

Message from the HOA President

by David Heindel, HOA President

Every time I submit an article for the Splasher or make a presentation at a Shadow Brook meeting, I try to acknowledge the contribution of our many volunteers – our five other Board members and so many more. The current Board took command under the unusual circumstances of Covid and exiting Board members who had served for many, many years.

Condo Control

The current Board has standardized and streamlined many processes which have resulted in a significantly reduced time commitment for all Board members. Initiation of the Condo Control (CC) online platform with its many features is the most significant, but there are many more. It is extremely important that all members create their online account with CC, and, unless there is some extraordinary impediment, pay dues and all other HOA payments online; it is a massive reduction in the time required to process payments. We have already been able to shift all Associate Dues to online and all Swim Team signup dues to online. We still have members who pay via personal check and that option will always remain. But frankly, it is a huge investment of volunteer time to manage check acceptance, processing, and proper accounting.

Board Service

Shadow Brook has functioned as a volunteer, member-managed HOA for more than 50 years. It is one of the unique and highly beneficial characteristics of our neighborhood and possibly our greatest strength. At this time, we need to adjust our mindset to one where members serve on the Board for much more limited terms (two, three, or four years). With this approach, more homeowners will feel comfortable assuming a leadership role knowing they are not making a five to ten, or more, year commitment when they join the Board. I would only be speculating, but reluctance to step forward to serve on the Board may be at least partially due to this concern. There are other aspects of Board service that I believe need attention. But first and foremost is a regular process for joining and departing the Board.

Open Board Positions

I have already announced that I will not be standing for election to serve on the Board for 2023. There are many personal and business reasons why it is simply not possible for me to continue. Emre, the Communications Board member, has also indicated that he will not be standing for election for 2023. There may be one or two other Board members also intending to not stand for election this Fall.

Let's Avoid Having to Hire an HOA Management Company

If we do not have sufficient volunteers by the closing of the nomination process this August, then I believe our only option is for the Board to solicit proposals from HOA management companies to take over management of the HOA – which will most likely result in a major increase in costs to all members.

Volunteers Needed

The current Board came forward in 2019 based on a desire to maintain member management, and it is now time for other members to volunteer. This Board has worked extremely hard to put in place systems that standardize and simplify the required workload. I intend as I believe all retiring Board members, to remain active and available to respond to questions in the coming years. Nevertheless, it is my great hope that members will come forward soon to make for a super six-month smooth transition period.

Mango-Rose Water Lassi



INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups diced ripe mango
- 1 ½ cups plain yogurt
- ½ cup whole milk
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- ¼ to ½ teaspoon rose water, more to taste
- Pinch kosher salt

DIRECTIONS

1. Combine the mango, yogurt, milk, sugar, 1/4 teaspoon rosewater, and salt in a blender. Purée until smooth. Taste and add more rose water if you like. Pour into 4 glasses.

Social Corner

by Meera Desai, VP Social

Hi Neighbors! It's so lovely to see the cherry blossoms, the bright colors of tulips and wildflowers, as well as all the new buds on trees! Spring has certainly arrived in Shadow Brook.

If you've had the chance to walk past our pool you may have noticed a new addition. The National Charity League (NCL) – Almaden Blossom Valley Chapter has built us our very own Little Free Library as part of their Senior Project. Pictured are Brynn McGee, Tally Guzman, and Anika Sabharwal, the Graduating Seniors, who build and stocked the library for us. NCL will continue to keep an eye on it over the years and help maintain it, but it now belongs to our community to enjoy and share. So, let's all "Take a Book and Share a Book" because Reading is FUNdamental!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

We will be hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** at the Cabana on **Saturday, April 2 from 10:30 am-Noon**. The Hunt is open to all children of Members and Summer 2022 Associates ages 8 and under. We'll have a small hunt set up for 4 and under children with a larger hunt for 5 to 8-year-olds. Bring your own Easter Basket to collect eggs. There will be prizes for finding the Golden Eggs, and for the most eggs collected per age group. We are looking for volunteers on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning prior to the Hunt to decorate the cabana and hide Easter Eggs. Please email me at social@shadowbrook.org if you can help.

