

# THE SPLASHER

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## Street Trees, the Drought, and El Nino

A number of street trees in our neighborhood seem to be stressed, likely due to lack of water this past summer. Many sources are predicting an El Nino winter, which means lots of rain and wind.

This would be a good time to consider having a qualified tree service thin out the canopy of your street tree. This would remove dead wood, produce a healthy canopy shape, and make the tree less susceptible to high winds. Winds in combination with the weakened root system, might blow down the tree. Since the home owner is responsible for removing a dead tree (not the city), this could be a several thousand dollar surprise for any homeowner. It would also be a good time to resume deep watering the tree. Check out [www.ourcityforest.org](http://www.ourcityforest.org) for tips on how keep your tree healthy.

A little TLC now could save you money later on this winter.

## Message from our president

Our Shadow Brook Fall General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 PM. The location is Bret Harte Junior High. Here is what's on the agenda:

- HOA & Financial Update
- Pool Entry Process & Membership Card Distribution
- New Policy Review & Discussion: Drought Resistant Policy (Including Artificial Turf)
- Pool Deck & Parking Lot Replacement
- Open Forum

If you have any items you would like to discuss, please join us on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 PM at Bret Harte Junior High. We look forward to seeing you then. As always, you can email the Board with questions or suggestions. Thanks!

Patrick Smith

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## Reminder from our board

If you are changing the appearance of the exterior of your home – including, but not limited to, landscaping, roofing, remodeling, painting or siding – you must contact Shadow Brook’s Architectural Control Committee (“ACC”) at [acc@shadowbrook.org](mailto:acc@shadowbrook.org) **prior to commencing** any work.

Please check our website for notification and approval guidelines.

- *Please allow a minimum of two weeks for the ACC to review and approve your project once an ACC request form is filled out and submitted to the ACC.*

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### *Halloween Tips to Keep Shadow Brook Children Safe*

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- See more at: <http://www.safekids.org/tip/halloween-safety-tips#sthash.V1KLssUv.dpuf>