

SYDNEY HARBOUR

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Mark Your Calendar

A decorative graphic consisting of several overlapping circles in various colors (purple, green, orange, red, yellow) scattered around a central purple circle. The central circle contains text. Other circles contain icons: a flip-flop, a duck, a heart, a martini glass, an anchor, and a star.

Annual Pool Opening will take place on Saturday, May 16th, at 10:00 am along with pool registration for new residents. A fee of \$10.00 per household payable to Sterling ASI will be due if you do not register at the on-site registration or if you elected to have the passes mailed to you. Only new property owners will be exempt from the fee. After May 31st a late fee of \$35 will be charged. To celebrate the opening, an Ice Cream Social will again be held by the Events Committee from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. This will be the official first day of the Sydney Harbour pool season, so come out and join the fun. **REMEMBER:** You must have a pool pass to come in the pool area.

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DOCK STAINING POLICY

One of the most frequently asked Deed Restriction questions involves dock staining. We all want the dock colors that foster our communities' "resort style living" appearance. But, given the variety of Sydney Harbour house styles, there is no single solution. Following are the standards that the Sydney Harbour HOA will follow to meet this objective.

1. For simplicity, the Board pre-approves specific colors. If your dock has one of these colors, then you do not need to do anything.

Behr Premium Wood Coatings (Home Depot) semi-transparent stain:

- Cedar Naturaltone
- Redwood Naturaltone
- Redwood

Olympic (Lowe's) semi-transparent stain:

- Olympic Elite: Rustic Cedar
- Olympic Elite: Cumaru
- Olympic Elite: Jatoba
- Olympic: Cedar Naturaltone
- Olympic: Redwood Naturaltone
- Olympic: Redwood
- Clear Wood Sealer

2. Colors outside the pre-approved list can be tasteful for specific

residents' house and landscaping. If your dock color is not pre-approved, please submit the color to the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) including your explanation regarding why the color fits for your house. ACC will then provide a judgment if your proposed dock color supports the image of Sydney Harbour uniquely for your residence.

3. Docks and associated benches should all be the same color. No "candy striping" in Sydney Harbour.

The Deed Restriction Violation Committee will be implementing this dock stain policy over the coming months. Given the number of docks in Sydney Harbour, it will take some time for us to cover the entire subdivision. Over the years, many of us have gained experience with dock staining/painting practices that work and practices that fail. Two points stand out. First, stain is superior to paint. Paint can keep moisture in the wood and accelerate rot. Second, certain "hi tech" colored sealants can partially flake off with time. The remaining sealant is difficult to remove causing an uneven appearance. You may have other dock staining experiences, good or bad, that would benefit the rest of us. If so, please post them on Facebook or send an email to Sterling. The HOA's bottom line is that the dock staining policy, and all our policies, defend the resort style living appearance of Sydney Harbour and preserves its property values.



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New Confidentiality Policy for Board Members and Committees

The Board has approved a Confidentiality, Disclosure of Interest and Gift Policy covering current and future Board members. Separately, the Board approved a similar Policy for Committee members. The Policies govern three main areas. First, Directors and Committee members are not allowed to divulge sensitive matters that are discussed within their respective meetings such as litigation, contracts under negotiation or enforcement actions against specific residents. Second, if the HOA is doing business with a Director or Committee member, then such business can only be done under a competitive bidding process in which the Director or Committee member has no influence. Lastly, Directors and Committee members cannot accept gifts exceeding \$25 from contractors. These two Policies can give comfort to the residents that the HOA is being run at a high standard of professionalism.

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Key Metrics

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Earlier - **\$19,713.07**

Deed Restriction Violations, February 2015 - **164**



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Let's keep Sydney Harbour BEAUTIFUL!

Please pick up your trash. Sydney Harbour is a beautiful neighborhood. We all moved here to enjoy the "Resort Style Living". Let's not litter it with trash. If you see trash laying around, stop and pick it up. If trash gets in the lakes, it clogs the fountains. We then spend money on fixing fountains instead of other things that can keep our homes beautiful.



Work Begins on Water Plant Project

Cypress Hill MUD #1 has kicked off its water plant expansion project. Water plants require 8 feet high perimeter fencing, not the 6 feet height of Sydney Harbour. First step involves the MUD rebuilding the fencing along Cypress Rosehill and along the east side of the existing plant. Second, the new tanks will be installed on the lot on Opera House Row Drive adjacent to the plant. Lastly, the south side and Opera House Row perimeter walls will be constructed and landscaping will be installed.

SYDNEY HARBOUR upcoming community events

Mark your calendars. More details coming soon!

Pool Opening/Ice Cream Social

Saturday, May 16th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

National Night Out

Tuesday, October 6th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Western BBQ

Saturday, September 12th, (Details to be Announced)

Garage Sale

Saturday, October 24th, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Christmas Lighting Contest

Sunday, December 20th. Judging at 8:00 pm.



The Cypress Symphony presents Vaughn Williams' "The Lark Ascending" with Kathleen Winkler, violin soloist, and Bohuslav Rattay, guest conductor on Saturday, May 9th, 7:00 pm. at The Centrum.

OTHER WORKS ON THE PROGRAM:

Copland- Appalachian Spring
Tchaikovsky- String Serenade

cypresssymphony.org for tickets

Hockley Community Center Special Events

In addition to regularly scheduled activities – walking, knitting, quilting, oil painting, yoga, stretching and toning exercise classes, cards and dominoes – Harris County Precinct Three Commissioner Steve Radack's Hockley Community Center will offer the following special events in April:

Crochet Circle - A new crochet circle is now being formed at the Hockley Community Center. All skill levels are welcome on Thursdays from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Call (936) 931-5029 for more information.