Please keep checking the website and Condo Control for upcoming events as the pool reopens and we get closer to summer. We will be restarting Aqua Fitness and once a week Senior Coffee shortly.

In honor of the Spring Festival of Holi, enjoy this recipe for a colorful & delicious Mango-Rose Water Lassi. Happy Spring!

The National Vietnam War Veterans Day is March 29, 2022.

A grateful nation and Shadow Brook neighborhood thanks and honors you. Here are some of our local Shadow Brook Vietnam veterans:

- **Rose R. Whitefield** – U.S. Navy 1969-1993 CDR (Ret.) Navy Nurse Corps
- **Stephen Ferree** – U.S. Air Force 1967-1971 – Air Intelligence
- **Dodie Gaines** – U.S. Army 1968-1969 – 101st Airborne Division - Recipient of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.
- **Richard Kohl** – U.S. Army 1964-1966 – Combat Engineers
- **Dale Chapman** – U.S. Army 1969-1971 – Technical Liaison Team Leader in the Defense Communications Planning Group and Electronic Engineer



The following Shadow Brook website link honors all our local neighborhood veterans. Please visit to see the full list at

<https://www.shadowbrook.org/honoring-our-veterans/>

If we have missed any of our local neighborhood veterans, please send their information to splasher@shadowbrook.org, so we can include them on our dedicated web page listed above.



Contact 811 Before Your Next Digging Project! by ACC

Planting a tree? Working in your garden? Building a fence? You may be digging close to underground utility lines connected to your home. Contact 811 to have your underground lines marked before your project begins. Visit california811.org or call 811 at least two days prior to your digging or planting project to schedule a crew to come to mark your underground lines. There is no charge for this service

A lot of Activity is Going on at the Pool! Kudos to Kevin Ryan

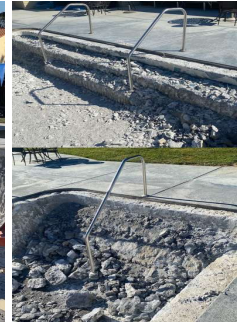
Shed Cleanup/Organization



Pool Replastering



Office Painting



Pool Repairs

Pool Renovation Status by Kevin Ryan, VP Pool

The pool re-plastering is continuing. The actual laying of the plaster is currently scheduled for March 23. Then the refill of the pool should begin shortly thereafter. At that point, the chemicals need to be balanced and the plaster needs to be polished, which is done by sweeping the new plaster at least twice a day for a couple of weeks. During this time the filters will be picking up any fine loose particles and removing them.

If all goes well, we should be able to open the pool in time for the Sharks to start their season in mid-April. At the same time, we will open the pool for Adult lap swimming for homeowners.

This has been quite the project. There were a couple of different issues that were unexpected and needed to be dealt with. This unfortunately added to the cost. The biggest was the 85 feet of structural cracks across the pool. These were responsible for a lot of water loss. Another unforeseen problem had been the failure of the concrete that composed the steps. The concrete was crumbling in both of the step areas and needed replacement as it would not have supported the new plaster. New codes required the replacement of the handrails. All these issues were addressed and we should be good for another decade or two.

On another note, with summer approaching, it is time for the hiring of lifeguards. If you were thinking of becoming a lifeguard, you can find the job description and job application on the SB website at <https://www.shadowbrook.org/job-application>.

Please send completed applications and any questions to shadowbrooklifeguards@gmail.com. We are accepting applications until **March 31, 2022**, and will be scheduling interviews in **April**.

Shadow Brook Shark Swim Team

Shadow Brook is thrilled to welcome back our cabana swim team this summer for a "back to normal" season. As reigning 2019 Champs, we are excited to be back in the water.

The Shadow Brook Shark season will run from **Monday, April 19th to Sunday, July 10th**. We have five dual meets with a culmination championship meet on Saturday, July 9th, and our awards dinner celebration on July 10th.

Cabana is a fun, competitive environment and a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors. In addition to swim meets and practices, we have tons of fun outside of the pool. Some of our activities include Golfland, a San Jose Giants game, Raging Waters, and more!

We will continue accepting registration through April. We have an awesome swim team dedicated webpage which can be found at shadowbrooksharks.swimtopia.com. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at shadowbrooksharks@gmail.com.

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