

THE SPLASHER

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ACC Reminder

If you are changing up the appearance of your house, please remember to email acc@shadowbrook.org prior to the start of any work including but not limited to landscaping, painting/sliding, roofing, or remodeling for approval.

Thanks from the ACC

Message from Shadow Brook Board

This season the Board will be implementing Phase II of the new pool entry process. This will entail distributing Membership Cards to both Homeowners and Associate Members. Membership Cards will be required for pool entry, to book a party or rent the facility. In order to receive a Membership Card, a Form will need to be submitted by the Homeowner or Associate Member and Members must be in good standing.

If you were unable to attend the last two Board Meetings, please refer to the Minutes and shadowbrook.org for further information.

The Board

So you think Swim Team isn't for you?

- We might not know anyone on the team
- We can't come to practice every day
- My child is too slow or not "good enough"
- The time commitment for parents is too much
- We're not really very competitive
- We like sports to be more recreational
- We already play another sport
- My son doesn't want to wear a Speedo!!





Memorial Day BBQ

Summer is right around the corner! But even closer is our big Shadow Brook kick off on Memorial Day weekend. The BBQ will take place on Monday May 30th and we will start serving burgers & dogs at 5:00PM. Help is being requested in the kitchen and at the BBQ stations. Please email social@shadowbrook.org if you are able to help make this day a success for our community! Many Hands make light work and we **cannot** pull this off without volunteers! Please remember this is a potluck so bring a side dish to share with 12 to 15 people.

Wednesday Nights Socials

In addition to Memorial Day, we are looking for people to host Wednesday Night Socials this season. We are looking to start filling up the WNS calendar and would like to have season start June 8th. This is a fun way to volunteer with friends and continue this Shadow Brook tradition.

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Well Think Again!!!

Cabana swimming is a neighborhood activity. Our swimmers all go to local schools and/or are part of other local teams. Chances are you already know lots of people on our team, but if you really don't, Swim Team is a great opportunity to make new friends in a fun and informal environment. It is recommended that swimmers try to attend three practices a week which can produce significant improvement. The more practice the better, of course, but any practice is better than none!

All of our swimmers train, compete and improve regardless of their skill and ability when they first join the team. We have swimmers of all ages and ability levels, and they have a great time swimming at the best level they can achieve. Parents of our youngest swimmers are required to stay at the pool during practice; parents of our older swimmers often stay through practice, choosing to hang out together pool-side. At each of our swim meets, a parent must volunteer to work one shift, about 2.5 hours. When we compete, we think "friendly" with regards to the other clubs we swim against and "personal best" when we think of ourselves. For the most part, our swimmers are swimming against themselves and the clock when they take to the water. Swimming is the most perfect form of exercise and is effective cross training for all sports. You don't have to wear a Speedo! Our boys' team suit is a knee length jammer style suit which looks great on everyone!

Swim team is very fun! We have yummy treats on Fridays; we have a campout sleepover at the pool; we have fun days out with teammates; we get awards and ribbons galore; we get to swim before the pool opens each day; we know how to swim butterfly, and can backstroke better than our parents!!

Go on!!! Join swim team. And if you still have questions.....

Registration will take place on Sunday, March 20th from 1:00-5:00PM. We ask that new families come between the hours of 3:00-5:00PM **that same afternoon**. The forms needed can be found on our website as well as the 2016 spring and summer practice schedule and our 2016 dual meet schedule.

In addition to swim team sign ups, there will be volunteers on hand to assist you in getting your 2016 Shadow Brook Membership Card which will be required to enter the pool for the 2016 season.

If you have further questions, please email shadowbrooksharks@gmail.com. **See you at the pool and GO SHARKS!**

Message from your Shadow Brook ACC

Weeds, seeds, sidewalks and trees

Weeds (the non medicinal kind) are cropping up all over our neighborhood. The recent rains with periods of warm, sunny weather, have produced a bumper crop. Some homeowners have front yards filled with high patches of weeds. This gives the home a semi abandoned look that is not conducive to high curb appeal.

For the sake of your neighbors, please take the time to control these weeds. Pull them, mow them, spray them, whatever, before they go to seed and lay the foundations for the next generation of weeds for you and your immediate homeowners. If you allowed your lawn to die last summer, be aware that you now have other options available to you. First, the board has now approved the use of artificial turf in front yards, when installed per our newly issued Drought Landscaping Rule. Secondly, many homeowners have gone to a native plant, low water, no grass plan that is both attractive and saves water. Either approach still requires ACC approval prior to the start of work. The ACC is glad to work with any homeowner on this matter.

While our HOA does not have the power to require homeowners to water lawns or shrubs, Homeowners are required to maintain front yards to minimum standards. Please help us out here, join the "Weeds-be-gone" club and improve the neighborhood. **THE DROUGHT CANNOT BE USED AS AN EXCUSE FOR NEGLECTING TO MAINTAIN YOUR FRONT YARD.**

The other issue we have is plants that have overgrown the sidewalk. This violates our HOA CCR's and City of San Jose code. Please keep your plants cut back so walkers have full use of the sidewalk. This makes things easier for them and saves you from a potential lawsuit should they trip.

Also, City of San Jose code requires that all street trees be trimmed to provide a minimum of 8 feet of clearance over the sidewalk. Low hanging branches could cause injury to walkers and a potential lawsuit against the homeowner. So trim your branches now, before they leaf out again and make everyone happy.

Finally, this issue of raised sidewalks and tripping hazards also has come up (no pun intended). The individual Homeowner is responsible for keeping the sidewalk safe, not the city. And tripping hazards can lead to lawsuits against the homeowner. You can call the City Tree and Sidewalk Section, 408 794-1901, for assistance on this matter.

Thank you for your cooperation and adherence to Shadow Brook CCR's.

Going on Vacation?

The following people are available for pet sitting, dog walking, general mail pickup, plant watering, and other small jobs during your vacation.

Max Tempel	408-268-4892
Jacob & Lauren Tenczar	408-268-0720
Helena Vallejo	408-440-1888
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