



# SYDNEY HARBOUR



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## YARD OF THE MONTH



The Sydney Harbour Yard of the Month for June, 2015, is 17811 Folly Point owned by Olanrewaju & Adeola Orundami. Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Orundami for making Sydney Harbour a beautiful neighborhood for all of us to enjoy.

# JUNE 2015



## GET ACC APPROVAL

**BE SURE TO GET ACC APPROVAL BEFORE MAKING THOSE OUTSIDE IMPROVEMENTS!!**

We are in our Spring/Summer time when we all start contemplating that new patio and patio cover, additional flowerbed, staining our docks or that great new tree. Be sure that you complete an Architectural Control Committee (ACC) form ([www.sydneyharbourhoa.org](http://www.sydneyharbourhoa.org) – Architectural Control) for any outdoor improvements prior to beginning the work. You can find the Deed Restriction Documents for your Section of the neighborhood at [www.sydneyharbourhoa.org](http://www.sydneyharbourhoa.org), under Governing Documents as well as the Dock Stain Policy, Landscape Borders Guidelines, Plant Guidelines, etc. All of these documents should be used as a guideline while you are planning your improvement.

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## SYDNEY HARBOUR CONTRACTORS

### **Landscaping:**

The Landscaping Committee solicited bids from three landscape companies and recommended Hou-Scape, Inc. The Board approved this recommendation effective June 2015 because Hou-Scape has excellent references, is competitive (although not the low bidder) and has capabilities to match our subdivision. We are enthusiastic to see the landscaping transition in the coming months.

### **Pool:**

The Pool Committee solicited bids from three pool companies and recommended to continue with Greater Houston Pool Management (GHPMI). This was a difficult decision, but the Board approved effective May 2015 based on GHPMI's low bid, GHPMI's representations to improve service and unacceptable contract language from some other competitor companies.

### **Lakes:**

Lake Pro, Inc has provided excellent lake services to Sydney Harbour for many years. Lake service is a niche business. Knowledge of our lakes and fountains is critical to provide timely and cost effective service. The Board is comfortable with continuing our contract with Lake Pro.

### **Management Company:**

Sterling Association Services, Inc provides management services for the Board including organizing our resident meetings, maintaining our books and records, making payments and performing the deed restriction activities. The Board is in the process of deciding between Sterling and other management company candidates.

## What's In a Name?

This month we will take a look at Grotto Point. The street in our subdivision is on the north side of Sydney Harbour just as Grotto Point itself is situated on the north side of Sydney Harbour, NSW, Australia.

Grotto Point is a rocky headland at the southernmost tip of Balgowlah Heights and serves as the home of Grotto Point Light, a lighthouse built in 1911. The original light source was a carbide lamp (acetylene gas), which was initially generated on-site, and later replaced by compressed gas cylinders brought by boat. Later still, the light was electrified and connected to the main electricity grid.



The area is well known for hiking. Grotto Point at Dobroyd Head is one of the best places to see rock engravings made by the region's Aboriginal inhabitants. Fascinating, well preserved and etched into the Sydney basin sandstone, the images include a giant kangaroo, boomerangs, a whale and several small fish, as well as etchings of humans. The site features timber enclosures protecting the engravings and you can learn about them from the informative signs.

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### PLEASE RESPOND TO DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATION LETTERS

Almost everyone that lives in Sydney Harbour will receive a Deed Restriction Violation letter at some time of their residency in the neighborhood. Whether it is for an unkempt yard, something left on a porch or a trash can visible from the street. It is important to correct the violation but also to communicate with Sterling, our management company, that the violation has been corrected or any other communication on the status of correcting the violation. If you are not sure what the violation letter is referring to it is important to contact Sterling for clarification. **COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY!!**

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## Landscape Article

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 a safe and happy summer.



**Sydney Harbour Adult  
International Night  
Saturday, September 12th  
8:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.  
More details to follow.**

## Hosting an Exchange Student

Did you ever wonder what hosting a foreign exchange student is about? Well here it is in a nutshell....

Hosting an exchange student is a great way to learn about another country and culture without leaving your home town. It provides a cultural exchange experience for the entire family while providing a student from another country with a slice of American life.

Hosting an exchange student is like adding an international branch to your family tree. Many host families develop lifelong friendships with their exchange students and keep in regular touch with them. Some even visit them in their home countries, or invite them back for weddings and graduations

Hosting an exchange student provides your family, your high school and your community with a direct window into another country and culture, providing an opportunity for life-long learning.

Families of all shapes and sizes can host an international exchange student. We've had host families with young children, no children, high school aged children – as well as empty nesters and single parent households.

Ayusa is a non-profit based in San Francisco that promotes global learning and leadership through foreign exchange and study abroad programs for high school students from around the world.

For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact your local representative Vicki Odom at 832.455.7881 or [vodom@ayusa.org](mailto:vodom@ayusa.org) or Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at [www.ayusa.org](http://www.ayusa.org).

