



# SYDNEY HARBOUR



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## JULY YARD OF THE MONTH



Yard of the Month for July has been awarded to Jeremy & Carrie Gilchrist at 17831 Avalon Point Court. Congratulations Jeremy & Carrie!! Thank you for helping to make us proud to live in Sydney Harbour.

## Sydney Harbour

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

Sydney Harbour's next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 7:30 pm, at the community club house. Lt. James Blackledge of the Harris County Constable Precinct 4 will be our guest speaker about home security and will be available to answer questions.



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# Management Company Selection

Why did Board want to change from Sterling?

- Many residents have negative impression of Sterling although not always deserved; PMG is an opportunity for a reset.
- More “hands on” management company, so Board, committee members and residents do not need to be so directly involved in managing subdivision.

New Company needed to demonstrate a significant improvement over Sterling because

- Change is difficult
- Sterling has deep experience with the neighborhood and knows many of the residents
- Individuals at Sterling have worked well with the Board and Committees

Why did the Board select Principal Management Group of Houston, an Associated Group Company

- Competitive price
- Largest management company in USA so has economy of scale to allow larger suite of services, bench of highly experienced professionals
- In particular, PMG has much superior IT that will add clarity and efficiency to interfaces with Board, Committees and residents
- Broader knowledge to help in resolving unique Sydney Harbour issues

What are our expectations for PMG?

- Seamless operation of base business during transition including efficient use of existing committees and contractors.
- More involvement of management company in base business; less requirement for residents to perform tasks to manage the neighborhood
- Better communication with the neighborhood through new channels and better use of existing channels
- Good, thoughtful suggestions to help the Board to resolve several long standing issues in the neighborhood based on Associa's broad internal network.
- New ideas to add value and enjoyment for residents
- More neighborly tone in the relationship between the residents and the management company.

# Sydney Harbour ADULT INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

*Saturday, September 12th*  
*8:00 p.m. - 11:00p.m.*  
*Clubhouse and Pool Area*  
*BYOB*

Dress in your native clothing or casual attire. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert from your native country with your name & address on the dish if you want it returned. The pool will be closed at 8:00 pm.



(Watch For Further Details)

# Community Garage Sale

Saturday, October 17, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon



## What's In a Name?

Blues Point Drive in our subdivision is situated one block away from Harbour Bridge Point Drive and intersects Opera House Row. The correlation to its counterpart in Blues Point, NSW, Australia is quite remarkable. A visitor from the U.K. to Australia recently commented, "Blues Point reserve is an absolutely stunning spot for a view of the Harbour Bridge and the Opera House."

The description of Blues Point reserve must also include details of McMahons Point as the harbour-side suburb on the lower North Shore of Sydney. McMahons Point sits on the peninsula flanked by Berrys Bay to the west and Lavender Bay to the east. The lower tip of the peninsula is known as Blues Point reserve, which offers expansive views of Port Jackson.

Once predominantly working-class, it is now among Sydney's most exclusive localities. McMahons Point is primarily a medium-to-high-density residential area and is bordered by the surrounding suburbs of Waverton, North Sydney and Lavender Bay. Real estate north of Sydney Harbour in this collection of villages is set at a premium due to the area's low crime rate, cafes, restaurants, pubs, parks, accessibility to bus, train and ferry networks plus expansive views of the Sydney City CBD.

Sydney is the New Year's Eve Capital of the World with more than 1.6 million people viewing the fireworks each year. One of the premier spots to relax and enjoy the festivities is Blues Point.

*From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia and Yelp!*



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- Junk mail, envelopes, file folders
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- Corrugated cardboard boxes
- Cereal & gift boxes, etc
- Milk cartons
- Juice cartons
- Wax coated boxes

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- Glass - clear & colored
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- Aluminum foil
- Aluminum foil plates/ serving containers
- Plastic bottles, jars, tubs and buckets (such as soda, water, milk, juice, liquor, shampoo, Paper bags & phone books, detergent, condiments, salad dressing, yogurt, Wrapping paper, margarine, pet food, etc)
- Plastic grocery bags
- Metal food cans (tin & steel)
- Metal food can lids
- Metal pots and pans

Please place items within the provided recycling bin. Please remove caps, liquids and food products from inside the containers. If items exceed container capacity, you are welcome to use a container of your choice (i.e. Rubbermaid tote, trash can with lid and wheels) as long as the container is clearly labeled "RECYCLE". If items are left in your bin, it means they are not recyclable. Please dispose of these items in your trash container for the next scheduled pick up. Please only use the recycle bins for recyclable materials, not as an extra trash container. Best Trash will provide each residence with one recycling bin. Theft, lost or additional bins can be replaced at \$9.00 each and a recycle cart is \$65.00, call 281-313-2378 to order.



