



## Reminders



As a reminder, your 2022 Homeowner HOA Dues (\$675) deadline is **February 15, 2022**. Payments received online or with USPS postmarks after February 15, 2022 will incur a \$50 late fee.

The Spring Meeting will be held on **March 8 at 7 pm via ZOOM**. Your questions, comments and suggestions are encouraged and welcomed.

Associate Summer dues (\$695) and contract submission deadline is **February 28, 2022**. If payment is not received by the deadline, your name will be removed from our active Associate list. On March 1st, we will start the process of adding Associates from our waiting list.

In addition, active Associates should complete, sign and submit their summer 2022 contracts forms when paying their 2022 summer dues.

**Calling Vietnam War Veterans** for the March Splasher. See page 3 of this Splasher for details.

## Message from the HOA President

by David Heindel, HOA President

I want to thank Shadow Brook Swim Club members for giving me the opportunity to serve you. It is an awesome way to get to know the other wonderful people in our neighborhood and serve our community. With the idea of providing substantial notice and a smooth transition, I am announcing that 2022 will be my last year. My hope is that someone will come forward in the next few months to allow the next President a six-month shadow period. The Board has streamlined and simplified the business side of SBSC resulting in a significantly reduced time commitment for the President. If you have interest in learning more about this position, please send an email to [president@shadowbrook.org](mailto:president@shadowbrook.org).

**Condo Control (CC):** If you are not yet set up, please send an email to Emre at [splasher@shadowbrook.org](mailto:splasher@shadowbrook.org). CC allows online payments, and two-way communications. Processing hundreds of checks is a big task, so we are asking everyone to pay online. SBSC members still have the option to receive the Splasher at their door and pay via check. Nevertheless, at minimum, we are asking everyone to set up your CC account, so we can communicate with you including providing an opt-in option for an online Splasher; if half opt-in, annual savings are \$3,000. Summer Associate Members are required to register and pay Dues and Swim Team fees online. We encourage SBSC members to also pay Swim Team dues online.

**Volunteers: Thank You & Opportunities:** On behalf of the Board, I want to acknowledge Steve Ferree's service in 2020/2021 and thank Emre Tapucu for stepping forward to join the Board. I also must acknowledge Valerie Waagen for serving as Pool Manager last year and again this year, and the spectacular team of Don, Sheryl & Annette serving as our ACC. Also, a shout out to Meera's Social Team / Welcome Committee members for their hard work navigating through The Covid. Finally, I want to thank my fellow Board members. Many hands make work easier and their efforts have been essential to any success achieved. If you would like to get involved, we have tasks that take as little as 2-4 hours to complete; others that might take 30 days.

**Swim Team 2022:** On behalf of the Board, I would like to recognize and thank Katie Ciciarelli and Staci Tenczar for serving for at least one more year as the Sharks Swim Team Parent Representatives; Swimmer team fees are unchanged from 2020; full info at <https://shadowbrooksharks.swimtopia.com/news>; we hope to have an announcement concerning coaches soon.

## Buffalo Cauliflower



### INGREDIENTS

- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ¾ cup milk or milk alternative
- 1 head cauliflower
- ¼ cup buffalo sauce or hot sauce
- 2 tablespoons coconut oil or vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon honey

### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 450°F (230°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl, add the flour, paprika, garlic powder, salt, pepper, and milk, and stir until well-combined.
3. Break the head of cauliflower into florets, about 1½-inches wide. Add the cauliflower florets to the batter, making sure each piece is evenly coated. Arrange the coated cauliflower on the baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes, flipping halfway.
4. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the buffalo sauce, coconut oil, and honey and stir until evenly combined. Brush the buffalo sauce mixture on the cauliflower and bake for another 20 minutes.

## Social Corner

by Meera Desai, VP Social

Hi Neighbors! We hope you are keeping safe and have had a good start to 2022!

Congratulations to our neighbors at 6774 Bret Harte Drive and 965 Summerleaf Drive for winning the Board Selected 2021 Holiday Lights Contest. Also congrats to the Board's very own Kevin Ryan for winning the People's Choice Award for his home where nearly every bush, tree and blade of grass was illuminated! Honorable mentions also went to our Favorite Inflatables at 1089 Hedgecroft Place and the Cactus Christmas Tree at 6704 Bret Harte Drive. Shout out to the residents of Heathfield Drive for having the Best Decorated Street! Not to brag, but that's my street! Yay Heathfield!

We were hoping to have a 2022 Lunar New Year celebration (this year is the Year of the Tiger), but as the pool is closed for repairs this year, we'll need to plan for that in 2023 (which incidentally is the Year of the Rabbit). Guess, we'll hop to it on planning that celebration! (see what I did there!) Once the pool does open, we have a number of events and activities that we are working on. We are planning on having some live performances at the pool on Friday or Saturday evenings. If you have a band or group that would be interested in performing for your neighbors, please let us know at [social@shadowbrook.org](mailto:social@shadowbrook.org). We will also restart our Fitness Program with Sandy, Food Trucks will be back in the Spring, and we are looking to do Poker Nights, Bingo, and other fun family events as we get ready for warmer weather. Reach out to the social team if you would like to help plan an event.



