

Newsletter

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Shadow Brook HOA and Swim Club

## Reminders

As a reminder, your 2025 **Homeowner** HOA Dues (\$710) deadline is **February 15, 2025**. Payments received online or with USPS postmarks after February 15, 2025, will incur a \$50 late fee. For details go to:

[shadowbrook.org/2025-hoa-dues-2](http://shadowbrook.org/2025-hoa-dues-2)

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 receive your payment notice via email by February 16th. If you have not received it by then, send an email to [secretary@shadowbrook.org](mailto:secretary@shadowbrook.org) as soon as possible. Dues are payable by March 8th 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 25, 2025, through May 24, 2026,

while our Summer Season Membership is \$740 from

## **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. We are still looking for a 6<sup>th</sup> Board member to join our team and take over the VP of Social Position. I'd like to thank Sujatha Swaminathan for volunteering last year as our VP of Social and leading many of our social events. If we don't have a new VP of Social we may not be able to have many of our planned Summer events. So please consider stepping forward to keep our community events going. I am humbled to serve once again as your HOA President for 2025 and I am looking forward to continuing to work with Joni Landine – VP Pool, Mehul Patel – Treasurer, Koorosh Vakhshoori – Communications, and Abhishek Chhibber our Financial Secretary.

### **Governing Document Update:**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our open session to review and comment on the Governing Documents. The commentary period is now over with the final documents ready to be voted on by the membership. The updated Governing Documents are at the printers. You should have received a 30 day notice of ballots. After 30 days, we will be distributing hard copies of the final governing documents along with a ballot to vote on their approval. We are looking for block captains and volunteers to help get out the vote. If you are interested please reach out to [president@shadowbrook.org](mailto:president@shadowbrook.org). We need to have 70% of the membership to vote in the affirmative to pass the governing document update. If you refrain from voting it counts as a negative vote, so it is imperative that everyone vote, and vote yes. Having updated governing documents will keep us in compliance with the law and current statutes. It also provides the community protection from lot splitting as many other communities have been subjected to, so I implore everyone to vote YES on the document update when you receive your ballot in March. The deadline for returning the ballots will be April 4th.

### **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 the VP of Social position or other 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 4 years and agreeing to take on this task again for 2025, 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 David Heindel for volunteering to be our inspector of elections for our upcoming governing documents vote. Special thanks to Don Hale and Lydia McClure for also agreeing to be block captains to get out the vote. And of course, I have to thank our amazing Social Committee for continuing to support



May 25th through Labor Day 2025. For details refer to:

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

the Welcome, Summer Events, and other Holiday activities. Again, if you enjoyed helping out or leading one of our social events, please consider volunteering for the VP of Social position.

**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 2024 and bringing home the Cabana League Championship. Thank you to Katie and Valerie for taking on this task again for 2025 with the help of many volunteers. For more information on Sharks visit <https://shadowbrooksharks.swimtopia.com/>

## 2025 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!



## 2025 Sharks Swim Team Meet Schedule

by Katie Ciciarelli, Shark Parent Representative

Hello Sharks families. On the right is the 2025 Shadow Brook Sharks Cabana Swim Team Dual Meet Schedule for your calendar. For more information go to:

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

May 18 - Time Trials at Shadow Brook pool  
May 31 - HOME vs Santa Teresa  
June 7 - AWAY at Crossgates  
June 14 - HOME vs Almaden  
June 21 - AWAY at Creekside  
June 28 - AWAY at Pinehurst  
July 5 - BYE Week  
July 12 - CHAMPS at Independence High School (Hosted by Pinehurst)

## Shadow Brook Community Weekly Senior Coffee

By Lydia McClure

We encourage you to join us for coffee, conversation, community and treats under the cabana club gazebos on Wednesdays from 10:30 -11:45 am through the end of December. If the weather doesn't cooperate we'll gather in the kitchen for a cozy kitchen table chat. Our mission is to create and strengthen connections and network support within our community.

We don't check ID and the definition of senior is fluid so please join us. We'd love to meet new neighbors and catch up with those SB residents that we miss.

Date: Every Wednesday, except holidays

Time: 10:30 AM- 11:45 AM

Place: Cabana Club

## Red Bow Brigade - Bow My Street

By Lydia McClure

A big shout out to the Shadow Brook neighbors who volunteered to help wire every street tree in Shadow Brook with a festive red bow for the extended holiday season. The block leads and volunteers did an awesome job. Our goal was to recruit a block/street lead for each street to pick up and prep bows, invite their neighbors to help wire and take down every street bow for prep and storage. Although we had great block leads on Charter Oak, parts of Bret Harte, Heathfield, Moongate, ShadowBrook and Summerleaf, more volunteers were needed.

Charlie Brown tree orders were down this year and the focus changed to saturating the streets at the pool entrances for visibility and impact. Big thank you to the Nichols, Mason, Hale and Gruenhagen families for braving a cold night and staking the trees to light up ShadowBrook!

The red bow brigade would like your input on plans for 2025. If you would be willing to share your feedback, ideas and any best practices for next year please reach out to me. We modeled our Red Bow Brigade activities to light up Shadow Brook on the Willow Glen model which relies on the street lead and strong participation. Your input would be very valuable.

Thank you to the volunteers age 17 to 90 who volunteered to help make our streets festive for the holidays and making memories for our families.

## Pool Update

By Joni Landine, VP Pool

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 and Fri morning 9:00-10:00. 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 2025 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, 2025, and interviews will be scheduled for April.

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.

### 2025 Swim Lesson Information

Our Lifeguards provide individual and group lessons for all ages beginning the week of June 2. Each lesson runs Monday through Friday for 30 minutes per day. The website will be updated soon with details on how to register.

## The Board

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