Flower Power Crafts - Elisabeth Konterud and Liz Brogdon will show participants how to make a variety of flowers for springtime decorating using different techniques and supplies on Thursdays in April from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Call (936) 931-5030 for more information and to register for all or individual sessions of this series of classes.

Technology Training for Senior Citizens - IT Training Specialist Michelle Richardson is coming to the Hockley Community Center to help make senior citizens more familiar with electronic devices. She will teach an iPhone Training Class on April 8th and an iPad Training Class on April 15th from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. On April 22nd from 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. amateur photographer Mike Gavin will teach the class Senior Shutterbug: How to Shoot Great Digital Photos. Seniors are encouraged to bring their digital cameras and/or smartphones to the class. Call (936) 931-5029 for more information and to register.

Senior Soap Box Derby Competition - Harris County Precinct Three is hosting the Sixth Annual Spring Senior Soap Box Derby Competition on April 10th at the Hockley Recreational Complex. Seniors are invited to sign up at the Hockley Community Center to compete against seniors from other community centers in the precinct starting at 9:00 a.m. Soap Box Derby cars for the race will be provided. Call (936) 931-5029.

Senior Bus Trip to the Hill Country - Wimberley Glassworks in San Marcos, Cypress Creek Café in Wimberley, and the Gruene Historic District are the destinations of Hockley Community Center's April 16th senior bus trip to the Hill Country. Departure time is 8 a.m. Registration is required. Call (936) 931-5029 for more information.

Hockley Support Group - A support group offers an effective way of dealing with concerns, stress, hardship and pain. The Hockley Support Group is an open group that meets on April 30th from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Call (936) 931-5030 for more information.

Senior Bus Trips to Theater Under The Stars - Seniors ages 50 and above now have the opportunity to sign up for a series of bus trips to 2015-2016 show performances at Houston's Theater Under The Stars. Enjoy the musicals Matilda, A Christmas Story, The Bridges of Madison County, Mary Poppins, Oliver! and A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder when you sign up to get tickets for six Sunday matinees. After each show, the bus will take participants to Cleburne's Cafeteria for dinner before heading back to Hockley. Registration is required and the deadline to order tickets is March 31st. Call (936) 931-5029 for details.

Advance registration for special activities is typically requested. An adult must accompany and remain with anyone under the age of 18 visiting the center. The Hockley Community Center is part of the Harris County Precinct Three Recreation Complex at 28515 Old Washington Road in Hockley. A calendar of events is available at the Harris County Precinct Three website at www.pct3.hctx.net. For more information, call (936) 931-5030.

Cypress Symphony Fundraising Gala

The Cypress Symphony hosts its 3rd Annual Fundraising Gala and Season Announcement Dinner presented by Clearwater Utilities at 5pm on April 26, 2015 at the Norris Conference Centers at City Centre. The evening will include revealing all major works for the 2015/2016 season with introductions by season conductor Jerry Hou, returning after his enthralling performance in January.

Richard Dowling will perform an exclusive recital for gala attendees that will elegantly (or subtly) match the theme of the evening "Stardust" with an emphasis on evening jazz. A Texas native, Dowling is known best for his recordings of American Music and has won the hearts and recognition of many for his performances, including the Houston Tuesday Musical Club Competition and a sold out debut at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Dowling was the first soloist to appear with the Cypress Symphony in September 2013 at the inaugural concert.

Founder Caroline Ewan comments that "I am thrilled that the symphony is about to embark on its third season. Our mission to enrich and educate the community has the support it needs to expand not only the size of our orchestra, but also the number of communities that we are reaching. Our third season will be our first entre into these two areas. It is a historic and exciting time at the Cypress Symphony."

The Cypress Symphony, founded by 26-year-old Caroline Ewan, is receiving great support from the northwest Houston community for its energetic performances. The next concert is May 9th at 7PM at the Centrum under the baton of Bohuslav Rattay, Conductor of the El Paso Symphony. Kathy Winkler, violin professor from Rice University, will perform the wonderful "Lark Ascending" by Vaughan-Williams as well as "Appalachian Spring."

During the fundraising gala, there will be a silent auction presenting items from some of Houston's best cultural institutions and local artisans. Ms. Ewan and the administrative team will highlight the current status of the Cypress Symphony and present exciting new developments for the 2015/2016 season.

The gala will be held at Norris Conference Centers at City Centre at 826 Town & Country Blvd, Suite 210, Houston, Texas 77024. Tickets for the gala can be purchased online at www.CypressSymphony.org or by calling (832) 766-0529. Individual seats for this exclusive event are \$60 with discounts for table purchases or priority seating. Additional tickets and upcoming concert information can be found online at www.CypressSymphony.org.

The Cypress Symphony is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization and member of the League of American Orchestras.

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CYPRESS TEXAS TEA PARTY

The next meetings of the Cypress Texas Tea Party will be on:

Saturday, March 21, 2015

- Dr. Kyle Scott, Lone Star College Trustee

Saturday, April 11, 2015

- Glenn Hegar, Texas Comptroller

- Dwayne Bohac, Texas Representative, District 138

Saturday, May 2, 2015

- Donna Bahorich, State Board of Education, District 6

The Cypress Texas Tea Party meets every three weeks on Saturday noon until 2:00 PM at:

Spring Creek BBQ

25831 Northwest Freeway

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Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/OoNjY>

A schedule of our meetings and confirmed speakers can be found at our website, www.cypressstexasteaparty.org.



Cypress-Tomball Democrats Announce April Meeting

The next Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. It will be held at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend the meeting and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings are open to all, and always feature great fellowship and informative guest speakers. For more information, visit the website at www.cytomdems.com; contact Glenn Etienne at cytomdems@yahoo.com; or "Like" the club on Facebook.

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