

THE ROOSTER

CROSS GATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

WHEN: Tuesday January 24, 2017

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: Dawn Sharper, CCE, IOM, Chief Executive Officer & Charles Klepfer, Chairman;
East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce

From the Pres: A belated MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR! As we welcome in the New Year I am sure many of you, like me, are making 2017 resolutions. Some resolutions we will be serious about, but like years past, many will vaporize and be quickly forgotten. I hope you will succeed with your most important choices.

I have proudly served as your Cross Gates HOA president for the last 6 years. I have frequently been asked, "Why would you want the headaches and problems that you and the board have to deal with?" My answer is simple: To serve my community, to help make things better for my family, friends and neighbors and to hopefully encourage others to do the same. This philosophy was instilled in me by an old coach who said, "You can't make a difference in the score if you're not in the game." I have always felt a need to be in the game, to give something back, and that if you worked hard, stayed true to yourself and your goals, you could truly make a difference. Throughout my tenure, the board and I have strived to do just that. Whether you were a paid HOA member or not we have represented you.

When I was elected in 2011, I was fortunate to be following many dedicated and hard-working presidents and, like them, I developed a scope of things I thought we could accomplish that would help sustain the quality of our subdivision and even make it better. We were successful with many, but failed in the most important: The goal to grow our membership. Costs were increasing each year and there were many things we felt would help make Cross Gates a better subdivision, if we could just raise the much needed funds. We truly have worked hard to get that message out to you. With more than half of our Cross Gates residents presently opting out of paying the \$75 a year dues, the message is clear that it is time for a change in leadership.

I have six more months to serve as your president and I will continue to do that with 100% dedicated allegiance to you and to Cross Gates. I make this decision because it is the right thing to do and is truly in the best interest of the Cross Gates community. I thank all who have supported us in the past; however, to grow and be successful we all need to be looking ahead and to the future. With change comes new ideas and, most importantly, enthusiasm. Nominations for officers and board members are now open for the coming year which begins July 1st. The election will be held at the May general membership meeting. Cross Gates needs good volunteers to continue what so many have worked so hard to protect and maintain. I know there are a few of you out there that would do a great job and lead Cross Gates in the right direction. Now is the time to step forward, and help build a better and stronger Cross Gates Community.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE: Between now and our general membership meeting in May, we will be accepting nominations for the HOA board. If you are interested, please contact us and one of the board members will be glad to meet with you to answer your questions and address any concerns you might have. You may send nominations or questions to the following: www.tulanebaseball24@yahoo.com (election will be held at the May meeting)

Professional Image is now our printer and mailer for the quarterly newsletter. Hopefully you enjoyed the surprises they provided in their first job with us, our October 2016 newsletter. Check out the Professional Image ad in our bulletin board and always remember to use the businesses posted in our bulletin board whenever possible. Professional Image President Chris Emerson and his family reside in (you guessed it) Cross Gates.

A LITTLE MENTAL CHALLENGE:

It is said that engineers take 3 minutes to solve this, architects 3 hours and doctors 6 hours. What is the 6th number?

1, 2, 6, 42, 1806, _____ (you can find the answer in the newsletter bulletin board)

WE VALUE YOUR OPINION:

The feature: If you would rather communicate by dropping us a line, you can send us a letter and we will select and print them as room provides. Please keep them short and to the point. Send your comments to our Cross Gates PO box address. We encourage you to contact us when you have a concern, complaint or question. It is also nice to receive a compliment from time to time. However, we will not post your correspondence in the newsletter if you do not identify yourself to us. Your name will not be publicly divulged, but it is necessary for us to verify you as a paid member of the HOA.

GENERAL TOPIC BULLETS:

- 1) At the present time we have 400 paid HOA members for the 2016-17 year.
- 2) **No parking on the grass in Cross Gates**, yours or ours. This message is posted in every newsletter, yet we still have many of our residents who just will not follow this very basic request. Please help us keep Cross Gates nice. Don't park on the grass.
- 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 a fence. If you are not sure of the rule governing your property, please contact us. As adults we need to do the right thing.
- 4) Wouldn't it be nice if the **adults** in our subdivision, who continue to violate rule 2 and 3 above would just follow these two simple requests? I am sure they expect more accountability from their children.

Just a few reminders:

- 1) See trash, pick it up. Help keep Cross Gates clean and green. Don't litter!
- 2) Keep your doors on your home and cars locked at all times.
- 3) Report to the Sheriff all suspicious activities or individuals.
- 4) Obey all traffic signs and speed limits.
- 5) 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!**

***** *****BE A VOICE IN THE HOA, ATTEND MEETINGS*******

WHO SAID: "There are two types of people who will tell you that you cannot make a difference in this world: Those who are afraid to try and those who are afraid you will succeed."

