



Meet Your City Council Candidates

On May 5th we will elect three new members for Panorama Village City Council. Each candidate has submitted a brief profile describing their background and interests, and they are listed below in

alphabetic order. If you wish to know more, please come to the Meet The Candidate Forum sponsored by the Panorama Lions Club on April 19th at the clubhouse starting at 6:30 pm.

POSITION 1

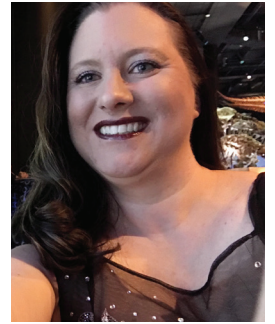
Royce Engler

My wife and I have been Panorama residents for over 12 years. A Registered Professional Engineer and retired Navy Captain, I currently serve in City Council Position 1 and Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission. I am honored to continue to serve this city any way that I can.



Melinda Elsby

Panorama Village is my home town. For my family, friends and neighbors, my priority is to embrace Panorama's future while preserving its unique heritage and qualities. I believe we should embrace the development around us, and work with area-wide leadership to provide the best opportunities and positive outcomes for all.



Sam Russ

Hi, I am running for council because I believe I can make a positive difference to our city and represent the younger families in our neighborhood. It has been great getting to know more folks in our community through the campaign process thus far. See sam-for-council.russtechnologies.com for more information.



Clint Fowler

I was elected to the City Council in 2010. Through hard work and coordinated effort, Panorama has new club and golf course management, a first rate police department, and increased New Home development. I ask for your vote to continue this progress, guided by my conservative values and common sense.



POSITION 4



Bob Lamons

I have three priorities: make the golf club profitable, maintain our infrastructure to high standards, and facilitate events and social opportunities that bring us together. If the club is profitable, we will have adequate money for infrastructure improvement and activities. Go to www.facebook.com/lamons4citycouncil to see more of my ideas.



Vance Ready

I have and continue publishing public records. With my knowledge and experience in local government I can do more for you and for this city. I can accomplish this better working with the city's leadership team. I need and ask for your vote that will allow me to do this.



Gene Stanley

As a resident of almost 18 years, I believe a FRESH NEW VOICE is needed to ensure that all residents will be heard. The SAFETY (police, roads, updated areas for the younger villagers) and WELFARE (water/sewer and flooding/drainage) of Panorama Village should be OUR MAIN PRIORITIES.



Joe Watson

I have been a resident for 13 years. I bought a home 5 years ago and decided then that this where I want to stay. The Village is a special place to me and that is the reason I decided to run for the City Council.

ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

After a round of golf, Nannette, Megan & Yvonne sat around the clubhouse chatting. Seeing the ladies, a professional golfer approached them and asked: "How did your game go?" Yvonne said she had a good round, commenting that she actually had 20 riders. The golfer was a bit confused not knowing what a "rider" was. Megan quickly chimed in and said that she had a very good round as well with 14 riders. Nannette admitted that she played the worst round of the day and that she only had 3 riders all day long.

The professional golfer was completely baffled not knowing what "rider" meant. But, because he didn't want to look ignorant, wished the girls well and then left. He then approached the bar and asked "Can you tell me what these ladies are talking about when they refer to "riders"?" The bartender simply smiled and said, "A 'rider' is when you hit a shot long enough to ride on the golf cart to your ball.

This is just a funny joke and I can personally relate, but we all know women's golf has come a long way over the years. Here at Panorama we have two women's golf groups with golfers of varying degrees. I have chosen four low handicappers to write about.

Nancy Florer was a tennis player and became interested in playing golf in 2005 while watching golf while traveling. She then took a 3-day clinic at Dynamics of Golf with Bill Moretti as instructor. She did the clinic for three years as she wanted to continue to improve and understand the sport. She is left handed, but plays right handed. Through Ann Bice, a fellow flight attendant and Panorama member, she came to play at Panorama, played 27 holes that day and has been here ever since. She joined the PWGA and is their current Club Champion and hopes to do a repeat.

Marian Leighty says she is not athletic but was the PWGA Club Champion in 2013 and the Net Champion in 2016. She played golf in college in Idaho, but

says she was horrible then. In her early 30's she took group lessons every spring and played two times a week with a friend. She has only had one private lesson from a pro. Many times when she worked she would get off work at 4:30 and be on the course by 5:00 and play 18 holes. One piece of advice was not to learn from a husband or boyfriend! She learned the basics and rules while she played in a ladies league.

Darlene Scott, a Panorama Niner, decided one day to try hitting a few balls while out at a golf course. On the way home she bought a set of clubs and fell in love with golf then. While in business for herself, she traveled and played golf at Robert Trent Jones courses. There were times when she played with three males, outdriving all of them! Her advice to others is not to become discouraged and to not give up easily. She had not played for a while before moving to Panorama so joined the PWGA. After a few years she needed more time for family commitments so moved to the Niners and has won the Low Gross Award.

Mary Schroeder, another Niner, worked for SW Bell in Marketing and attended a lot of golf tournaments with customers. She says you either had to wear shorts and ride the beer cart or play golf, so she chose golf. She found a good pro, Darrell Henning, and took lessons. Between the pro and the ladies group at Jersey Meadows Golf Club she learned the basics, etiquette and rules. After knee and shoulder surgeries she was unable to play 18 holes at Wedgewood, so found the Niners at Panorama. She challenges herself to improve each game and was the Most Improved Player. Her advice is to find a pro you like, take lessons, devote time to practice, learn the rules, and enjoy the fellowship.

The lady golfers of Panorama are not all low handicappers, but all would welcome any new women who would like to play in their groups.

Lifeguards wanted

The fabulous Panorama Village pool will soon be opening for the summer and we're looking for certified lifeguards. You can apply online with our pool management company, Aquatic Management of Houston at www.houston-pmg.com.

Benefits include free uniform, blended lifeguard training and a minimum of \$8.25 per hour for first year Lifeguards with a \$0.50 per hour bonus potential. You can earn \$25.00 gift cards for referring friends, and also be eligible for an end of season \$1,000 gift card drawing. Bi-weekly lifeguard appreciation days are offered too. There is a lifeguard certification class (small fee will be charged) for employees who require it.

Victory Gardens party

It's time for planting, and Mayor Scott invites interested PV residents to join him at City Hall on Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00 pm to start planning a collection of small "Victory Gardens" behind the Police Station. Depending on how many participate, 8-10 plots will be identified and planted with edible vegetables and fruits to use, share or even donate to the club for use in the restaurant. It should be fun and rewarding.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 3** City Council, 6:00 pm at City Hall (new time)
- Apr 6** Panorama Ladies Association, 10:30 am check-in, 11:00 program and lunch. Tish Humphrey, owner of Curves Willis and Huntsville, will talk about "Women's health, strength training and nutrition." Call Peggy Fisher at 214-287-9085 for info.
- Apr 12** Liberty Belles Republican Women, 5:30 pm check-in, 6:00 pm program and dinner. Montgomery County Sherriff's department will present "Run, Hide, Fight" how to respond to an active shooter situation. RSVP at libertybellesrw.com.
- Apr 19** Panorama Garden Club, 10:00 am at the clubhouse. Montgomery County Master Gardener will talk about "Native Plants." Call Charlotte Belin at 936-890-3909 for details.
- Apr 19** Meet the Candidates Forum sponsored by Panorama Lions Club. Starts at 6:30 pm at the clubhouse.
- Apr 26** Talk To The Mayor, 6:30 pm at the clubhouse.