

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

A Word from Your CGHOA President

To the residents of Cross Gates Subdivision:

It is that time of the year. Our fiscal year begins on July 1 and our neighborhood HOA dues for 2018-2019 are now due. For those who have lived here for quite a while know that the HOA has been up and down like a roller coaster.

I hope that you understand that the people who have served on the HOA, some of them for more than 20 years, do so on a volunteer basis. I hope we can all appreciate and understand they are human, and as anyone knows we are not perfect. We try to do our best to keep our neighborhood beautiful and attractive to would be buyers and for those who want to leave this great neighborhood by selling their house at high market prices in this area. I understand that some who live here wish the HOA would go away.

Think about that for a minute. If we had weeds and unruly bushes and grass 10 feet high on the boulevard. Then you wouldn't even know what neighborhood you were entering, because you wouldn't even see the signs anymore as they would be covered with vines and over run shrubs. That's just the beginning. Then you'd have people breaking all kinds of covenants, i.e. parking cars in their yards for days on end, parking on the cul-de-sacs and blocking streets and driveways, boats and campers in the front yard or in the street, building sheds in the front yards and putting up chain link fences in the front yard.

I hope these are not the images you were hoping for by abolishing the HOA. Look around at those neighborhoods who have lost their HOA's and ask the residents how they like the results of such an event. If the main concern for most is a safe, presentable good looking neighborhood where everyone takes pride in where they live, then I ask you all for help in keeping the HOA in place. I want our home values to [\(Con't on Page 2\)](#)



Learn the latest news on issues affecting your neighborhood and your property values. You will also have the opportunity to voice your concerns to the CGHOA Board.

**Cross Gates Home Owners Association
Annual Meeting**

**Tuesday July 24—7:30 p.m. (Social begins at 7 p.m.)
St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church—Room 3**

President's Message (Con't)

increase as the market will bear for Cross Gates Subdivision. But I can't do this alone and neither can the HOA board that serves this neighborhood. They do this to ensure we have representation in the Military Road area with all the other HOA's that send delegates to the Military Road Alliance. This way we have a voice as a neighborhood and decisions that could affect us in the future and stay informed as to what's happening around us.

With that said, I am asking you all that live here to contribute to your neighborhood and support the HOA by doing your part and paying your HOA dues in the amount of \$75. I know some of you pay your dues regularly and some pay more than is required. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your ongoing support. THANK YOU!!

I am asking those who have not paid or are on the fence to please step up this time and pitch in for the sake of this great neighborhood. Let's make this the best year yet and then the HOA can do some things for our neighborhood that have been holding back from because we can't afford it.

I also want to let you all know we now have PayPal available on our website for those who prefer to pay by credit card. We still accept checks as we always have, just tear out the dues form and send it in. Let's make noise with this and show other HOA's that we are the greatest subdivision around and bring back the glory days of CROSS GATES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As always I want your input on how we are doing and what we're not doing for this neighborhood. Also we have set up a voting venue on our website for voting on yard of the month. Let's show our neighbors we appreciate the hard work they put into making Cross Gates stand out from other neighborhoods.

My direct contact information is email: president4cghoa@gmail.com or phone text 504-500-3141.

For those looking for updates on our water concerns, we have a closed group on Facebook, which is invitation only. The website address is T U East concerned citizens. Here you will find unbiased opinions and helpful information without out the propaganda of our local politicians and those who want to hide behind their parish government positions.

Sincerely,

Your Cross Gates HOA President Chuck Lamarche

Clean out your catch basins!

Hurricane season in here! Remember to check the nearest catch basin to your home regularly and clean it out if needed. Remember, some of the flooding in previous years was aggravated by blocked catch basins. This is a simple way to help protect your own home from flooding.



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NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCILMAN

Gene Bellisario, Parish Council District 9
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Tammany Utilities East

We're moving forward with Tammany Utilities. The Parish Council has to work with the Administration to get things done because only the Administration has the authority to do so. I established the Utilities Workgroup at the May Council meeting to start a dialogue with the Administration. We are meeting with the Administration on these issues and they are developing a "plan of action." Working together we will fix these issues.

The following is ongoing. T U submitted budget amendments for TU East projects – they are for the following sewer lift stations: Herwig Bluff, Cross Gates Apts. (done)., Big School, Meadowlake (done), Willowwood, Phase 5, St. Luke's, E. Essex (short-term is done), Cross Gates Blvd/Dover, Cross Gates Boulevard/Camden, Goldenwood/Silverwood (in progress). These rebuilds should be completed by December of this year. Each of these lift stations will also get a new auto dialer and the staff is also placing new audible alarms on the sewer lift stations.

