

SYDNEY HARBOUR

News For The Residents at Sydney Harbour

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Cypress Hill MUD Water Plant No. 2

UPDATE

Many of you helped protest the expansion of the Water Plant on Opera House Row by attending the Houston Planning Commission Meetings and the MUD meeting. Thank all of you for your input and participation. We didn't get everything we wanted but we were heard. Here is an update on what has happened and will happen in the future.

The Houston Planning Commission ended up approving the expansion after asking many questions and listening to several residents discuss the subdivision's objections. One major question to the MUD from Sydney Harbour was why not purchase a portion of the commercial property north of the plant instead of the vacant lot south of the plant and right in the middle of Sydney Harbour. The answer was that the commercial property was too expensive and would have cost the taxpayers a lot of money. In any event the MUD has the legal option of eminent domain, or taking the property they need and paying the owner (or developer in this case) a fair, reasonable price. So—the final result is that the lot south of the plant will be used to add two new tanks to the water plant.

No new pumps or motors will be added.

Since we couldn't stop the expansion or move it to another location, we made a list of items that the residents felt were only fair to us. The major items were:

- An 8 ft. brick wall matching the existing brick wall along Cypress Rosehill. This wall will help make the plant look like it's outside the subdivision. It will also reduce the noise level created by the existing pumps & motors.
- All tanks must be maintained and painted a color chosen by the Landscape Committee.
- Landscaping, with input of our Landscaping Committee, to compliment the area and help beautify the neighborhood.

The MUD district has agreed to these items. This project should begin sometime early spring.

Sydney Harbour's Annual Meeting will be held sometime the first quarter of 2014. It is very important that everyone attend. There will be some very important items discussed and we will need the input of all residents. If we can't get them to change the time to 7:00 pm, please try to arrange your work schedule to attend.

SYDNEY HARBOUR EVENTS FOR 2014

Mark your calendars. More details coming soon!

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny - Saturday, April 12th 9:00-11:00 A.M.

Pool Opening/Ice Cream Social - Saturday, May 17th 1:00-3:00 P.M.

Adult Luau - Saturday, August 23rd 7:30-10:30 P.M.

National Night Out - Tuesday, October 7th 7:00-9:00 P.M.

Garage Sale - Saturday, October 18th 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Christmas Lighting Contest Judging - December 20th ends at 8:00 P.M.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Winter is a time of protection and preparation for our lawns, turf grass, trees and bushes. All require an additional effort to afford maximum performance and ensure they will survive our unpredictable Houston winters.

Five tips for Houston Winter Lawn Maintenance

1. Lower the mowing height of your mower. Removing young, tender growth on the lawn will prevent your lawn from falling victim to winter diseases. Removing this growth will prevent the lawn from drying out when the cold first comes.

2. Give your lawn a final fertilization. It is important to give your lawn a final fertilization before winter sets in. The nutrients will be stored and used by your lawn throughout the winter and beginning of spring. Ratios in fertilizer vary so make sure they are "winter or fall" formulas designed for southern grasses. Good formulas for winter are 18-6-12, 18-12-16, or 10-5-14.

3. Clear your lawn of debris. Removing logs, toys or gardening equipment will prevent the objects from smothering the grass they sit on and reduce the turfs vulnerability to diseases. Brown patch (brown circles in the grass) is prevalent this time of year. Choose a fungicide with Bayleton – Terrachlor- Banner or Benomyl. These are effective against Brown Patch.

4. Aerate your lawn before the first freeze. It will prepare your lawn for fertilizer and nutrients in the spring. It will also decrease the extent that thatch will affect your lawn in the winter. Apply a pre-emergent weed control from late October to early November to control broad leaf and common grasses.

Late winter is also a good time to trim woody trees and shrubs for preparation of new spring growth. Add an additional layer of mulch to protect trees and landscape and water thoroughly before a freeze to protect tender plant roots. To protect plants from freezing temperatures, place a blanket or sheet over the plant then place plastic over the blanket. Do not let the plastic touch the leaves of the plant.

After you have treated your lawn you will want to reward yourself with some beautiful winter color. Some good choices for this area are:

Alyssum – This is a good ground cover that comes in white, rose and lavender. Cut back when it becomes leggy.

Calendula (Pot marigolds) These look like small mums. They are a bright yellow and will lend color to an otherwise drab winter landscape.

Cornflower – Bright blue to dark purple. These small plants look like little buttons.

Dianthus – This a low growing plant that comes in numerous shades of pink. Has a nice spice scent.

Pansies – Come in a variety of colors. They thrive in cold weather and will bloom the entire winter season.

Ornamental Kale – This cabbage plant comes in a variety of colors and shapes (blue, white, lavender, white and shades of green). Makes an interesting display and you can eat it too!

The Landscape Committee wishes you and your family a happy and safe winter. Let's keep Sydney Harbour beautiful!



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	2 Story	12	\$309,900 - \$475,000
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Sold	1 Story	9	\$188,000 - \$345,000
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Registration and practice is at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays at the Cypress Creek High School track, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston.

For registration forms and additional information, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> or contact Linette Roach at linette.roach@sbcglobal.net or (281) 587-8442.

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Kidney Walk

The National Kidney Foundation is the leading organization in the U.S. dedicated to the awareness, prevention and treatment of kidney disease for hundreds of thousands of healthcare professionals, millions of patients and their families, and tens of millions of Americans at risk

Nearly six of ten Americans will develop kidney disease in their lifetime, according to a new analysis published in the American Journal of Kidney Disease. In comparison, lifetime risk of diabetes, heart attack and invasive cancer is approximately four in ten.

The Kidney Walk is the nation's largest walk to fight kidney disease and is held to raise awareness of, and support those who are battling this disease. Held in nearly 100 communities, the event raises awareness and funds lifesaving programs that educate and support patients, their families and those at risk. Take a lifesaving step today and sign up for a walk below. The Houston Walk will be held on May 4th at 7:30am at Discovery Green Park Downtown. Registration at www.donate.kidney.org.

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Any concerns or general questions for the association regarding violations, deed restrictions, acc applications, interest in joining a committee, clubhouse/pool rentals and any other questions regarding the property can be directed to Janine.

Sara Schouten Account Representative
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Any accounting related questions, a payoff quote or a transfer fee, or just want to know how much is due on their account will be directed to Sara.

Angela Villegas Pool Card Administrator/Customer Service
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Should homeowners need a pool card for access to the pool area or have any general questions they can ask for Janine, Lizbeth or Angela.

Along with Janine, Lizbeth, Sara and Angela, we have 6 customer service representatives that are familiar with the Association and area readily available to assist homeowners.

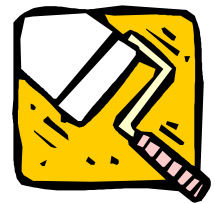
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