

Starting in October, we will no longer be using Oakleaf Lawn LLC as our landscape service provider. We have had a long time relationship with Oakleaf and thank them for providing such an important service. Vice President Ted Aucoin prepared a new comprehensive bid proposal that was sent out to several local lawn and grass cutting companies in our area. After a careful review of the returned bids, the Board met and decided to award a contract to a local company, Ready Set Mow Enterprise, LLC. The new contractor's services will include 28 grass cuttings a year (neutral grounds, and cul-de-sacs), edging, trimming, fertilizing, weeding and weed control spraying of all common areas as defined in the contract. The new company will begin services in October. I am sure there will be a period of adjustment, so be patient, but if you see a problem or have any concerns, please contact us immediately. Also if you have the opportunity, welcome them to our subdivision.

WE VALUE YOUR OPINION:

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 tulanebaseball24@yahoo.com

A resident on Cross Gates Blvd. writes, "What about a neighborhood clean-up day/weekend? I've seen several houses just on the blvd. that have overgrown bushes and high grass. Maybe these are elderly or disabled residents? We as a community, a neighborhood, can help. Just an idea."

This is a great suggestion. So, we are going to declare the weekend of October 15th and 16th a "fall clean-up" and "help your neighbor in need" weekend. On those days, we are asking each of our residents to do something a little special. It can be something on your property to enhance the appearance. It could be cleaning up the street on your block. What would really be special is if you would offer to assist a neighbor who may not be able to do for themselves. This is also a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and make new friends. Hope to see many of you lending a hand on that October weekend. Again, the weekend of October 15-16 is designated to making Cross Gates a better place. "PRIDE"

GENERAL TOPICS:

- 1) Membership renewals became due on July 1st. As of this date, we have 298 paid members, still 112 shy of this year's projected budget of 410 paid members. We have 855 homes in Cross Gates, so come on, join your HOA today and support our efforts.
- 2) No parking on the grass in Cross Gates. Yours or ours. This is one of the biggest problems in our subdivision. It is ugly, causes dead grass and brown spots, and it is like a cancer that can grow and get out of control very quickly. Please, help us keep Cross Gates nice and neat for everyone to enjoy. Park your vehicles on your driveway or in your garage. Also remember, no vehicles are to be left on the street overnight.
- 3) Boats, campers, motor homes, and utility trailers are to be **properly stored**. Again, never on the grass and never in front of your home's building line. In some areas these items must be stored behind the fence. If you are not sure of the rules pertaining to your property, please contact us. The appearance of the properties in Cross Gates is vital when it comes to protecting the value of our homes. Just do the right thing.
- 4) Note to our block captains: The tentative date for putting together the luminaries is Saturday, December 3rd. We are once again asking block captains to come to Boyet Junior High to pick up your group / groups for distribution. Around mid-November, you will receive a reminder about pick up and distribution.

Just a few reminders:

- 1) See trash, pick it up. Help keep Cross Gates clean and green. We all live here...
- 2) Keep your doors on your home and cars locked at all times.
- 3) Report to the Sheriff's office all suspicious activities or individuals.
- 4) Obey all traffic signs and speed limits. Sheriff's patrols have increased. Good thing! They have been issuing tickets. One stop resulted in the arrest of a wanted person.
- 5) Clean-up after your dogs!

WHO SAID? Hint, A U.S. President........."This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours. It floats in majestic silence above the hosts that execute those choices, whether in peace or in war. And yet, though silent, it speaks to us — speaks to us of the past, or the men and women who went before us, and of the records they wrote upon it." (Find the answer in the Bulletin Board. Don't forget to support our neighbors in business.)

Gene Bellisario: Have a parish issue or concern? Contact our Parish Councilman Gene Bellisario. Dist. 9

Genebell07@yahoo.com 985-788-8186 Thank you, Gene, for service to our community.

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

To FIND: Important Dates Guest Speakers Membership Application Meeting Notes

Subdivision Violations Copy of the Newsletter

Parish information from Gene Bellisario Updates and info on upcoming events
School Board information from Mary K. Bellisario Emergency Community Announcements

THANK YOU!

To urge our Cross Gates residents to pay membership dues early, we noted that membership dues received by September 5th would make those residents eligible to win a prize. Thank you to those that made the deadline. At our recent Board meeting, we randomly selected 3 winners. I am happy to announce the following winners:

Diane Morrison of 205 North Buckingham Dr.

Mike & Mary Ellen Kilanowski of 397 Cross Gates Blvd.

James & Gillian Dykes of 115 Thatcher Dr.

We would like to recognize each of our winners at our next meeting and present them each with a \$50.00 gift certificate, redeemable at one of our local retail home hardware / supply businesses. Like the HOA Board, there is always something that needs to be done. Congratulations to the Morrisons, Kilanowskis, and the Dykes.

St. Tammany Parish <u>Night Out Against Crime</u> has been officially set for Tuesday night, October 18th. We are in the process of planning where we will be hanging out that night, so check the web site in October prior to the 18th to see where we will be. Come out and say hello to your HOA Board members and meet some of your neighbors. We will contact the Sheriff's office and the Fire Department so that they will be present as well. Looking forward to a fun get-together evening.

<u>WELCOME COMMITTEE:</u> Mary K. and Gene Bellisario 985-641-2268 <u>bayouduo97@charter.net</u> <u>RECENT</u> HOME SALES: Please welcome the following new residents to Cross Gates (last few months)

If you are new, and don't see your name, please contact Gene or Mary K. Also, please let us know if you have new neighbors moving in around you so that we can properly welcome them.

520 Cross Gates Blvd., McGoey family to Tracy Gollardo

433 Aire Ct., Greg & Stephanie Berault to David & Julie Bertucci 144 Woodruff Dr., Viki Saucier to Joseph & Rebecca Barcelona

700 Flair Dr., Louis Carruth to Andry & Tabitha Aucoin

Welcome to your new home and Cross Gates subdivision. Thank you for choosing Cross Gates.

JOKE OF THE DAY: "Your Attorney Called"

A New York attorney representing a wealthy art collector called and asked to speak to his client.

"Saul, I have some good news and I have some bad news."

The art collector replied, "I've had an awful day; let's hear the good news first."

The lawyer said, "Well, I met with your wife today, and she informed me that she invested \$5,000 in two pictures that she thinks will bring a minimum of \$15-20 million. I think she could be right."

*Saul replied enthusiastically, "Well done! My wife is a brilliant businesswoman! You've just made my day. Now I know I can handle the bad news. "What is it?"

The lawyer replied, "The pictures are of you and your secretary."

ENJOY......IT MADE ME LAUGH!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION for CROSS GATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

| NAME: | SP | SPOUSE FIRST NAME | | | |
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| ADDRESS: | PHONE | E: | CELL: | | |
| DUES \$75/ Yr.: | ADDITIONAL DONATION: | E-MAIL: | | | |

Members of Cross Gates Homeowners Association in good standing may place free business ads on the Bulletin Board in the quarterly newsletter. These advertisements should 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 interested, please send us your ad. Ads will be repeated through May and then must be resubmitted with your next dues renewal. The Board and the editor reserve the right to refuse any ad deemed to be in poor taste and to omit or modify ads because of space limitations. Ads will also be displayed on the CGHOA web site.



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THE ROOSTER HAS CROWED!