Check my email and Facebook page, Nextdoor Crossgates, the Cross Gates website and Facebook page for future updates.

Capital Projects:

The 2017 supplemental capital projects – Bristol Place and Camden Street construction is now expected to start by late August or early September and the 2018 capital projects – Hampton Drive and Woodruff Drive phase 2 are now expected to start by mid-October or early November. A drainage/sinkhole project has recently been approved along Cross Gates Blvd in the Hampton Drive and W. Queensbury Drive area.

Drainage concerns

One item that will always occur is street drains being clogged by leaves and pine needles. This slows down the drainage so if you have a catch basin and the weather forecast is for a heavy rain, please remove the material from the catch basin grates. Thank you.

Alert St. Tammany

Alert St. Tammany is a tool that St. Tammany Parish Government uses to notify residents when an emergency happens. If you haven't signed up to use this tool or if you switched from a land line to a cell phone, please go to the Parish website – www.stpgov.org and use the right toolbar to go to the bottom of the home page and click on the tab to start filling out the easy to use form.

Cross Gates HOA Bulletin Board

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Welcome Committee News

CGHOA WELCOME COMMITTEE

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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, 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!

If you are a Cross Gates Block captain, and you know any new neighbors, please e-mail or call us with their name and address.

We do not leave packets by the door; if you haven't received a packet yet, we may have tried to deliver and just missed you.

So please email us or give us a call!

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



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| Bell, Samuel | 555 Manchester Drive |
| Beyer, Justin and Rachel | 607 Whitney Drive |
| Dingeman, Edward and Kristen | 300 Steele Rd. |
| Goff, Michael | 133 Aberdeen Drive |
| Hartness, Michael & Darnell | 612 Drew Court |
| Kahoe, Rocky | 124 Woodruff Drive |
| Mandot, Paul | 113 Herwig Bluff |
| Martin, Julie & Stephanie Holzhauser | 280 Cross Gates Blvd. |
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| Martinez, Joan Relle | 320 Steele Rd. |
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| Sanders, Gary and Cheryl | 131 Oak Leaf Dr. |
| Schmersahl, Vickie & Savana Peed | 529 Cross Gates Blvd. |
| Simmers, Robert E., III | 100 Wales Court |

Important School News

Mary K. Bellisario, Representative, District 15 **985-641-2268**
St. Tammany Parish School Board bayouduo97@charter.net
Text to mobile phone: 985-640-6203.

School starts Thursday, August 9th (except kindergarteners), about 4 short weeks from now. Are you ready?

Bus information:

You can call **985-898-3373**, our Bus Information Hotline. This line is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., August 1-4, and again August 7-10. You can go **on-line** to check your child's bus number, route #, driver's name, and pick-up times. Go to the School Board's web-site: www.stpsb.org and click on the Bus Transportation button. Enter your street address for the info you need.

Events to put in your planners:

- Aug. 6, Monday** **Northshore High** Freshman Orientation
Auditorium. 5:30 p.m. check-in; 6:00 p.m. program
- Aug. 7, Tuesday** **Cypress Cove Elementary** "Meet & Greet"
At the school. 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Aug. 7, Tuesday** **Little Oak Middle School** "Meet & Greet" for
4th graders only. 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 8, Wednesday** **Honey Island Elementary** "Meet & Greet"
Both 2nd and 3rd grades. 10:30 a.m. to noon.
- Aug. 22, Wednesday** **Little Oak Middle School** "Open House"
4th graders only. 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 29, Wednesday** **Little Oak Middle School** "Open House"
5th & 6th grades. 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Nothing listed for **Boyet Jr. High** yet. So keep checking their website, which along with all other schools, is accessible from the school board website. You might want to keep checking posted dates/times at your child's school, too, since scheduling changes can happen.

School Board website: www.stpsb.org

All individual school websites and info on their events, school supplies, uniforms, maps, contact info, fees, PTA, etc. can be accessed by going to www.stpsb.org. Then click on "Parents" near the top-right of the opening page. Next, select "School Directory" along the left hand column, & then choose your child's school. You can email the principal from the school site if you have further questions. Be sure to sign up for Apps and robocalls, & watch us on Youtube and Charter Channel 198.

Please look for my emails, check my **FB** page and **Twitter** for info on other school events and news as we approach a new school year! And feel free to call anytime! Have a great school year!



Board Members

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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



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MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2018-2019 CROSS GATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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