



Board elections are quickly approaching. At the end of October keep an eye out for election materials in the mail. Here are the critical dates remaining in this election cycle.

- Voter List Finalized – Oct. 28th
- Ballot Materials Sent – Oct. 28th
- **Mail-In Ballot Deadline – Nov. 25th**
- **Voting Deadline – Nov. 29th**
- **Election Day – Nov. 29th**
- Notice of Election Results – Anytime before Dec. 14th

Diwali Open House

by Meera Desai, VP Social

Join us to celebrate Diwali - the festival of lights at the Shadow Brook Swim Club on Sunday, October 23rd from 3 to 5 pm. You can invite your guests as well. Expect yummy Indian appetizers, masala chai, and Bollywood music. We promise to up your quotient on everything Indian by the time you leave! Hope to see you there!



Halloween House Decorating Contest

Sara Fox, a member of our social committee, is organizing our 1st annual Halloween house decorating contest and would like to invite everyone to participate!

Get ready to display your spookiest, brightest, and most festive decorations. Since Shadow Brook is located next to our neighborhood schools, we would like to show some Halloween spirit. It would be great to encourage more of our kids and local children to come around for trick-or-treating this year!

There will be three awards presented this year. Two will be chosen by the board, as the best in the neighborhood. The third will be voted on by the neighborhood for the favorite decorated house.

To vote, please send an email to splasher@shadowbrook.org indicating the address of the house you feel is the People's Choice in the neighborhood.

The house with the most votes will win! **The deadline for voting is October 22nd** and the awards will be announced on October 25th. The winners will get a certificate, a yard sign, and a bottle of wine to celebrate. We look forward to seeing your decorations!



Candy Apples



INGREDIENTS

- 4 medium apples (about 1½ pounds total), such as Granny Smith, McIntosh, or Honeycrisp, washed and dried, at room temperature.
- 4 (8-inch) sturdy treat sticks
- 2 cups/405 grams of granulated sugar
- ½ cup/80 milliliters light corn syrup
- 1 vanilla bean, split and seeds scraped, or 1½ teaspoons vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt

DIRECTIONS

1. Line a baking sheet with a silicone baking mat or a piece of lightly greased parchment paper. Place the apples onto the prepared baking sheet, and press a treat stick firmly into the stem end, into the center of each apple.
 2. In a medium pot, combine the sugar, corn syrup, ½ cup water, vanilla bean seeds (discard the pod) or extract, cinnamon, and salt. Stir the mixture over medium heat until the mixture begins to bubble at the edges, about 5 minutes — once it begins to bubble, stop stirring.
 3. Cook the mixture (without stirring) until it reads 300 degrees on an instant-read thermometer, about another 10 to 15 minutes. Leave the syrup mixture in the pot, and cool to 275 degrees. (The mixture will cool quickly; if it cools too much, it can be reheated until fluid.)
 4. Working quickly, dip ¾ of an apple into the sugar syrup, tilting the pot as needed to coat. Hold the apple over the sugar syrup, letting the excess drip off, then transfer it to the baking sheet. Repeat with the remaining apples, reheating the sugar syrup as necessary. Cool completely before serving.
- lemon juice, a couple of teaspoons at a time. If it isn't sweet enough, stir in sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, until dissolved. Refrigerate until the tea is chilled throughout. Serve in a large glass filled with ice and garnished with peach slices.

Join the Red Bow Brigade

by Lydia McClure, HOA Member & Volunteer

LIGHT-UP SHADOW BROOK FOR THE HOLIDAYS! ORDER DEADLINE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST 2022

Fall is in the air and it's time to order our Shadow Brook front yard Charlie Brown holiday yard trees!

This is our fifth year! Last year we had 84 street trees and 563 red bows brightening our community. We encourage you to join the neighbors who ordered and decorated front yard trees last year for the holiday season. Light is an important component of winter holidays from Diwali through the Lunar New Year.



Light Up Shadow Brook and make your home brighter for your family, the confined senior across the street, and those of us walking, running, and biking the neighborhood. The more homes with a Charlie Brown tree, the greater the impact on our community.

Trees are 5-7 foot fresh Douglas fir lightweight yard trees from Washington state that are mounted in the front yard using rebar stakes.

Last day to order: November 1st

\$23.00 Tree includes zip ties

\$33.00 Tree, zip ties, and 6-foot rebar stake

Pick up at pool: Friday after Thanksgiving, November 30th

If you are unable to pick up, arrange with a neighbor to pick up your tree. They are lightweight enough to be carried home or moved by wagon or back of an SUV or van.

Volunteers are needed to act as block leads, tree lot order pickup coordinators, and red bow fluffers and hangers.

This is our 6th year for the Red Bow Brigade. Block leads and volunteers are also needed to hang street tree red bows by 12/1/20.

If you are new to the neighborhood or have any questions, please text/call **Lydia McClure at (408)-472-1497**

LIGHT UP SHADOW BROOK FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Holiday Tree Order Form

*Detach from Splasher and complete the order form below.

Return by **NOVEMBER 1ST** with the form and payment.

Checks payable & drop off @ Lydia McClure, 6774 Bret Harte

_____ TREE(s) & TIES ONLY @ \$23.00 per tree

_____ TREE(s), TIES + 6 FOOT REBAR support pole @\$33.00 per tree

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

_____ Red Bow Brigade Volunteer

Order your 5-7' front yard Charlie Brown Douglas fir

Last Day to Order: NOVEMBER 1ST

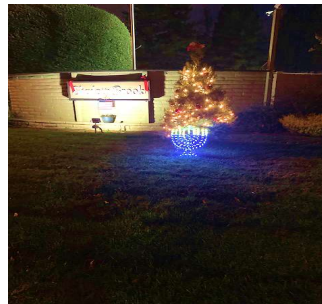
Pick up: November 26TH

COLOR! Red Bow Brigade volunteers needed to wire street trees with cheery red bows from 11/23 to 12/5.

LIGHT! The lights of Diwali through the Lunar New Year brighten our neighborhood walks for the holiday season. A simple lit tree in each yard brings light to our community.

TREE! 5-7 Douglas fir lightweight front yard trees are open branch irregular lightweight trees that allow the lights to be visible from all sides. Not bushy-not perfect but open & light for EZ stake and wind resistance.

Last year we had 100 trees and our goal is to light up more homes every year



Join your neighbors to make our neighborhood bright and cheery for our families and community with a front yard tree and tie one on with the Red Bow Brigade

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