

# THE ROOSTER

May 2018

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

## **A Word from Your CGHOA President**

I hope everyone has seen some of the improvements the board has made since our last newsletter like the lights at three of our entrances. I wish to see some feedback from the neighborhood on what you all have seen and what may have not been seen. I would like to give out this reminder that my email is [president4cghoa@gmail.com](mailto:president4cghoa@gmail.com) or send me a text at **504-500-3141**. With that said, I also would like to reveal that we are behind in our membership and would like some feedback on why most of the neighborhood does not want to participate??? It is getting difficult to maintain the grooming of the subdivision and other things that are recurring charges we are responsible for, i.e. insurance, this newsletter, luminaries and other things that are necessary to get the neighborhood tidy and looking its best. Think of the appearance of the neighborhood to would be buyers, while trying to keep our home values up. I am just asking for help to get our neighborhood back to the glory days of old. Cross Gates was the go to subdivision back in the day, why can't we revive the spirit this neighborhood had and inject that into today's Cross Gates. Keep your eyes open on our social media sites as we are going to resurrect the yard of the month and mailbox of the quarter to recognize those who work hard to make are neighborhood shine. We are going to change the voting though by letting the neighborhood choose the winners, not those of us on the board. We want you to participate this time. We need your help.....thank you

If you have any concerns about what you might see in our neighborhood that concerns you and your environment please email me your concerns or you may contact these folks below. Myself and others have addressed some of the concerns here in Cross Gates and other surrounding neighborhoods to the parish council at their meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup>. They were going to vote on item #4993, but pulled it for further review before next month's meeting. You as the customers of Tammany Utilities East and a resident of St. Tammany Parish, have a voice in this because you pay the salaries of everyone involved. You have the right to make them accountable for their actions or quite frankly their inaction. I have placed an insert in the newsletter for you to see the Notice Of Violation that Gene our councilman talks about in his section of this newsletter. The second insert shows that the men that run Tammany Utilities East need more education to be properly certified and licensed to run this plant. If you see something that is out of place or you feel that they are not addressing your concerns, you can always drop me a line. Please keep a line of communication with someone who will stand up for you and get your voice heard (Con't)

**General Membership Meeting & Elections**  
**Tuesday, May 22 — 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)

to the parties that can effect change. Several of your neighbors and myself have been working tirelessly to ensure the information that is being sent out to this neighborhood is accurate and truthful. That is why the resolution, #4993 at the parish council meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> was pulled and not voted on, because it was inaccurate and not truthful. They found out that other neighborhood residents, Cross Gates residents and myself where going to oppose its validity, that's why they pulled it before the meeting, hoping we would not get up and speak about it's validity. Fortunately we got the chance to speak anyway. The meeting was tapped live and can be accessed through the St. Tammany Parish Government website under council meetings for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. If you have any questions on these concerns brought to the council's attention, please contact me at [president4cghoa@gmail.com](mailto:president4cghoa@gmail.com), or text me at **504-500-3141**.

LDH (Louisiana Department of Health) contact info that I know of is as follows:

John Williams  
[John.Williams@LA.GOV](mailto:John.Williams@LA.GOV)

Poppi Crain  
[Poppi.crain@la.gov](mailto:Poppi.crain@la.gov)

Jie Gu  
[Jie.Gu@la.gov](mailto:Jie.Gu@la.gov)

Brian Tusa  
[Brian.Tusa@la.gov](mailto:Brian.Tusa@la.gov)

Thank you for your time reading these notes....

**Chuck Lamarche, CGHOA President**  
[president4cghoa.com](http://president4cghoa.com)  
**504-500-3141**

### 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.

Hurricane season is fast approaching. 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.



**1654 Front St. Ste.5**

**Get cool stuff with your logo!**

**985-649-5145**

Many thanks to Professional Image for printing our newsletter.

## 2017-2018 Membership Drive Update

**388 Paid Members to date**

**410—Budget is based on this many members**

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

## NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCILMAN

**Tammany Utilities East Issues:** The chloramines conversion of the Tammany Utilities East plant has been completed and LDH (Louisiana Department of Health) has officially changed the designation of the Cross Gates Water System from free chlorine to chloramines. Also, T U East was cited with a NOV (Notice of Violation) on January 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 over water related issues and all items on the NOV have been addressed, but not all items on this list have been completed. Some of these items are the flow meters. Flow meters, pipes and fittings have been received and a contractor has complete the installation on most wells to date. T U East has placed all of their sampling data on their website. TU east has installed new metering pumps and calibration tubes at the 3 well locations to improve the sampling process to date; there is still work to be done as you know. If you see something say something to Tammany Utilities East **(985) 643-1376**. (Greg Gorden is their Director)

