



Passing the coronavirus time in Panorama

As we enter our second month of home confinement, here's a sampling of things that are helping pass the time, and in some cases, helping others in the community.

Most families with school age children seem to have mastered the transition to home schooling. The challenge becomes one of what to do after schoolwork is done. Fishing on Lake Panorama seems to be a popular choice judging from the many young people lined up along the lake's western shore. Please remember to avoid the shoreline abutting the golf course. Not only is this private property, it's also dangerous due to misdirected golf balls!



One of 86 items on scavenger list for kids to find.

in Panorama yards and published a street list challenging kids and their parents to find the identified objects and submit a completed checklist. They are planning to award prizes to the winners once the stay-home edict has been lifted.

Justin Staats reports he has purchased kayaks for his family and enjoys getting out on the lake for a totally different view of our little town. Jennifer Greer is having fun taking her 12-year old daughter Nichole on the golf course for some serious golf mentoring and quality mother-daughter time together.

Many Panorama people have been fortunate to continue to work from home during the pandemic. One resident, realtor Janet Westlake, reported the trials and tribulations of conducting a house closing

outside with papers blowing everywhere. In her 30-year career, she had not anticipated doing that!

Other residents, like Vicki Modeland who is a nurse for UTMB, continue to go to work every day helping patients recover from coronavirus symptoms and providing essential supplies during this time of crisis.

On the home improvement front, Bob Lamons got the wild hair to paint his kitchen cabinets. It turned into a 2-week ordeal and reminded him why old people should not take on projects like that. Linda Belyeu was smart enough to recruit her son, Chris, for some home-related projects including power washing the driveway. Good thinking, Linda!

Many people have dusted off old hobby skills to pass the time. Cole Aurich for example, fashioned a snazzy knife out of a section of solid steel bed frame. Pretty impressive.

Carol Fletcher, who is a die-hard opera lover has been streaming nightly programs from the Metropolitan in New York. She reports the Houston Grand Opera is doing the same on Friday nights.

Many people and organizations have been helping alleviate the impact of our pandemic in ways that support the healthcare effort overall. Village seamstress Emily Waits and the Panorama



Kitchen cabinet painting project

Piece Corps (quilting club) under the leadership of Tracey Fritsch have made hundreds of face masks for donation to hospitals, clinics and doctor offices.

The Dolly Mamas led by Daphne Cox have been busy making doll clothes and accessories for Children's Safe Harbor, a Conroe-based organization that provides protective and counseling services to adolescent victims of sexual and physical abuse. Apparently that activity accelerates when families are cloistered.

And the Panorama Lions Club has voted to double its regular donations to Montgomery County Food Bank and Meals on Wheels, while the Panorama Samaritans used funds leftover from a lower than expected turnout at their Christmas shopping spree for under-

privileged kids to make a nice donation to the Willis TLC Food Pantry.

All in all, we've been busy making the most of our pandemic sheltering time here in Panorama.



Cole Aurich's solid steel knife

ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

Despite the economic disaster caused by COVID 19, golf is one of the few things that has been available to us throughout this horrific period. Scott Atkinson, General Manager, reports that all clubhouse events between March and May have been cancelled, including weddings, a prom, ten tournaments, and other scheduled meetings.

Member golfing rounds of golf have remained fairly constant but we experienced a dramatic decline in outside play (about 60%). Thanks to the support of Panorama residents for ordering take out meals and sales from the beverage cart it appears the food sales will be fairly close to budget, and that is truly a miracle. This past week 87 burgers were sold on Wednesday Hamburger Night and 88 pork chop dinners were sold as the Friday Night Special.

It has been difficult for management to conform to rapidly changing Covid19 regulations, but the course open has remained open and play has continued even though the Pro Shop and grill areas were closed.

One of our marshals, Dr. Lou Jander, noted that it's not just during a pandemic, but throughout golf's long and storied history the game has always

been associated with courtesy, proper etiquette, and appreciation for the very nature in which it is played.

He said there are all types of "spies in the sky" who call the clubhouse to report people too close, two people in a golf cart, and complain about people gathering at the tee boxes. In general, however, he felt people were respecting the guidelines and enjoying the game of golf despite the crisis conditions.

Jim Modeland, chairman of the Panorama Golf Committee said he felt that players were generally able to tee off on time and the beverage cart was still running, so all was good. Standing six feet apart and only one person in a cart was different as well as not being able to meet in the bar for lunch and a few beers just didn't seem like the proper way to end a nice round of golf with friends. Jim liked the spacers in the cup and hopes they stay after all this is over.

Linda Belyeu also mentioned she and others said they missed the social time after golf. Janet Westlake said after playing a few times she realized the way she plays it was easy to stay six feet away from the others!!

Several golfers have been concerned about walkers on the golf course during golfing hours. They weren't

sure if the walkers thought the course was closed due to the pandemic, even though there were golfers in the fairway at the time. One family had their baby in a stroller headed toward the tee box where golfers were preparing to tee off. Because any golfer can hit an errant shot, it is VERY dangerous to walk on a golf course and that is why it is not allowed. Parents, please be sure to continue to remind your children of the danger of walking, riding their bikes or playing on the golf course.

City staff shelters in place

The city staff and utility department "hunkered down" in recent weeks and closed City Hall to the public. They went to abbreviated shifts to protect staff members, and wish to extend their thanks and appreciation to the community for their understanding and cooperation.

The next City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 5 at 6:00 pm by Zoom teleconferencing software and instructions for connecting can be found on the City website. Please join us. Hopefully our June council meeting will be open to the public, but we will continue precautions.

Yard of the Month

Martin and Cindy Jacobson
10 Hanover Lane



Swimming pool rates set

While the opening date for our swimming pool is still up in the air due to the COVID 19 crisis, the City has announced rates for the 2020 season.

Season passes will be \$55 per person, and \$45 for seniors 65 and older. A family of four can purchase a family pass for \$150. Persons in the aerobics class can participate for \$45.

Day passes will be sold at \$5 per person per day.

As soon as social distancing restrictions are relaxed or eliminated, weekday and weekend schedules for the pool will be announced.