



## 2023 Dues Deadline is February 15



As a reminder, your 2023 Annual Dues (\$700) are due on January 1, 2023. You should receive a postcard in the mail the first week of January.

Payments received online or with USPS postmarks after February 15, 2023, will incur a \$50 late fee.

## The 2022 SB Board Election Results Are In!

The inspector of elections has certified the 2022 election held on November 29, 2022. Congratulations to our new 2023 Board members:

- **Meera Desai**
- **Joni Landine**
- **Tracy Rodriguez**
- **Mehul Patel**
- **Koorosh Vakhshoori**



Thank you to all the homeowners who voted in this election. We had over 36% of the homeowners come out to vote this year.

The inspector of elections, Steve Ferree, would also like to personally thank those Shadow Brook members who joined him on the vote counting committee and helped count the votes.

- **Charlotte Ferree**
- **Isabel Flanagan**
- **Padma Heid**
- **Andy Qin**

## Annual Shadow Brook Holiday Lights Contest

The Annual Shadow Brook Holiday Lights Contest is coming soon. We all know that Shadow Brook always has many well-decorated homes for the holidays. We all loved the contest last year and encourage more homes to participate this year.

There will be three awards presented in this contest. Two are for homes selected by the board as the best in the neighborhood. And a third, the People's Choice Award, is selected by the neighborhood. Send an email to [splasher@shadowbrook.org](mailto:splasher@shadowbrook.org) indicating the house address you feel is the People's Choice in the neighborhood. The deadline for voting is December 19, awards will be announced on December 22. Winners get a certificate, a yard sign, and a bottle of wine to celebrate.



## Peanut Blossom Cookies



### INGREDIENTS

- 1¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 4 ounces (1 stick) of butter, at room temperature
- ½ cup smooth peanut butter (or other creamy nut butter)
- ½ cup granulated sugar, plus more for rolling
- ½ cup light brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tablespoon milk, half-and-half, oat milk or nut milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Nonstick spray or vegetable oil for cookie sheet (optional)
- 5 dozen (one 11-ounce package) Hershey's Kisses, the foil removed

### DIRECTIONS

1. Sift together flour, baking soda, and salt; set aside. Using an electric mixer, cream together butter, peanut butter, ½ cup granulated sugar, and light brown sugar. Add egg, milk, and vanilla; beat until well blended. Gradually add the flour mixture, mixing thoroughly. If the dough is very soft, refrigerate for about 1 hour.

2. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Spray, oil or line a cookie sheet with a nonstick liner and set aside. Roll dough into 1-inch balls. (For a precise number of cookies, divide the dough into 5 pieces, and shape each portion into 12 balls.)

3. Roll cookies in sugar and place 2 inches apart on the cookie sheet. Bake until very light brown and puffed, 6 to 8 minutes. Remove the sheet from the oven and lightly press a candy kiss into the center of each cookie, allowing it to crack slightly. Return to oven until light golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from the oven, cool completely, and store in an airtight container.

## Social Corner

by Meera Desai, VP Social

Hi Neighbors! We hope you had a lovely Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. Unfortunately, our Tree and Menorah lighting ceremony was postponed due to the much-needed rain we saw last weekend. But we are happy to report it has been rescheduled for Sunday, December 11th at 5 pm at the pool. Please join us for entertainment by the Joint Venture Church Bell Ringers as well as the "Shadow Brook Choir" led by Mary Alice Hillman for some festive holiday cheer. The Senior Coffee crew will be supplying some warm beverages and sweet treats for those in attendance.

**Aqua Fitness Classes are continuing throughout the winter on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:45 – 10:45 am** at the pool. It may be chilly outside but the pool is a cozy 80 degrees! Check out our website for pricing and payment details.

Special thanks to the Red Bow Brigade and Lydia McClure and her elves for supplying our Charlie Brown Trees and making the neighborhood look festive. The neighborhood decorations are in full swing and we are looking for the 2022 Winners for the Holiday Lights Contest. The Board will be touring the neighborhood the week before Christmas to select this year's winners. Please send your votes in for the People's Choice to [splasher@shadowbrook.org](mailto:splasher@shadowbrook.org) by December 19th.

Our final recipe for 2022 is for Peanut Blossom Cookies (our family's favorite holiday cookie) – makes 5 dozen or much less if you love cookie dough as much as we do. As this is our last Splasher of 2022, on behalf of the Board we wish you a Happy Holidays and a fantastic start to 2023.

## 2023 Sharks Swim Team Meet Schedule

by Katie Ciciarelli, Shark Parent Representative

Hello Sharks families. Below is the 2023 Shadow Brook Sharks Cabana Swim Team Dual Meet Schedule for your calendars:

May 20 - Time Trials at Shadow Brook Pool  
May 27 - HOME vs Almaden  
June 3 - AWAY at Creekside  
June 10 - AWAY at Pinehurst  
June 17 - HOME vs Santa Teresa  
June 24 - AWAY at Crossgates  
July 1 - BYE Week  
July 8 - CHAMPS at Independence High School  
(Hosted by Almaden Dolphins)

For our recently graduated seniors, we hope you're having a great school year! You'll be missed on deck this coming season!

Happy Holidays and Go Sharks!