## HOCKLEY COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTS SPECIAL EVENTS

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

### Spades

Seniors will play Spades on Thursdays from 10:15 a.m. until noon. New players are invited to join. Call (936) 931-5029 for more information.

### "Whodunit" Book Club

Deal Breaker, the first book in Harlan Coben's Myron Bolter mystery series, will be discussed on July 14th from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Participants are welcome to bring a sack lunch and enjoy the company of other avid readers.

### Fun for Children with Ms. Liz

On Wednesdays in July from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. volunteer Liz Brogdon is bringing fun, educational activities for children to the Hockley Community Center. Children will learn about a variety of topics while "crafting," playing and enjoying the company of other children. Fourth of July Crafts is scheduled for July 1st. Historical Craft and Play: Austin's Colony is on July 8th. Call (936) 931-5030 for details and register.

### Basic English

In July, summer English classes are offered by bilingual volunteer instructors on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and on Wednesday from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Registration and first class is at 3:45 p.m. on July 1st. Call (936) 931-5030 for details and to register.

### Origami

Bilingual volunteer Robert Beaujean will teach children how to crease and fold paper to make the most amazing creations on July 7th and 14th from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. Call (936) 931-5030 for details and to sign up your child.

### Silverware Jewelry

Eric Lockett will show children ages seven and up how to use old silverware to make beautiful bracelets and rings on July 13th from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Call (936) 931-5030 for details and to register.

### Fun with Watercolor

Eric Lockett will teach children basic watercolor painting techniques and effects on July 16th from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Call (936) 931-5030 for details and to sign up your child.

### Senior Bus Trip to Galveston

The Lone Star Flight Museum, Shrimp 'N Stuff and a scenic tour of the Galveston Bay Area will be the highlights of a senior bus trip on July 16th. Admission to the museum is \$5 and the bus will depart at 8 a.m. Registration is required. Call (936) 931-5030 for details.

### "What is a Woman" Show

Seniors from Tom Bass Community Center are presenting a

program celebrating women on July 20th from 11:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Call (936) 931-5030 for details and register. The program will be followed by a light luncheon for performers and audience. Luncheon tickets are \$2 and need to be obtained in advance. The event is open to all ages.

### Basic Chess

Bilingual volunteer Robert Beaujean will teach children ages eight and older about chess in two sessions. He will explain the basic chess set on July 21st and strategy and movements on July 28th from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. Call (936) 931-5030 for details and to sign up your child.

### 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 July 28th from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Call (936) 931-5030 for more information. Sign-up is not required.

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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](http://www.pct3.hctx.net). For more information, call (936) 931-5030.

## Summer Cross Country Training for Kids

The Northwest Flyers Youth Cross Country Team is now registering for summer training in preparation for the fall cross country season. Boys and girls ages 6 – 18 may participate. For information contact: Coach Eric Wentworth at [emw1105@gmail.com](mailto:emw1105@gmail.com) or 281-961-6603; Coach Scott Basinger at [sjbasinger@gmail.com](mailto:sjbasinger@gmail.com) or 713-855-8555. Website is [www.northwestflyers.org](http://www.northwestflyers.org).



# ENUF TALENT AGENCY

ENUF Talent Agency gives gifted actors, singers, rappers, children and models a chance to fulfill their dreams

ENUF Talent Agency, recently founded by Catherine Mitchell and Deloris Madison, is on a mission to help promising stars achieve their dreams. The agency will be holding auditions for gifted individuals to compete in one of four categories for the chance to earn a spot in a talent show.

Talent categories include acting, modeling, singing and rapping for children 12 and under. In addition to a cash prize, the winner of each talent category will earn the opportunity to work on a professional assignment and develop their skills under a coach.

Catherine Mitchell and Deloris Madison founded ENUF Talent Agency to provide gifted individuals with developmental tools and connect them with professional opportunities. The agency provides a platform for actors and performers to showcase their abilities and gain exposure through talent shows and events.

ENUF Talent Agency sets itself apart from similar agencies by embracing, nurturing, unifying and fulfilling the dreams of promising stars. Although ENUF is not recruiting any clients until its official launch in winter 2015, the agency is currently focused on engaging the Houston community through its talent show series. The auditions will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn West Belt dates included are: June 12th, 13th, 26th, and 27th and July 10th, 11th, 17th, and 18th. All auditions are scheduled to make it easier for people to come and go without the long wait.

ENUF Talent Agency is Houston's premier focused on connecting promising performers and models with professional opportunities and developmental tools. For more information, visit [www.enuftalentagency.com](http://www.enuftalentagency.com). For constant updates, follow ENUF on Instagram @enuftalentagency and at [www.facebook.com/enuftalent](http://www.facebook.com/enuftalent). Contact us at (713) 405-1894



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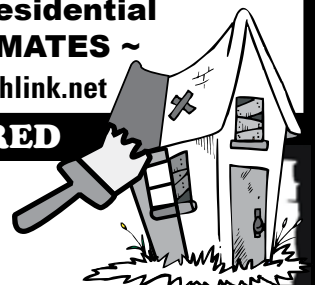
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