



## **Reminders**

As a reminder, your 2024 **Homeowner** HOA Dues (\$710) deadline is **February 15, 2024**. Payments received online or with USPS postmarks after February 15, 2024, will incur a \$50 late fee. For details go to:

[shadowbrook.org/2024-HOA-dues](http://shadowbrook.org/2024-HOA-dues)

The Spring Meeting will be held in April. Your questions, comments, and suggestions are encouraged and welcomed.

## **Notice**

**Summer & Year-Round Associate Members**, you should have received your payment notice via email by now. If you have not yet received yours please send an email to [secretary@shadowbrook.org](mailto:secretary@shadowbrook.org) as soon as possible. Dues are payable by February 28th via Condo Control (CC). When paying in CC the reference/invoice number is your house number and street. For example, 123 Bret Harte Dr.

**Associate Members**, the fee for Year-Round Membership is \$1375 beginning May 27, 2023, through May 24, 2024, while our Summer Season Membership is \$740 from May 27th through Labor Day 2023. For details refer to:

[shadowbrook.org/associate-membership](http://shadowbrook.org/associate-membership)

## **Message from the HOA President**

**by Meera Desai, HOA President**

It's a new year and your Board is ready to serve our fellow neighbors and associate members. Our newest Board member is Abhishek Chhibber who has taken on the role of Financial Secretary replacing the irreplaceable Tracy Rodriguez who has been serving in this role since 2020. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Tracy for all her efforts over these last few years. It has truly been a pleasure serving with her and she leaves us some big shoes to fill. But I am confident that Abhishek is up to the task! Finally, thanks to Sarah (Hua) Zeng for her many months of faithfully serving as Assistant Treasurer checking the PO Box and depositing checks. I am humbled to serve once again as your HOA President for 2024 and I am looking forward to continuing to work with Joni Landine – VP Pool, Mehul Patel – Treasurer, Koorosh Vakhshoori – Communications, and Sujatha Swaminathan our VP of Social.

### **Condo Control (CC):**

If you are not yet set up, please send an email to Koorosh 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. Splashers are delivered using our Constant Contact system electronically to save some trees and a whole lot of money! So, sign up today!

### **Volunteers:**

As they say it takes a village...so we'd love to have more neighbors volunteering to keep our community strong. If you are interested in learning more about social lead positions, or other volunteer opportunities, please reach out to me, [president@shadowbrook.org](mailto:president@shadowbrook.org).

### **More thank yous:**

Special thanks must also go to Valerie Waagen for serving as Pool Manager the last 3 years and agreeing to take on this task again for 2024, and our amazing ACC - Sheryl, Annette, and Don N. Our neighborhood continues to look amazing thanks to the efforts of the ACC. They are here to help! Thanks also to Don Hale for serving as our inspector of elections and the many volunteers who helped with the ballot counting. And of course, I have to thank our amazing Social Committee for continuing to support Welcome, Summer Events, and other Holiday activities. I hope that you will all continue to help Sujatha this year.

### **Swim Team:**

On behalf of the Board, I would like to recognize and thank Katie Ciciarelli and Valerie Waagen for serving as our parent reps for 2023. Thank you to Katie and Valerie for taking on this task again for 2024 with the help of many volunteers as we are hosting CHAMPS this year. For more information on Sharks visit

<https://shadowbrooksharks.swimtopia.com/>

## 2024 Tips from Your ACC

By Annette Coffey, Don Nickel, Sheryl Stroh

### Changes to Your Home or Landscape

Prior to any change to the appearance of the exterior of your home including, but not limited to landscaping, hardscaping, roofing, remodeling, painting, or siding, you must contact the ACC at [acc@shadowbrook.org](mailto:acc@shadowbrook.org) by submitting the ACC Request Form. The form is located at <https://www.shadowbrook.org/acc/>

- **Submit Request Form at least 14 days prior for:**  
painting, hardscaping, landscaping, siding, or roofing projects
- **Submit Request Form at least 30 days prior for:**  
exterior construction projects

### Street Tree Maintenance

Each homeowner is responsible for the maintenance of the street tree in the parking strip. All trees should be pruned back from the sidewalk and street so as not to interfere with pedestrians or cars vertically or horizontally. Wintertime is the best time to prune because the tree is dormant and it's easier to see the branching structure when deciduous trees have no leaves.

### Digging Projects

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 <https://california811.org> at least two days prior to your digging or planting project to schedule a crew to come mark your underground lines. There is no charge for this service.

### Yard Trimmings

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.

A beautiful, well-maintained home and yard are mutually beneficial to each Shadow Brook homeowner and to our entire neighborhood. Let's continue to work together to help maintain the high standards Shadow Brook has upheld for over fifty years.

