



Shadow Brook Memorial Day

11:30 am at the pool on Monday, May 27th

There will be a short ceremony at the cabana beginning at 11:30 on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th to honor those who died while serving in the U.S. Military.

Schedule:

11:30 am Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance: Flag Bearers Boy Scout Troop 290

11:35 am Music by the Joint Venture Church Bell Ringers

11:50 am Reciting of Flanders Fields - Gabriel Rueda, Antonella Rueda

11:55 am Singing of "God Bless America" - Mary Ann Bouchard & Susan Monahan

Close with Taps played by Caleb Chao. Small flags will be provided should you want to plant a flag in our Memorial Garden to honor your loved one.

Singing National Anthem - Jessica Sell

12:00 pm Pool Opens

5:00 pm BBQ (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Drinks - available for purchase)

PotLuck (Bring a dish to serve 12-15 people)

6:30 pm Ice Cream (available for purchase)

President's Message

by Meera Desai

Board Positions 2025: there will likely be a number of open Board positions for 2025. We need three or more Members to step forward. Those of us who have served on the Board for the past few years will be available during all of 2025 to help out, answer questions, etc. The first step would be to send me an email so you can learn more about the position either via a phone call or email, president@shadowbrook.org.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the pool this Summer Season and best of luck to our Shadow Brook Sharks! Go Sharks!

Social Corner

By Sujatha Swaminathan, VP Social

Hi Neighbors! The Social Committee has been busy planning for our Summer at the Cabana. For the latest information always check the website and the calendar on Condo Control.

The pool will officially open for the Summer Season on May 25th to all Members and Summer Associates. We will have the Memorial Day Commemoration on Monday, May 27th beginning at 11:30 am to honor those we have lost in military service to our country. See the Memorial Day announcement for more information on the day's events. We hope you can join us for the Ceremony and stay for the BBQ and Potluck!

We are looking for volunteers to help with set up and the kitchen service – check out the SignUp Genius button (on our website) or the link here to sign up for a spot:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FA8AA2FA5FAC70-48981788-memorial#/>

Wednesday Night Social

Summer is around the corner. We will be having Wednesday Night Socials (WNS) this summer, and are looking for families or groups to host the events. In the past, we have had themes such as Mexican Night, Food Trucks, BBQ, and Greek Night. We would like to have a hosted WNS every Wednesday from June 5th to July 31st. Please contact social@shadowbrook.org with your theme and a preferred date if you are interested in hosting a WNS or being the Chair of the WNS. Currently, 4 Wednesdays are open, please check the signup link below for the available nights to be hosted.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FA8AA2FA5FAC70-49409655-wednesday>



WE NEED YOU!

Chairs for 4th of July
We are always looking for Chairs to make these events happen. Come join us to plan and have fun, please contact social@shadowbrook.org.

Call all young artists!
We are looking for submissions for the 2024 Fun Run T-shirt Design. The winning design will grace this year's Fun Run T-shirts for the 4th of July Fun Run. T-shirt designs should not have more than 3 different colors. Please submit your designs to social@shadowbrook.org by Sunday, June 2nd.

Dealing with Rats

By ACC

A Shadow Brook neighbor recently contacted the ACC indicating he was experiencing problems with rats and inquired whether there was a concerted effort within our HOA to address this problem. Although there is not a coordinated effort, many neighbors have experienced frustration with a visible rat population. They leave their droppings in our yards, bite into our garden tomatoes, run along the tops of our fences at night, and occasionally are found drowned in a backyard pool.

Some useful information on how to deal with rats can be found by reading pet and wildlife expert Joan Morris who writes a weekly (Monday) column for the Bay Area News Group, which includes the San Jose Mercury newspaper. A Google search 'Joan Morris East Bay Times Rats' will take you to a list of previous columns she has written addressing this issue.

Some suggestions:

- While there are steps homeowners can take to reduce attracting rats, coexisting with them is just the reality of this unfortunate situation.
- Rats like bird seed. If you have a bird feeder make sure it has a tray underneath to avoid excessive seeds falling on the ground.
- If you have pets and feed them outdoors, try not to leave their food out any longer than necessary. Also remove sources of water.
- Inspect your front and backyard. Rats like to hide in dense foliage like ivy, woodpiles, under and behind sheds and under covered patio furniture.
- Avoid the use of poison that can kill unintended birds of prey or a domesticated animal.
- Killing rats with traps may seem effective but rarely puts a dent in the population and may cause suffering to the rat.
- Talk to your neighbors about what they are doing. If your rat problem is inside your home, you might consider hiring a professional pest removal company like Terminix or Clark's to perform an exclusion.

Please contact the ACC at acc@shadowbrook.org if you have any suggestions for controlling rats, and we will share in a future Splasher newsletter.

From The Pool Deck

by Joni Landine, VP Pool

The pool and deck is already hopping with Sharks practices and Sharks social events. Our opening weekend and fun Memorial Day BBQ is right around the corner.

I am happy we have so many guards that wanted to come back and work at Shadow Brook this summer. We also have a high number of new guards. Please treat our guards with respect and understand that safety is our top priority. If you or your child is directed by a guard to modify behavior, please respectfully follow their direction.

The spring and summer pool schedule is up on the website at shadowbrook.org. Go to the pool tab for details on activities and hours.

We will once again offer swim lessons this summer. We have many very accomplished competitive swimmers on our staff that are excited to teach children (and adults too!) how to swim or how to get faster and more confident in the water. If you missed the in-person swim lesson sign ups, please come to the pool office during open hours to book lessons.

2024 Summer Season

Pool Open Hours

Opening Memorial Day Weekend

Sat May 25th, 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Sun May 28th and Mon May 29th, 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm

May 31st through Aug 8th

Mon, Tue, Thur 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wed, Fri 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Sat 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Aug 9th - Sept 2nd

Mon-Fri 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sat 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The pool will remain open weekends in September dependent on staffing availability. Please check the pool calendar for special events that may affect the pool hours noted above.

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