

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

A Word from your New President

LOOK, as your new President, I would like us all that live in this fabulous neighborhood to look out for one another and bring back those feelings of this older more established neighborhood in Slidell. When you come home from a hard day at work or running around the area on errands, we should feel safe and relaxed that we all have each other's back. If you see something, say something please..... Go outside and look to your left, look to your right and across the street and reach out to your neighbors and get to know who these people are. You remember the good old days when you could leave your doors unlocked and your neighbors came over for coffee and a good conversation. (That's when we talked about mom an 'em... lol) Let's get that old feeling back in this great place we call home, Cross Gates!!!!

I would like us to be proud to live in one of the older established neighborhoods and set the standard in Slidell. As I attend the Military Road Alliance meetings, hopefully soon to become a delegate for Cross Gates, I want to report the good things we are doing and show the other subdivisions in the Alliance what we are doing to get others talking about Cross Gates again. We can't fall into the abyss of the has been neighborhoods. We are lucky to have everything we need within walking distance, i.e. a pharmacy, grocery store, medical, fitness center, a fast food restaurant, and one of the best school districts in the state. We also have a gas station for those of us who like to drive....lol.

I want to also reach out to all of you and let you know you can send me a note, good or bad and let us, the board members (your team that keeps me in line and helps keep our neighborhood organized), on how we are doing and how we can improve things in this great neighborhood, Cross Gates!!!

My contact information is at president4cghoa@gmail.com. I would really like feedback from you all. We also have social media exposure on Face Book and Next Door, plus our own website www.crossgateshoa.org. Soon I will be directing my website master to have a spot to select yard of the month, mailbox of the quarter and other things we used to do for the people that go out of their way to make their piece of this great neighborhood, Cross Gates!!!, look superb. I think we should show them we care and we recognize their hard work. I know this letter is after Christmas, but hopefully we had time to consider the best Christmas decorated yards.

General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, January 23— 7:30 p.m.
St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church—Room 3
910 Cross Gates Blvd.
Various Issues on the Agenda

President's Message (Con't)

Furthermore, I hope that you have already seen some changes at these neighborhood entrances, Whitney Bank on Gause, Herwig Bluff Rd and Military and Cross Gates Blvd across from Willow Wood subdivision.

We have put up lights that are powered by the sun to illuminate the signs at night for the first time since this subdivision was built. Speaking of the subdivision and how it was built...I would like all of us to be a neighbor in Cross Gates, not new or old, just plain old Cross Gates. I just want us all to be of one collective neighborhood that has the same entrance sign on all corners. We are one big beautiful subdivision that houses a lot of people and we stand as one at the Military Road Alliance and other meetings about our neighborhood.

Finally, be on the lookout for other great things to come and enjoy the new things that might pop up anywhere in our neighborhood. My hope is that we all take pride in this great place we call home, Cross Gates!!! and support your block captains, board members and those we hire to make this place look great.

Yours in success ,
Chuck Lamarche,
President CGHOA



Clean out your catch basins!

The parish has had a crew cleaning out catch basins in Cross Gates recently. However, don't depend on them to do your job. At this time of year with all the dead leaves, remember to check the nearest catch basin regularly and clean it out if needed. Remember, some of the flooding last year in New Orleans was aggravated by blocked catch basins. This is a simple way to help protect your own home from flooding.

2017-2018 Membership Drive Update

(As of December 15, 2017)

Thank you to the 363 members who 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.

It's NEVER too late to join. If you have not already done so, please send in your membership fee today. For your convenience, there is a membership form inside this newsletter.

363 Paid Members to date

410—Budget is based on this many members

47—Number of member households still needed to cover the association's expenses for the fiscal year.

Night Out Against Crime - *A Great Reason to Go Out and Meet the Neighbors*

Cross Gates subdivision was the site of at least two large gatherings in honor of St. Tammany Parish's Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, October 17.

The main neighborhood watch party was held at the Fire District #1 fire station on Steele Road. Residents stopped by and enjoyed refreshments while visiting with members of the Tammany Parish Sheriff's Department as well as the resident firemen.

A great time was had by all in Milford Circle when residents, friends and family spent the evening in the sharing the latest news around their neighborhood. Residents shared their grilling skills as well as a variety to potluck dishes.

The St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's department snoball truck stopped by and colorful smiles prevailed among the attending children and adults alike.



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Welcome Signs Get Holiday Touch

Great efforts are made year round to have the Cross Gates entrance signs kept in good repair and looking good.

This year, board members Jodie Griffin and Pamela Deese spent the day after Thanksgiving decorating the entry way signs with beautiful holiday garlands, ornaments and bows.

Pamela also says thanks to husband Robert for his help that day as well.



Attention!

Plans are in the works to host a Giant All Cross Gates Yard Sale this spring.

As plans are finalized, information will be distributed throughout our community. Be on the lookout for dates and times to follow. Now is the time to start sorting through those closets and attics.

It will be a great way to downsize and make a few bucks as well.

JOIN YOUR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TODAY!

MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2017-2018

CROSS GATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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You want us to sort how many candles?

With an abundance of donuts, coffee and lots of chatter, kits filled with the makings for the famous Cross Gates Christmas Eve luminaries were assembled on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Members of the Cross Gates Homeowners Association board of directors, residents and friends were on hand in the Boyet Junior High School cafeteria bright and early to put together the kits to be delivered by our association block captains later in the month.

To make the streets of Cross Gates glow on that special night, it takes approximately 9,000 votive candles, 1,245 white lunch bags, and 800 plus instruction sheets, according to Chuck Livingston, Luminaries Chairman. Each homeowner gets a kit with the supplies to make 8 luminaries. Additional volunteers distribute the glowing bags along the boulevard's neutral ground.

Chuck inherited the job of overseeing the production from Mary Ann Pezant, a long-time resident and CGHOA board member. Cross Gates residents have put on the display for more than 30 years.



Due to the tremendous assistance of a dozen youth and parent volunteers from the Acorns2Oaks Underwater Robotics team, the kits were assembled and counted into large bags to be picked up for distribution by block captains in under two hours.

This special Christmas Eve tradition is just another reason Cross Gates is a special place to live.

Photo: Hannah Denley, Trinity Fredenburg and Kailey Cearley, members of the Acorns2Oaks Under-

water Robotics Team were part of the group effort to make this holiday tradition happen in 2017. Thank you.





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Are You In The Dark?

Burnt out street lights are a nuisance and can be difficult to get replaced. The CGHOA has started a campaign to make sure all street lights in our neighborhood are operational. To be successful, we need your help.

If you see a street light that is not operational, please contact CGHOA president Chuck Lamarche at 504-500-3141 (text) or

president4cghoa@gmail.com. Please note the street name and the house number closest to the dark light in your message. The appropriate entity will be contacted and there will be follow-up until the outage is rectified.

Thanks for your help to make Cross Gates a safer community.



**Check out our Website— www.crossgateshoa.org
and Facebook Page— 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



