

SYDNEY HARBOUR

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SYDNEY HARBOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The 3rd quarter Sydney Harbour Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 19, at the clubhouse. Please join us to see what is going on in your neighborhood.



AUGUST YARD OF THE MONTH



Please join the Landscape Committee in congratulating Jerry & June Lohman of 17914 Folly Point Dr for a job well done on their yard. The Lohman's are the August Yard of the Month winners in Sydney Harbour.



Focus on Deed Restriction Violations: ANCHORING DOCKS

Periodically we will feature discussion of a particular common deed restriction violation to explain the logic behind the violation. This month, we will focus on anchoring docks to become level.

One of the unique characteristics of Sydney Harbour is the docks on our lakefront lots. Houston subdivisions usually reserve lakefront land as common areas. Sydney Harbour residents can own their own dock adding to our property values and enjoyment.

Most docks are fairly low maintenance, but certain designs in Sydney Harbour are more prone to level issues. During periods of high water, the dock floats and pulls up its support posts. When the water recedes, the dock is no longer level. If this description describes your dock, then you have probably

received or will soon receive a deed restriction violation.

Uneven docks look unsightly and detract from our signature feature – the lakes. Also, they visually infer that the overall property is not maintained. This hurts the value of both the offending property and all its neighbors. For this reason, they are not permitted in Sydney Harbour.

Many residents have successfully repaired their docks. The contractor digs out and re-anchors the dock posts, typically in a few hours. The HOA will compile a list of contractors who can repair docks and post it on the Sydney Harbour Facebook page and our web site. If your dock was successfully repaired, please help your neighbors and contact Sterling with the contact information for your contractor.



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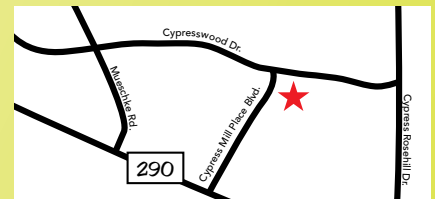
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Board of Directors Nominating Committee



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Update on Cypress Hill MUD #1 Water Plant No. 2 Project

Cypress Hill MUD #1 recently gave us an update on their upgrade project to their Water Plant No. 2 located on the corner of Camp Cove Drive and Opera House Row in Sydney Harbour. The project will consist of the addition of two 200,000 gallon ground storage tanks with upgrades to electrical system, yard piping, fencing and landscaping. The tanks will be built in the lot on Opera House Row located immediately south of the existing plant. The project will add additional storage capacity for the overall MUD District. Also, with the addition of a 3rd tank at their Water Plant No. 1 in Cypress Mill subdivision, the District will be able to maintain pressure and capacity during the months when water is in high demand.

The MUD said that there will be no construction during this summer. Plans are currently at the City of Houston for review and comment. When the MUD receives comments, they will be addressed and returned for final approval by all agencies. After final approvals, the project will be publicly bid. The project will then be awarded and contracts signed for a start of construction expected during the last quarter of 2014.

The Importance of Communications

*By Linda Holmes,
Chairperson of the Communications Committee*

I think all of us understand how important communications are. During a recent incident here in Sydney Harbour when the community pool had to be closed for a few days, an e-mail was distributed to all residents notifying them. Unfortunately, some residents showed up at the pool having not received the notice. That is because I don't have their e-mail address on the distribution list. If you know of someone who is not receiving these notices, please have them send me an e-mail at sydneyharbour2009@yahoo.com with their name, address, and e-mail address. The Communications Committee would like for everyone to keep in touch with what's going on in their neighborhood.

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Summer In Sydney Harbour

By Jackie Warren, Landscape Chairperson

The “dog days of summer” will soon be upon us. Many of our beautiful spring flowers simply cannot tolerate the heat and humidity of a typical Houston summer.

If you want to put some summer cheer into your landscaping here are a few plants that have been bred to be hard to kill, can withstand heat, drought, lack of fertilizer and general neglect. (Perfect for the lazy gardener.)

Blue Princess Verbena – with pretty purple flowers that bloom in clusters of two to three inches and will spread to two to three inches in width. It can be grown in pots or in beds. Plant in full sun.

Trailing Lantana – This plant will attract butterflies. It has pretty lavender, purple or white flowers that will spread up to four feet wide. Blooms April through frost.

Rose Mallow Hibiscus – This perennial bush can grow to be five feet tall and five feet wide. These make great accent plants for your landscaping. The flowers can be up to ten inches in diameter! Plant in full sun and it will bloom until frost.

Gold Lantana – The hardy plant is practically indestructible. It is drought resistant, heat tolerate and will also attract

butterflies and hummingbirds. This plant has beautiful gold clusters of flowers and will bloom from late spring to frost.

Dwarf Mexican Petunia – This perennial can be planted in sun or shade. It will grow quickly as a ground cover, shade gardens or rock gardens. Blooms can be violet, light pink or white. It blooms from April to first frost.

Garden Phlox – Phlox makes a wonderful ground cover and also would look great in shade and rock gardens. They do require partial sun to flower properly. They blossom in clusters of magenta, growing up to three feet tall and can withstand cold down to five degrees!

Mystic Spires Blue Salvia – This pretty blue perennial requires full sun and will bloom from spring through fall here in

Houston. This flower does well in containers, too, and will attract hummingbirds. Mystic spires is a compact version of the popular Indigo Spires Salvia.

Hopefully you have seen some interesting plants that will help you to keep Sydney Harbour beautiful.

The Landscape Committee wishes you and your family and safe and happy summer.



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KIDS' RUNNING TEAM'S CROSS COUNTRY SEASON STARTS SEPTEMBER 8TH

The Northwest Flyers Track Club Youth Cross-Country Team kicks off the fall season with registration and a mandatory orientation for parents and athletes on Monday, September 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. Registration will be held at Cypress Creek High School, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston, TX. The first practice will be held at the Cypress Creek YMCA on Thursday, September 11.




The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a member program of USA Track and Field (USATF), the national governing body for track and cross country. The club is in its 27th year in the northwest Houston area. Children ages 6 - 18 may participate in the team, and both beginners and experienced runners are welcome. Middle school and high school cross country athletes can also register, but should compete after their cross country season is over.

Contact Coach Eric Wentworth at emw185@gmail.com, 281-961-6603, or Coach Donnell Carter at dcarter.nwflyers@yahoo.com, 281-467-4727, for more information. Email Coach Carter to get on the email list and you will receive a free running training video. Visit www.northwestflyers.org to get updates and learn more about the team.



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Susan Marshall Account Representative
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