



Treat Mom to Mother's Day Brunch on May 12

The Golf Club has doubled your dining options on Mother's Day with a special breakfast and lunch starting at 10:30 am and continuing until 2:00 pm. The breakfast is priced at \$14.95 per person with an omelet station and waffle station coupled with bacon, sausage, breakfast potatoes, biscuits, gravy and assorted desserts.

The lunch menu is priced at \$25.95 per person and features prime rib, chicken marsala, green beans almondine, scallop

potatoes, mixed green salad, rolls and assorted desserts.

If you purchase both breakfast and lunch, the combination rate is \$39.95, and if you specify "Brunch for two" when you make your reservation, the rate falls to \$69.95.

This is a great opportunity to treat Mom to an enjoyable outing at our beautiful club. Call the clubhouse at 936-856-5531 to make your reservations.



Garden Club elects new officers

The Panorama Garden Club has announced new officers for the 2019-20 program year. Denise Harp will serve as president, Janie Olsen as First Vice President, Kim King as Second Vice President, Tami Smith as Secretary and Grace Ready as Treasurer.



The final meeting of the 2018-19 program year will be a field trip to Hope Farms Gardens in Cut and Shoot on Thursday, May 2. Meet in the clubhouse parking lot at 9:30 am and carpool. Be sure to take a sack lunch and dine with club members on the beautiful Hope Farms grounds. Call Denise at 206-227-7298 for more information.

Changes announced for Fourth of July festivities



The Fourth of July Organizing Committee is making a few changes in the Fourth of July Schedule of events. The main change will be for the parade, which is being moved from the morning to the afternoon so more people can be involved. Participants will be asked to assemble in front of City Hall at 3:00 pm with the parade starting at 3:45 pm. The parade will end at the clubhouse after its customary route around Panorama, and awards will be presented in the clubhouse. The decorating theme for 2019 is "Let Freedom Ring" so get your creative ideas going now.

Another major change is the planned closing of Greenbriar in front of the clubhouse as soon as the parade vehicles go by. This will allow us to create a gathering and viewing area in front of the clubhouse for the music, patriotic ceremony and chil-

dren's activities that will be held in that area. A balloon artist will be in the Pavilion area from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

Some new food service options are also planned. You can order breakfast in the clubhouse from 8:00 to 11:00 am and BBQ dinners from 4:00 to 7:30 pm. Of course, the Lions will be serving hot dogs in the Pavilion throughout the middle portion of the day. And a beverage cart will be roaming about the driving range and clubhouse areas in the evening until dark.

We hope that all Panorama residents will plan to join us for a full day of fun and socializing. Watch for the June issue of Village Voice for a list of all scheduled events.

PLA Program to provide travel tips

The Panorama Ladies Association will feature a presentation by travel expert Pat Reagan on Friday, May 3. Pat will talk about new regulations and guidelines for international travel, and share some of her favorite destinations including the

popular growing class of river cruises.

Check in is 10:30 am with lunch and the program following at 11:00 am. Call Jo Broome at 936-701-2340 for more information.

ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

To the casual golfer, course rating might not mean much, but it is very important especially when tournament competition is involved. All golf courses are different and challenging, but some are just harder than others.

The United States Golf Association (USGA) has a way to compare courses. It is called the USGA Course Rating System. It measures the relative difficulty of a golf course and the higher the course rating the more difficult it is.

Course-rating teams study a golf course and collect a lot of data on the course. They carefully measure yardage, topography, fairways, bunkers, out of bounds areas, water hazards, green surfaces, the number of trees and where they are located, and more. They do this for every hole and put all the data into a computer which calculates the course rating.

Since courses change over time, courses are re-rated about every ten years. The last time our course was rated it was in bad shape and in a much different condition. At this time we

are on a list to be re-rated in the near future. A rating team from the Houston area will come and rate our course taking all these things into consideration.

This is being done in anticipation of the Texas Women's Pinehurst Golf Tournament to be held at Panorama Golf Club in 2020. This tournament is similar in format to the Men's Ryder Cup. This rating will be done at a lower fee because we are members of the Texas Golf Association.

One of our members recently played a prestigious course on Hilton Head Island with a rating similar to Panorama. He shot ten strokes better on that course than he typically shoots at Panorama, mainly because the fairways were wider and the greens more forgiving. It will be interesting to see what our new rating is after the PGC course is re-rated.

Many that play at Panorama may not travel to other courses, but the next time you do; check out the scorecard and compare the course rating to see if they determine it harder or easier than Panorama Golf Club.

City phones go wireless for greater reliability

Following a week-long phone outage last January, the City of Panorama Village has switched its telephone and internet services to Verizon Wireless effective April 19. "We were one of the last Texas customers of Frontier Communications following an asset sale several decades ago," said Mayor Scott, "and it was very difficult for them to respond to our service requests. So we decided to look for a better option."

That option was Verizon Wireless. They have installed "home connect devices" at City Hall, the Police Station, Utilities Department and Golf Club that function as modems, converting digital cellular tower signals for use with our analog phones for 20% of the cost of our previous system. Each box has a battery back-up providing several hours of service if power goes out, and we have generators at each location if the power is out longer than that. Special thanks to Police Chief Hudgins for helping coordinate this transition.

Yard of the Month

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 2 Panorama Garden Club field trip to Hope Farms Gardens. Meet in clubhouse parking at 9:30 am and carpool. Take a sack lunch. Call Denise Harp for info at 206-227-7298.
- May 3 Panorama Ladies Association at the clubhouse. Check-in at 10:30, lunch and program at 11:00. Pat Reagan will provide travel tips and suggestions. Call Jo Broome for info at 936-701-2340.
- May 7 City Council Meeting, 6:00 pm at City Hall.
- May 11 Swimming pool opens for the season. Memorial Day hours 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- May 12 Mother's Day Brunch at the clubhouse. Call 936-856-5531 for reservations and details.
- May 22 Panorama Lions Club, 7:00 pm at the clubhouse. Rick Reynolds will talk about the Texas Lions Camp for disabled children. Open to the public.