*******THANK YOU TO OUR MILITARY*******

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 your dedicated service to our community.

Capital Road Projects – During 2016 Cross Gates Boulevard was repaved in Cross Gates East, and in 2017 Waverly Drive will be repaved starting in late spring. The upgrade to the Miramon pond was delayed by additional costs but is scheduled to be done prior to June 2017. We continue to monitor areas where there have been problems in the past and perform maintenance if it's needed.

Keep St. Tammany Beautiful (KSTB)

Starting in 2017 KSTB will kick off with litter collection in the Military Road area. The Parish created KSTB because of the numerous complaints from residents across the entire Parish. I was in the process of creating a similar group for the Military Road area until I found out that Parish President was receiving numerous complaints so I worked with her staff to get this going. Two residents from the Military Road area, Cathy Henderson from the Old River Road area and Carroll Knowles from Magnolia Forest agreed to serve on the board of KSTB and will work with the Parish administration and other board members to schedule trash collection efforts. There will be three litter crews for the entire Parish consisting of 10 trustees for each crew and will be supervised by KSTB and Sheriff's deputies and these crews will work 5 days a week. The vehicles and equipment were acquired through various grants so that no local taxes were needed to get KSTB off of the ground. I'm sure it will take time for people to adjust their habits and gradually stop littering our highways. If you see trash issues, please send me an email with the problem area and I will forward to the local board members to get the area on the list.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year even with the recent rain.

NOTE: TAKE THE TIME TO CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE AND OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:

www.crossgateshoa.org & www.facebook.com/cghoa

THERE YOU CAN FIND:	Important dates	Guest speakers
	Dues application	Board 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

You may have been noticing or getting e-mails from a website titled, "NextDoor Cross Gates". This site is an independent site and is not associated with the Cross Gates HOA in anyway.

*****THANK YOU POLICE AND FIRE FIGHTERS*****

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:

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

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

Andrus, Iris and Rachel	1416 Lake Village Blvd.	Frakes, Geoffrey & Colleen	883 Cross Gates Blvd.
Aucoin, Andry and Tabitha	700 Flair Dr.	Fugate, John Paul & Christ	197 Trenton Dr.
Barcelona, Joseph & Rebecc	144 Woodruff Dr.	Gallardo, Tracey & Pamela	520 Cross Gates Blvd.
Bertucci, David and Julie	433 Aire Court	Kelly, Brandon & Falyn	211 Hampton Dr
Berry, Darrell and Rita	121 Aberdeen Dr.	Lisotta, Anthony & Pam	876 Cross Gates Blvd.
Booker, James & Rebecca	122 Harrow Dr.	Maddox, Kenneth	710 Flair Dr.
Bowman, Joseph & Christina	105 W. Durham Dr.	Nichols, Llewellyn & Desire	108 Herwig Bluff Rd
Campbell, Mike and Sandi	519 Cross Gates Blvd.	Palermo, Kent and Carol	209 E. Durham Dr.
Clancy, Blaine and Sara	125 Aberdeen Dr.	Roberts, Edward	101 Epsom Dr.
Dean, Christopher & Katy	202 Camborne Lane	Wallace, Bruce and Sandra	576 Waverly Dr.

*****LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL*****

JOKE OF THE DAY: An Indian walks into a café with a shotgun in one hand pulling a male buffalo with the other. He says to the waiter, "Want coffee." The waiter says, "Sure chief, coming right up." He gets the Indian a tall mug of coffee. The Indian drinks the coffee down in one gulp, turns and blasts the buffalo with the shotgun. Parts of the animal splatter everywhere, the Indian just calmly walks out.

The next morning the Indian returns, again with the shotgun in one hand leading a buffalo with the other. He again says, "Indian want coffee." "Whoa, wait a second Tonto!!! We are still cleaning up your mess from yesterday," says the waiter. "What was that all about anyway?"

The Indian smiles and proudly says: (here it comes y'all) "Training for position in United States Congress. ...Come in, drink coffee, shoot the bull, leave mess for others to clean up, disappear for rest of day."

Thank you to all residents that put out their luminaries on Christmas Eve. The subdivision once again looked fantastic, and the participation appeared to be much better this year. We received many compliments on how nice our streets looked lined in candlelight. Special thanks goes to Luminaries Chairperson Chuck Livingston for once again doing a great job organizing and implementing this major function. Also thank you to all the block captains who assisted in delivering the candles to the 855 homes in Cross Gates.

*****JOIN YOUR CGHOA TODAY*****

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 Association (E-mail will not be listed in directory)
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BE PROUD, BE SUPPORTIVE, MAKE A DIFFERENCE, IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

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 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.



CROSS GATES HOA BULLETIN BOARD



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