T U East submitted budget amendments for TU East projects – they are for the following; sewer lift stations: Herwig Bluff, Cross Gates Apts., Goldenwood, Big School, Meadow Lake, Willow Wood, Phase 5, St. Luke's, Essex, Cross Gates Blvd/Dover, Cross Gates Boulevard/Camden, Goldenwood/Silverwood. These rebuilds should be completed by December of this year. Each of these 12 lift stations will also get a new auto dialer and the staff is also placing new audible alarms on the sewer lift stations. If you here one sounding please call Tammany Utilities East at **(985) 643-1376** and let them know where and when the alarm sounded. The five inches of rain on Saturday, April 14th caused a lot of water to flood the sewer system. We experienced overflows at the Essex and Herwig Bluff lift stations, which will be reported to LDEQ in accordance with our discharge permit.

**Lower W-15 Drainage Project;** The Lower W-15 drainage project that includes a 52 acre tract with a 42 acre retention pond and the N. Pearl Street drainage projects will improve the drainage in the new Cross Gates and Lake Village area. The overall project will store rainfall from the north and then gradually release it and will benefit many surrounding sub divisions. The pond is expected to be completed by March or April 2019 and then there will be improvements to the W-15 canal south and east of Cross Gates.

**Capital Projects:** The 2017 supplemental capital projects – Bristol Place and Camden Street construction is expected to start in mid-July and the 2018 capital projects – Hampton Lane and Woodruff Drive phase 2 are expected to start by mid-September or early October. Drainage concerns; I received calls or emails from residents regarding street flooding especially this past January and Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Our area was overwhelmed by the amount of rain in a short period of time. One item brought to my attention was street drains clogged by leaves and pine needles. This slows down the drainage so if you have a catch basin in front of your home and the weather forecast is for a heavy rain, please remove the material from the catch basin grates as it helps the rate of flow of the streets tremendously. Please be aware of your surroundings before a heavy rain and pitch in and help your neighbors who may not be able to clear these catch basins in front of their homes.

**Gene Bellisario, Parish Council District 9**

# ***Cross Gates HOA Bulletin Board***

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camellialandscape@yahoo.com  
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985-788-9650  
amyslidellrealtor@gmail.com

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Long Term Care Consultant  
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## Welcome Committee News

**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; how to register to vote and how to register a child in our public schools, lists of local elected officials, 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. We may have tried to deliver your packet, and you weren't at home. 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.

**Gene and Mary K. Bellisario**

[bayouduo97@charter.net](mailto:bayouduo97@charter.net)

985-641-2268

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

**Bellisario, Gene & Mary K.**

**873 Cross Gates Blvd.**

**Borja, Kathy**

**396 Cross Gates Blvd.**

**Boudin, Michael and Heidi**

**517 Bradford Drive**

**Champagne, Brandy**

**106 W. Durham Drive**

**Clopton, Scott and Margaret**

**118 Herwig Bluff Dr.**

**Crocker, Jason & Danielle**

**103 Cardiff Court**

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### JOIN YOUR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TODAY!

**MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2017-2018**

**CROSS GATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

Owner/Renters Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Main Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (E-mail not listed in the directory)

Dues: \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

## Your New Neighbors - (Con't)

Deacon, Davon and Amanda	291 Cross Gates Blvd.
Dobbins, Matthew & Tracy	573 Waverly Drive
Dunn, James and Michelle	302 N. Buckingham Dr.
Durr, Jennifer	112 Dover Drive
Keen, Milton & Sandra	109 Dublin Court
Kelly, Darian & Dylan	508 Bradford Drive
Killan, John & Audrey	311 Steele Road
Kim, Hyunsook and Sangkyu	511 Bradford Dr.
LaCoste, Tim and Vickie	100 Dublin Ct.
Mahoney, Tinasha	127 Herwig Bluff
Martin, Brett	892 Cross Gates Blvd.
Martinez, San Juan & Georgina	516 Bradford Dr.
Mauldin, Sam	563 Manchester Drive
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Wilson, Joshua & Kimberly	243 Camden Drive
Yamada, Brian & Genevieve	124 Oakleaf Drive



**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 May 22—7:30 p.m.**

**St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church—Room 3**



## **Board Members**

President: Chuck Lamarche

Vice President: Jim McCarty

Secretary: Jodie Griffin

Treasurer: Eve Bobbitt

At Large: Chuck Livingston, Pamela Deese, Jodi Griffin, Laurie Burleigh, Ginger Smallwood, Zhitao Yu, Phillip Leitz, Mary K. Bellisario, Gene Bellisario and Richard Wells.

## **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](mailto: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.



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**Check out our Website— [www.crossgateshoa.org](http://www.crossgateshoa.org)  
and Facebook Page— [www.facebook.com/cghoa](http://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















