



## Status of fiber broadband for Panorama

Mayor Scott and members of City government met recently with Tachus Fiber Broadband regarding plans to bring fiber optic cable services to Panorama Village. Tachus, which has a data center near Montgomery and has laid fiber broadband for Walden and April Sound, is constructing a broadband trunk line along Highway 105 toward Conroe and could reach Panorama by the third quarter of 2020.

In order to accelerate this schedule, we need 220 residents signed up for this service by the end of February. There are three ways to sign up:

1. Go to the [tachus.com](http://tachus.com) website and click on the "Request Service Today" bar. You will be asked to provide your address (to verify that you are in a

targeted Tachus service area) and agree to pay a \$20 registration fee.

2. If the site does not recognize your address, DON'T GIVE UP. The second option is to email their sales department using the link provided.
3. The third option is to call their customer service line (also provided), and sign up manually.

There are three tiers of service: 100 mb, 500 mb and 1000 mb (1 gigabit). The top tier is only \$90 per month, less than what we currently pay Suddenlink for 400 mb downloads, and with fiber optics you get the same upload and download rates.



The \$20 registration fee is refundable if you later choose not to participate, or it will be applied to your first months service. You also avoid a \$100 installation fee by enrolling now.

Once the Tachus trunkline reaches Panorama, they will install branch lines along City street right of way (approximately five feet below ground) and place a small distribution box in front of each home. A line will then be buried two feet deep to the resident's home.

An informational flyer is being prepared and will be available soon at City Hall.

## Wooden spoons are engineered to please

His day job is engineering, and he's very good at it – representing his company, Bleyl Engineering on a wide variety of projects for Panorama Village. In his spare time, however, Travis Walker likes to carve decorative spoons, scoops and stirring sticks out of solid blocks of wood. And they're pretty cool, too.



provides status updates. What you may not know is that he and his wife, Taylor, are Panorama residents, too, and the proud parents of a 9-month old girl named Elise.

Travis starting whittling when he was five, learning

from his mother, who loved to carve animal figures out of wood. Several years ago, he started acquiring professional wood carving, shaping and sanding tools and his wood working projects took a major leap forward.

Today, his wooden spoons are becoming family heirlooms and treasured birthday gifts.

Many Panorama residents will recognize Travis as the point guy for numerous PV drainage, wastewater treatment and spillway repair projects. He comes to most City Council meetings and

### Valentine's Day dinner announced

Treat your spouse or special date to a romantic Valentine's Day dinner for two on Friday, February 14 from 5 to 8 pm in the clubhouse. Starting with a choice of shrimp cocktail or tomato basil mozzarella, your entrée will be either Texas red fish with wild rice and asparagus or prosciutto-wrapped chicken with Mediterranean vegetables and a dessert choice of tiramisu or chocolate covered strawberries.

The meal comes with a bottle of cabernet sauvignon or pinot noir wine for only \$65 per couple (single meals can be purchased for \$35). Please make your reservations and your dinner choices by February 11 by calling 936-228-0242.



### City election applications due Feb 14

Candidates wishing to run for City Council or Mayor must file an application at City Hall by Feb 15 at 5:00 pm. You must be 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the United States, a registered voter in the State of Texas, a resident of Panorama Village for at least one year, and have no convictions for a felony criminal offense or a crime involving moral turpitude.

Two City Council positions, Position 2 and Position 4, along with the Mayor's position will be decided at the May 2 Uniform Election. You may pick up a candidate's application package from Lisa Evans at City Hall.

# ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

This time of the year brings up New Year's Resolutions you may have said "Improve my golf game". If you do want to lower your score, where do you begin?

Have you tried to think which shot is the most important? Many, including Ben Hogan, have always said it is the tee shot. Trying to recover from a bad tee shot can add on several shots to your game. Others, including legendary teaching pro Harvey Penick, says it is the putt. He always reminded golfers that a putt counts as much as a tee shot.

But when many golfers analyze their game, it is the approach shot and short game that offers the greatest opportu-

nity for improvement. One definition for an approach shot is any stroke hit with the intention of hitting the putting green as close to the hole as possible.

Practicing these approach shots can sometimes improve your game one stroke a hole. If you need to put the ball up in the air to stop it around the hole, use a more lofted club like a gap wedge or sand wedge. If you want to do a bump and run, you can use a low lofted club. That shot is a more predictable one.

Decisions for those shots come from noticing the ground between your lie and the hole. When choosing your club do not always pick the club strictly on

yardage alone. Some tips for driving range practice are: 1. Practice some shots as if you are going over a bunker, as many greens are protected by bunkers (or water). 2. Pick an exact place where you want the ball to land 3. Take wind conditions into account 4. Be confident before hitting 5. For a long approach shot, be conservative and aim for the fattest part of the green 6. Practice to see how far your ball goes with each club.

Picking the right club for approach shots after time is an important skill in golf, and if you can do that with consistent execution, your score will improve.

## Golf cart stickers due

It's time to renew your golf cart stickers. To drive your cart on Panorama City streets, you should purchase a 2020 sticker from City Hall for \$2. The trail fee for golf carts to be used on the golf course is \$5 and can be obtained at the Pro Shop.

## Lions golf tournament sponsors sought

The Panorama Lions are seeking hole sponsors and raffle item donations for their fourth annual Charity Golf Tournament to be held April 18 at the Panorama golf club. Please call Vicki Modeland at 936-524-4881 or Judy Trosvig at 936-444-3401 if you can help.

## PLA to feature Owen Theater performers

The Panorama Ladies Association will host actors performing excerpts from the Owen Theater's upcoming performance of *Little Shop of Horrors* at their February 7 meeting. Call Lis Martensen at 713-206-3481 for details.

## February Food Specials

- Feb 7** Shrimp and grits large \$16.50, small \$12.50
- Feb 14** No special – Valentine's Day Dinner
- Feb 21** Prime rib \$19.50
- Feb 28** Fried fish \$10.50

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 4** City Council meeting, 6:00 pm at City Hall.
- Feb 7** Panorama Ladies Association at the clubhouse. Check-in 10:30, program And lunch 11:00 am. Call Lis Martensen at 713-206-3481 for details.
- Feb 13** Liberty Belles Republican Women, 11:30 check-in and program, 12:00 lunch. Candidate Forums for Ninth District Chief Justice and Precinct 2 Constable. RSVP at [www.libertybellesrw.com](http://www.libertybellesrw.com).
- Feb 14** Deadline for City election applications, 5:00 pm at City Hall.
- Feb 14** Valentine's Day Dinner, 5 – 8:00 pm at the clubhouse.
- Feb 20** Panorama Garden Club, 10:30 am at the clubhouse. Vickie Pullen of Rustic Ridge Gardening will speak on "Container Gardens."
- Feb 26** Panorama Lions Club, 7:00 pm at the clubhouse. Mayor Lynn Scott will speak about the City. Open to the public.

## Yard of the Month

Bill and Charline Wilkins,  
14 Westchester

