

SPLASHER

Shadow Brook HOA and Swim Club | Where family is at the heart of community



Calling all Veterans

Veterans Day is coming soon and we want to honor our neighborhood veterans in the Splasher and website. If there are Veterans in your family you wish to honor please submit the Veteran's name, branch (USA or other) and years of service to

Splasher@shadowbrook.org

Let's Connect

In the interest of faster delivery and saving trees would you like to receive Splasher and other updates regarding pool and social events via email? If yes submit your email address at www.shadowbrook.org/signup

Seeking Volunteers

The board is requesting help from members for well-defined tasks of limited scope, duration and time commitment. If you want to learn more send an email to board@shadowbrook.org

ACC Improving your Home Value

by Don Hale, Cathy Sheehan and Sheryl Stroh

What is the ACC? It is the Architectural Control Committee! It consists of three of your neighbors backed by the duly elected Board of Directors. It is their responsibility to enforce the Shadow Brook Homeowners Association's Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs).

These are mutually beneficial rules designed to protect the owners of Shadow Brook homes. Enforcement of these CC&Rs ensures the appropriate maintenance of our properties and enhances the value of all our homes. It is the goal of the ACC to be open, friendly and transparent and make this a better neighborhood for all of us.

Over the 50 years since Shadow Brook was designed and developed, there have been many changes. Roofs are no longer wood shake; but they have been replaced by improved and more sustainable roofing materials that maintain the original look of Shadow Brook.

As climate change brought long term drought to our area, we have modified landscaping rules to allow and encourage drought tolerant plants. Updated paint colors still strive to maintain the original feel of our neighborhood. (continues on page 2)



Next Board Meeting

The next Shadow Brook Board Meeting will be held (via zoom) at 7 p.m. on Monday October 12. As with any Board meeting, members are welcome to drop in. If you wish to do so, contact president@shadowbrook.org to get zoom invite. More information and agenda will be on website prior to meeting.

Pumpkin Spice Mousse



1 (3.4-oz.) package instant vanilla pudding

1 tsp. pumpkin spice

1/2 tsp. cinnamon, plus more for garnish

1/2 tsp. kosher salt

1 (15-oz.) can pumpkin purée

2 tbsp. maple syrup

1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract

1 c. whole milk

1 1/2 c. heavy cream

DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl, whisk together pudding mix, spices, and salt. Add pumpkin, maple syrup, vanilla, and whole milk and beat with a hand mixer until smooth.

In another large bowl, whip heavy cream until stiff peaks form, 3 to 4 minutes. Fold two-thirds of the whipped cream into pumpkin mixture until smooth. Spoon or pipe into serving dishes and top with remaining whipped cream. Garnish with a sprinkle of cinnamon and serve.

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We are sure that many of you have looked at other neighborhoods near Shadow Brook and have seen RV's parked in the street, cars being dismantled and worked on in the driveways, cars parked on what used to be a lawn, lawns dead or dying with not much left than dirt and weeds, or even neighborhood houses replaced by McMansions.

Your ACC is here to make sure that Shadow Brook does not start to degrade and continues to be one of the most desirable neighborhoods in San Jose. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at acc@shadowbrook.org.

If you are planning to do any exterior remodeling, new construction, landscaping, exterior painting, etc., please contact your ACC to get approval. www.shadowbrook.org/acc

Social Corner

by Meera Desai, V.P. Social



COMMUNITY

Hi Neighbors! We understand that during the time of COVID socializing was likely the LAST thing on your mind. But we are hoping that someday soon, we will be back socializing as a community again. In the meantime, the Social Committee had their first meeting via ZOOM on September 24th. We discussed our Summer events – Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day and Wednesday Night Socials, as well as the Welcoming Committee, and potential ideas for new events. We are looking for volunteers to chair Summer Events as well as bring fresh new ideas to the table that we could potentially do while Social Distancing. Please email social@shadowbrook.org if you would like to participate.

As we dive into fall, I am reminded that the holiday season is upon us. That's right, it's nearly Pumpkin Spice Season! So, in honor of the Pumpkin Spice obsession sweeping the nation, I've included a fun recipe to the left.

Do you have a favorite Thanksgiving side dish recipe that you want to share with your neighbors? Send it to social@shadowbrook.org so we can put it in the Splasher.

From The Pool Deck

By Kevin Ryan, VP Pool

The pool is open! Sort of! Between COVID requirements and smoke filled days, we are committed to make the pool available for as many of our members as possible and for as long as possible.



The new sign-up protocol "Sign-up Genius" was started in September. The ease of use and immediate results as to availability has proven to be a huge

success for both members and staff. Be kind to the many swimmers in Shadow Brook by showing some restraint when scheduling multiple slots so that more can share the limited availability. Also, if you know you are not going to make it to your requested swim time, then cancel as early as possible to make the time slot available for others.

Effective September 28, we have modified hours being open 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, plus noon to 8 p.m. on the weekends dependent on staffing. We also will have adult only lap swimming weekday mornings from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. as long as the number of swimmers support it. The board will continue these hours through Sunday, November 29th, which will bring the swimming season to a close. These schedules are subject to change, as we gather more data on pool usage. Please check the website for current schedules.

In December, the pool will be closed and planned maintenance will be performed on the filters and valves. This will take several days and has yet to be scheduled. The plaster in both pools also needs attention and this will be addressed by epoxy patches, until the entire pool can be re-plastered at a later date.

That's it from the pool deck. Swimming is still the best form of exercise. Schedule a lane, and come on down! Remember to check the website for updates.

www.shadowbrook.org/the-pool



Looking for Help

Do any of your teens want to pick up \$20 for an hour's work delivering Splashers?

Contact:

Splasher@shadowbrook.org

Street of the Month:



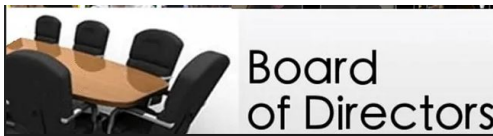
Charter Oak Place – A Shadow Brook cul-de-sac of 13 homes that, along with some neighbors on Bret Harte are a Neighborhood Watch area. Residents of Charter Oak range from some families that have only recently moved in to several who are original owners. In "normal" years this community holds get-togethers once a quarter to celebrate our neighborhood.

Every month we will have a short article celebrating a specific street within Shadow Brook.

Message from the Board

by David Heindel, President

On behalf of the new Board of Directors, I want to thank you, the members, for giving us the opportunity to serve. I am proud to introduce your new board on the list to the right.



As Board members had little or no prior contact with each other, we are essentially meeting

you and meeting each other at the same time. Because we are not able to meet in person with Covid-19, it has been doubly challenging to get to know each other to address the most pressing issues. But I must say that I am extremely impressed with my fellow Board members' knowledge and abilities, and their time and commitment thus far to get on with the tasks at hand.

We came together as a result of conversations that started last December, and everyone's willingness to step forward and volunteer absolutely thrilled – dare I say shocked – me. The Board has already been discussing two primary goals, enhanced communication and pool utilization, and I hope we can implement at least some over the next 6 months. Assuming our responsibilities in September after a 6+ month election process is out of sync with our Bylaws. But these are neither normal times nor has it been a normal summer pool season. The Board therefore made the decision to keep the pool open over the next few months. If you or your family members are swimmers and are interested in using the pool for lap or family swim, please keep checking the website for updates on hours of operation.

Finally, and most important, please feel free to contact me or any Board member through our website email addresses. We are here to serve you, although sometimes that may require threading the needle between competing interests. Together we can make Shadow Brook even better than it already is, and it's pretty darn good already, in no small part due to the outgoing Board's efforts and commitment over so many years.

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