Happy New Year!

## 2024 Sharks Swim Team Meet Schedule

by Katie Ciciarelli, Shark Parent Representative

Hello Sharks families. On the right is the 2024 Shadow Brook Sharks Cabana Swim Team Dual Meet Schedule for your calendar. For more information go to:

<https://www.shadowbrook.org/swim-team/>

- May 11 – Time Trials at Shadow Brook Pool
- May 18 – HOME vs Crossgates
- May 25 – AWAY at Almaden
- June 1 – HOME vs Creekside
- June 8 – HOME vs Pinehurst
- June 15 – AWAY at Santa Teresa
- June 22 – BYE Week
- June 29 – CHAMPS at Independence High School (Hosted by us, SHARKS!!)

## Red Snapper



### INGREDIENTS

- 1.5 oz Four Pillars Rare Dry Gin
- 2 oz tomato juice
- .75 oz lemon juice
- 1 oz hot sauce
- .5 oz Worcestershire sauce
- salt and pepper

### DIRECTIONS

1. Combine all ingredients in a large glass. Add ice and stir to chill. Garnish with a celery stalk, lemon wedge, salt, and fresh cracked pepper.

## Social Corner

by Sujatha Swaminathan, VP Social

### *HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!*

I wish every day of this year 2024 bring you Happiness, Good Health, and Peace!

We are planning to have exciting events for this upcoming year. We are starting with the Lunar New Year Celebration at the pool.

Shadow Brook HOA would like to invite you all to come celebrate Lunar New Year on Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 1:30- 3:30PM. We have planned for food, games, and a lot of fun. Come join us for a family fun event and welcome the Year of Dragon!

We need your help to have successful events. Come join and volunteer to help us. You will be able to connect with our community neighbors. Your volunteering could be a simple 1 hour to taking lead and executing a successful event.

We are looking for volunteers and leads to help with future events. Please contact me at [social@shadowbrook.org](mailto:social@shadowbrook.org)

### Past Events:

Special thanks to the Red Bow Brigade and Lydia McClure and her group for supplying our Charlie Brown Trees and making the neighborhood look festive.

### Annual Holiday Lights Contest:

A panel of judges, consisting of board members, neighbors and young adult volunteers, went around the community to judge the Annual holiday lights contest winners. We had a well-lit and decorated community this year. It was a tough call to make. The awards meant a lot to every family and they were totally surprised to receive it.

### The winners are:

Best Lights: 6652 Charter oak place

Best Decorations: 965 Summerleaf Drive

Best Theme: 1000 Shadow Brook

Judge's favorite : 6667 Bret Harte Drive

The best street is Nightfall court. We also want to recognize a few houses as an honorary mention for their beautiful decorations.

1089, Hedgecroft place- Big santa

1010 Shadow Brook- Go sharks!

1069 Orange Brick way- lovely lights

1050 Bright Oaks place- charlie brown tree with American flag, Signifying all who serve our country and are away from home for holidays.

## Pool Update

By Joni Landine, VP Pool

Greetings to all. The wooden fence around the pool facility is finally getting the much needed maintenance it requires. In addition there has been some needed electrical work completed. Weather permitting, the new fence will be installed the week of Jan 22.

The pool is open this winter for adult lap swimming. Members interested in pool access for adult lap swimming must sign a waiver. For info on requesting access please visit [shadowbrook.org](http://shadowbrook.org) for information goto: <https://www.shadowbrook.org/the-pool>

Aqua Fitness is on Tue and Thur mornings at the pool 9:45-10:45am, for additional information go to the following web page and click on the flyer link: <https://www.shadowbrook.org/the-pool/hours-of-operation/#AquaFitness>

If you or someone you know is interested in lifeguarding this summer, Shadow Brook is now accepting applications for the 2024 season. Please see our website for the Pool Manager and Lifeguard job descriptions and application. Send completed applications and any questions to [shadowbrooklifeguards@gmail.com](mailto:shadowbrooklifeguards@gmail.com). We are accepting applications until March 31, 2024, and interviews will be scheduled for April. To become a **Certified Lifeguard** goto: <https://www.shadowbrook.org/2024-lifeguard-certification-classes>

Thank you!

Updates about the pool and other HOA activities are discussed at the monthly SB board meetings and HOA members are encouraged to attend. Please get involved and consider attending a board meeting. Info can be found on the SB website, watch for signs posted in the neighborhood for meeting dates and information.

### 2024 Swim Lesson Information

Our Lifeguards provide individual and group lessons for all ages beginning the week of June 3. Each lesson runs Monday through Friday for 30 minutes per day. For dates, time and registration information goto:

<https://www.shadowbrook.org/the-pool/swim-lessons/>

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