



Lots of ways to celebrate Independence Day



Despite having to cut back on our July Fourth activities this year due to COVID-19 guidelines, there will still be plenty of things for the entire family to enjoy, starting at 8:00 am with take out breakfast from the club until 11:00 am, followed by our usual festive “One People United” parade at 10:00. Registration for the parade starts at 9:00 in front of City Hall.

The swimming pool opens at 10:00 am. It will be necessary to purchase a \$5.00 day pass wrist band to enter the swim pool area this year.

Batman and Batwoman will be in front of the clubhouse at 11:00 for photo ops, and the Lions will be serving their traditional hot dog combos for \$4 in the Pavillion from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

You can purchase “Frozen Freedom” cocktails in front of the clubhouse all day for \$6, and the Golf Club will be serving \$12.95 take-out barbecue dinners from 4-7 pm. Be sure to reserve your order by calling 936-856-5531 Ext 3 by 1:30 pm on July 2.

Funnel cakes will be sold from 4-9 pm for \$4 in front of the clubhouse. And we will have a popular Houston band called Runaway Radio playing classic rock, blues and country music from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Our gala fireworks display, which is promised to be bigger than ever, will begin at dark on the driving range. Bring your lawn chairs and join the fun!



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The San Jacinto River Authority was established in 1937 by the Texas Legislature and receives no funds from the state nor does it collect taxes. Its income is derived from the sale and distribution of water and treatment of wastewater. Lake Conroe is part of the SJRA.

About 10 years ago, Panorama was approached by SJRA to become part of their new surface water distribution system. We would have been charged 25 cents per thousand gallons of water supplied by the SJRA. The State of Texas has been trying to lessen the use of groundwater and convert to surface water.

At the time we were being charged 6 cents per thousand gallons of well water by Lonestar Groundwater Conservation



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District. The council, realizing the 25 cents charge could be raised extensively, opted not to participate in SJRA. Since then, the SJRA has raised their rate to nearly \$4.00 per thousand and Lonestar now charges us 9 cents per thousand.

As most or you are aware, there has been much contention between SJRA and the cities and communities that joined the SJRA. They have been in court for years and I have heard from several

sources that many throughout the county pay more for water than electricity.

What I would like Panorama residents to understand is that our water and sewer rates are much lower than most of our neighbors and will probably remain lower than most.

TML, the Texas Municipal League, which Panorama Village belongs to, has been in existence since 1911 and has an excellent website. If you go to their website at www.tml.org there are surveys and tables showing water and tax rates which will allow you compare your city to more than 1100 cities throughout the state. I encourage you to do that.

ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

The Men's Golf Association (MGA) is a popular group at Panorama. It was established in 1968 and plays on the second Saturday of each month. Their June 13th Individual Medal Tournament was well attended, in fact several said it was the largest in some time.

There were six winners in both the Gross and Net categories. Those winners were (1) Gross Bob VanWassechnova Net Mike Chaney* (2) Gross Frank Patranella* Net Dave Doverspike* (3) Gross Charlie Davidson* Net Charlie Belyeu* (4) Gross Bobby Harber* Net Ted Nichols (5) Gross Randy Hagen* Net Steve Donnell (6) Gross Bob Keller* Net Robert Lunog. The asterisk indicates a scorecard playoff. Winners are given credit in the ProShop so that gives the ProShop income for those sales and shows support of the ProShop by the MGA.

Dave Doverspike said he enjoys the MGA because of the different formats played and he has gotten to know a lot more of the members when he is paired with them in tournaments. Many new Panorama residents play in the MGA as their first group golfing experience after they establish a handicap.

You must have an established handicap and pay your yearly dues of \$25 to sign up. Each monthly tournament is \$15. Two new members, Mark Lightfoot and Trey Cooper, were welcomed into the group June 13. The yearly schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the ProShop listing dates and formats for each tournament during the November to November year.

The next tournament will be the Red, White and Blue Tournament on July 11. It is an ABC 3-Man format. Each year in October they have a Championship Tournament and in December they play the Christmas Red Tee 2 Man Scramble.

The MGA over the years has purchased items for the Clubhouse and donated toward other purchases. They also coordinate the Christmas Fund that goes to non salary employees. These guys enjoy the monthly MGA tournaments and certainly have a lot of fun together while playing and afterwards in the bar reliving their round. Contact Jessie Brawner at 936-494-0302 for information about joining MGA.

Student scholarships awarded

The Panorama Lions Club has awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to Willis High School seniors. The recipients are Carlos Barcenas, Madison Watkins, Sloane Veronico, Melissa Navarro and Grace Hoegemeyer.

Sloan Veronico also received a \$1,000 scholarship in honor of Pidd Cortemeglia from the Panorama Ladies Golf Association.

Lions announce 2020-21 officers

The Panorama Lions Club has announced its new slate of officers for 2020-21. Bob Lamons will serve as president, Sandra Whiteker will be vice president, Sharon Aurich, secretary and Jim Breathard, treasurer. Other officers include: Terry Elliott, membership chair, Royce Engler, marketing communications chair, Max Martensen and Kim King, programs co-chairs, Mike Parker and Dave Bales, Lion Tamer co-chairs, and Paul Kirwin and Dave Cox, Tail Twister co-chairs.

Yard of the Month

Caleb and Whitney Robinson
44 Blush Hill



July 7 City Council meeting

The July City Council meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on July 7. It has not been determined if the meeting will be in person or by teleconference. Check the City website for details on how to participate.