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Newsletter for the Shadow Brook Swim Club

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Shadow Brook Board of Directors

Hello Shadow Brook:

Despite the warm weather, it's the beginning of fall. With that two milestones occur: the volunteer appreciation dinner and the close of another pool season. The dinner was attended by over 30 people. This is one of the biggest turnouts and indicates the many volunteers we have. Many people are behind the scenes helping out – from socials, to holiday events to lending a hand landscaping or at the pool keeping things in working order for members and guests. To all that help during the season, thank you very much.

And another safe and fun pool season was enjoyed. Congratulations to the swim team on a great season and thanks to the pool staff and lifeguards for another successful season.

A few updates...

Sound wall: As you're aware the wall behind the pool on Almaden Expressway was damaged some time ago. I have been working with the county on this for a few months and I am now able to say it will be repaired this fall. This has been delayed due to other priorities as well as budget constraints. **Road Sign** The city has been contacted regarding the broken sign in the common area entering/exiting Almaden Expressway.

Sidewalk Repair: As a homeowner, you are responsible for the sidewalk in front of your house. If the sidewalk is in need of repair, the city has a grant program that assists homeowners with the cost of repair. I recommend taking advantage of this program while it is still available. The process is fairly simple. More information can be found at http://www.sanjoseca.gov/transportation/s_sidewalks.htm or by calling the city at 277-3158.

Ways to help out: Many have offered to assist the Board this year and in the future. There are several ways to help out. One way is to become a Board member. Another way is to assist with the ACC as there is an opening for the remainder of this year. If you are interested please let me know. How are your web skills? We can use help in the Communications area as well. Again, please let me know.

Fall Meeting: The Fall General Meeting is on November 13. All are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to do so, please send in your proxy to ensure a quorum is met. Please make sure to get all the details on page two of this Splasher.

Finally, your comments and suggestions are encouraged. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you.

Patrick Smith
president@shadowbrook.org

Fall Election and Board Candidacy Time Line - November 2006

In order for homeowners, who wish to be candidates, to be listed on the printed election ballot they must inform the Secretary of their candidacy in one of two ways:

- 1) By email to **secretary@shadowbrook.org** no later than noon on October 11, 2006 or
- 2) By letter postmarked no later than October 9, 2006 and received no later than October 11 mailed to:

Secretary
Shadow Brook Swim Club
P. O. Box 20271
San Jose, CA 95160

The email or letter should include a brief "bio" of the candidate. A copy of the "bio" should also be sent (preferably by email) to the Splasher at **splasher@shadowbrook.org** and must be received no later than October 13 if it is to be printed in the Splasher. The "bio" is limited in length to 85 words and will be printed in the October Splasher to inform homeowners about the candidates.

The election materials will be mailed on or about October 12 to the address of record of the owner of each property. The mailing will include envelopes and instructions for mail return of the vote for Board members. Please vote and return the election materials promptly. The State legislature has mandated new secret ballot election procedures and we need a large number of returns to test our procedures. The ballot provides for write-in candidates.

The election materials may alternatively be delivered to a collecting table at the Fall General Meeting. The Fall General Meeting is scheduled for November 13, 7:30 p.m., at the Almaden Country School corner of Trinidad and Akio Way.

We anticipate one opening on the Board this coming year, and this is a call to each of you to consider making a contribution to Shadow Brook by running for the Board of Directors.

There is an opening on the three-member ACC, so you might also consider that opportunity. Please consider stepping forward and giving us a hand.

Your Shadow Brook Board

Proposed Policy on Temporary Storage Containers.

Temporary on-site storage containers are permitted in the driveway of an Owner's Lot for up to one week (seven days). Similar containers being used for moving are permitted for two weeks (14 days).

Information: The above policy reflects our understanding of current practice in the city of San Jose. San Jose City code defines storage containers as structures. With the exception of their temporary use for moving, these storage structures are to be located at least 60 feet from the front property line. The city of San Jose routinely issues citations for improper use and location of storage structures.

Notes from the ACC

Recycle material in the street

The city of San Jose has a convenient process for picking up our yard waste. We pile it in the street, they scoop it up and haul it away for recycling. However, the individual homeowner has some responsibility in this process. The city code clearly states that this material cannot be put into the public street more than one day before the normal pickup day. In addition, it must be removed (sweep up the leftovers) by the day after. The city has the ability to fine individual homeowners if this is violated.

We recognize that most of us are weekend gardeners that do all our trimming and mowing on Saturday and Sunday, but putting the cuttings in the street on the weekend is both against law, and could be dangerous. Dangerous both to the car that swerves to miss your cuttings all week, and to you, the homeowner, that could be sued for any associated problems.

So, be good to your neighbors and protect yourself, make sure you, and any gardening services you have, respect this rule.

Car Thefts and Breakins

Recently, there has been a rash of car thefts and breakins, in Montevideo (the neighborhood at the top of the hill where Camden exits the Almaden Valley). The thieves are bold, stealing and damaging cars in the driveways and in the street. The San Jose police will likely pay more attention to Montevideo. But crooks are smart, they could easily move into Shadow Brook next, where police attention is less.

You can reduce your risk several ways:

1. Lock your car and remove all valuables or hide them.
2. Install a motion light in your driveway and park the car closeby.

Be alert, watch for suspicious activities late at night.

However, the most ironclad way to protect yourself, is get your car(s) into your garage. We all have at least two car garages. Most of us use our garage as an "in box" to store things and then forget about them. This might be a good excuse to clean out the garage, have a garage sale, donate things to Goodwill or Hope. This would also make the neighborhood look more attractive and less like a parking lot.

Board and Committees

<u>President</u> , Patrick Smith <i>president@shadowbrook.org</i>	323-8528	<u>Title Transfers</u> : Tom Chester <i>title@shadowbrook.org</i>	323-9408
<u>VP, Social</u> , Jody Tempel <i>social@shadowbrook.org</i>	268-4892	<u>ACC</u> : Don Hale, Bill Helms, Richard Kohl <i>acc@shadowbrook.org</i>	323-0170
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<u>Communications</u> , Tom Chester <i>splasher@shadowbrook.org</i>	323-9408		

Painting, roofing, remodeling ?

If you are changing the appearance of the exterior of your home please contact the ACC at acc@shadowbrook.org to obtain written approval.

Babysitters for Hire

Notice: If you wish to add your name to this list, please email: splasher@shadowbrook.org

Ashley Allen	828-2284
Devon Ducker	997-9979
Kristen Koolpe	323-9427
Stacey Koople	323-9427
Chrissy Ricco	268-4256
Jennifer Ricco	268-4256
Kelly Ricco	268-4256
Vanessa Royle	268-2127
Annie Rummelhoff	268-2676
Nicole McMahan	997-8303
Sara Toney	460-1520

Alex Tempel: Vacation mail/newspaper collection or pet care or babysitting.

Please call me or my parents, Tim or Jody Tempel 268-4892.