### Sydney Harbour Real Estate Corner Activity January 1, 2015– June 30, 2015 Presented by Kathy Emery

Home Sales		Number of Homes	Price Ranges
Active	1 Story	6	\$295,000-\$433,311
	2 Story	13	\$336,104-\$579,900
Pending	1 Story	3	\$301,000-\$365,011
	2 Story	3	\$230,000-\$479,371
Sold	1 Story	2	\$290,000-\$350,000
	2 Story	8	\$290,000-\$475,000

This representation is based on data supplied by the Multiple Listing Service of Southern California. Accuracy not guaranteed. Please consult with a professional for more information.

## HFC JUNIOR HURRICANES (JHSL) REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2015 OPEN

The Junior Hurricanes Soccer League (JHSL) is led by professional United States Soccer Federation (USSF) licensed staff and is designed for boys & girls who want to play and have fun in a safe and developmentally appropriate environment. The JHSL program is being offered at multiple locations and in conjunction with CFSA at the Schiel Road Complex. To learn more about each location and to register please visit [www.albionhurricanes.org](http://www.albionhurricanes.org). Contact us at [jhsl@albionhurricanes.org](mailto:jhsl@albionhurricanes.org), Office Phone: 713-939-7473.



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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 Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at Cypress Creek High School, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston. Registration starts online September 1 at [www.northwestflyers.org](http://www.northwestflyers.org). Practices are held at the Cypress Creek YMCA and Spring Creek Park in Tomball.

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 28th year in the northwest Houston area. 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.

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

## Girl Scouts = Girl Power

When most people think of Girl Scouts, they think about cookies, camping and crafts, but this organization is more than just those things. Girl Scouts is about charting the course of a girl's destiny so she grows up confident, knowing she is capable of achieving great things in life .... of being successful and doing something significant!

It's August which means the summer is winding down and school is starting soon. As you start planning your daughter's activities, we hope you plan make to Girl Scouts a part of it. If you'd like your daughter to explore new interests, achieve their goals, or simply to make new friends to overcome their shyness, look for Girl Scout recruitment events in your school. Girl Scouts is for girls in grades kindergarten to 12th grade and the cost is \$15. You can join Girl Scouts at [www.gsjc.org](http://www.gsjc.org) or contact your local volunteer, Susan Lawyer, at [suelawyer@comcast.net](mailto:suelawyer@comcast.net).

We are looking forward to another great year in the Cypress area and hope you can join in the fun!



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### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Harris County Sheriff ..... 866.222.7100  
Pct 4 Main Dispatch Number ..... 281.376.3472  
Animal Control (Emergency) ..... 281.999.3191  
Poison Control ..... 800.764.7661  
Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department ..... 713.466.6161  
Emergency ..... 911

### LOCAL UTILITY/SERVICE PROVIDERS

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*You can choose your electric provider*  
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### PUBLIC SERVICES

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..... 16635 Spring Cypress Road  
Metro Park and Ride ..... 713.635.4000

### MEDICAL FACILITIES

Methodist Hospital-Willowbrook ..... 281.477.1000  
Cy-Fair Medical Center ..... 281.890.4285  
Memorial Herman Hospital ..... 281.392.1111  
North Cypress Medical Center ..... 281.894.0003

### COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Cy-Fair ISD Administration ..... 281-897-4000  
..... 10300 Jones Road  
Farney Elementary School ..... 281-373-2850  
..... 14425 Barker Cypress  
Goodson Middle School ..... 281-373-2350  
..... 17333 Huffmeister  
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**Janine Cruz** ..... Administrative Assistant  
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*Contact for 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.*

**Susan Marshall** ..... Account Representative  
..... 832-678-4500 ext. 215, susan@sterlingasi.com

*Any accounting related questions, a payoff quote or a transfer fee, or just want to know information regarding homeowner's accounts*

**Angela Villegas** ..... Pool Card Administrator/Customer Service  
..... 832.678.4500 ext. 224, angela@sterlingasi.com

*Contact for homeowner's needing a pool card for access to the pool area.*

Along with Janine, Susan 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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