The end of Football Season is upon us, and while I am personally a Philadelphia Eagles Fan, I was thrilled to see the Niners do so well in the playoffs! So, in honor of the San Francisco Forty Niners, enjoy this Buffalo Cauliflower recipe for your Super Bowl festivities. And finally, on behalf of the Board, Happy Lunar New Year to all our neighbors and hope you have a Valentine's Day filled with love!

## Calling Vietnam War Veterans

National Vietnam War Veterans Day is on March 29, 2022 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](mailto:splasher@shadowbrook.org).



## Yard Trimmings Placed in our Streets by ACC

This is a friendly reminder that the City of San Jose Rules dictate that yard trimmings be placed in the streets no earlier than one day before scheduled pick-up. For our Shadow Brook neighborhood, Thursday is the earliest yard trimmings can be placed in the street. Additionally, you are responsible for cleaning up any residue left after pick-up. You may also want to consider placing your yard trimmings in a cart. For more information, please refer to the City of San Jose Yard Trimmings website:



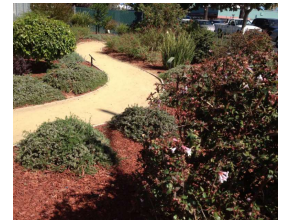
<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/environment/recycling-garbage/residents/yard-trimmings-street-sweeping>

## Landscaping and the Drought by ACC

To help conserve water, here are some ideas Shadow Brook Homeowners can consider.

### Native, Low Water Landscaping

Homeowners may elect to remove their lawns and replace it with native, low water plantings. The San Jose Water Company (SJWC) has a program to pay homeowners to do this: <https://www.sjwater.com/customer-care/help-information/rebates-incentives>. SJWC requires evidence of a live lawn and documentation describing the types and number of plants to be used. Typically, they require the plantings to cover 50% of the former lawn area when mature. The homeowner must submit a Shadow Brook ACC Request Form (<https://www.shadowbrook.org/acc/>) before starting this work.



A homeowner can also decide to replace their lawns with native, low water plantings without using the SJWC approach. The homeowner must submit a Shadow Brook ACC Request Form describing the changes before starting work and must include a detailed plan showing the types and number of plants. The Shadow Brook ACC uses the same criteria to review the plan as SJWC uses (i.e., the plantings must cover 50% of the area when mature).

### Synthetic Lawns

Homeowners considering installation of synthetic lawn must first submit a Shadow Brook ACC Request Form describing the scope of work, materials to be used, and installation procedures.

While California state law does not allow HOAs to prohibit installation of artificial lawns, it does allow HOAs to require minimum standards covering materials and installation. The ACC recently updated the Shadow Brook HOA standards on synthetic lawns to reflect current industry practices and state law. To learn more about Shadow Brook HOA synthetic lawn materials and installation specifications, please see the Drought Landscaping Rule document which can be found on the ACC website: <https://www.shadowbrook.org/acc/>

If you have any questions, please contact us, we'd be happy to talk with you! [acc@shadowbrook.org](mailto:acc@shadowbrook.org)



## Pool Closed for Renovation

by Kevin Ryan, VP Pool

Greetings to all. The pool is now closed until at least the end of February and possibly longer due to weather delays on the re-plastering project. The pool has been drained and the chipping of the old plaster is beginning. The structural cracks will be addressed and the old plaster, which was breaking up, will be removed and replaced. The old tiles and coping will be removed and replaced. The ladders are to be moved to prevent people from hitting the backstroke poles when exiting the pool. This will ensure the pool is serviceable for many more years. But wait, there's more. Not only is the pool being replastered, there are several other projects in process.



Landscaping issues are being addressed starting with the water wise, drought resistant plants being put in along Shadow Brook Drive, outside the pool fence. The grass has been removed and drought resistant plants are being installed along with a new drip system. This will save us thousands of gallons of water each year, along with a large savings on our water bill. The cost of the installation is being offset by a rebate from the water company, covering about a third of the cost.

The diseased pine trees in the Northeast corner of the parking lot have been removed. One of the trees was threatening to come down in the direction of one of our neighbors' houses, as well as lifting the sidewalks along Orangebrick Way and beginning to lift the curbs in the recently repaved parking lot. Upon removal of the trees, they were found to have a fungus rot in the core of the trees. A hidden problem which was slowly killing the trees, and making them prone to sudden collapse.

Necessary electrical work will continue through February for reliability of the system. Some painting is on the list and the shed will have more shelving installed. It's a busy few months at the pool, but will result in a safer, more efficient, and functional facility. I look forward to having all our swimmers come back to a refreshed facility in March/April.

## Upcoming Pool Activities

- Aqua Aerobics this Spring
- **Interested in Summer Lifeguarding (min. age 15 ½)?** - send an email to [shadowbrooklifeguards@gmail.com](mailto:shadowbrooklifeguards@gmail.com)
- Fall, Winter, Spring Lap & Family Swim seasons
- Live Music Saturday nights
- Casino, Trivia & Bingo Nights
- Wine Tasting.

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