



July Fourth activities to be scaled back

Due to continued concerns about the spread of coronavirus, we are planning a scaled back celebration on the Fourth of July this year. But the good news is we are planning to celebrate the birth of our nation!

The fireworks have been ordered, and barring some unforeseen edict from our state or county governments, the show will go on at dark on the driving range.

The Freedom Parade is still a possibility, but we're waiting for clearance from govern-



ment officials. Since the carts and vehicles are "socially distanced" it should be okay, but you never know.

The plan at this time is for the Golf Club to serve take-out barbecue in the afternoon, and the Lions Club is considering its usual hot dog stand in the Pavilion if it is allowed to be open.

There will be NO kiddie attractions in the parking lot as we have had in past years, and a decision is still pending on when (or if) it will safe to open the

swimming pool for the season.

We have tentatively booked a popular Houston band, Runaway Radio, to play live music in front of the clubhouse from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Again, that will depend on county guidelines for group gatherings. Since we haven't actually had "concert seating" in the past, we may get approval on this provided that everybody stays spread out.

There will be NO events inside the clubhouse this year, so the Miss and Mr. Panorama contest will unfortunately not be held, as well as the popular Panorama Bake-off competition.

Committee Chairperson Barbara DeWitz is open to any ideas you might have regarding activities that would fit within the current pandemic environment. Call her at 936-228-0622 if you have any suggestions.

Tachus fiber optics installation in progress

People have been asking about the status of fiber optic cable installation by Tachus Broadband in Panorama. Hal Brumfield, Tachus CEO, recently provided some insights.

The original target date was October to begin internet streaming service in Panorama Village, but Tachus has been aggressively trying to beat that schedule. The main obstacle has been locating and avoiding water lines in our 50-year old neighborhood. They are working with City utility workers to remedy that problem.

Once the branch lines and drop boxes are installed on every PV street, lines will be run from the drop boxes underground to each subscriber house. If you have particular requirements for your house line, please call the



customer service number at 832-791-1100 and ask them to prepare a work order with specific instructions. Their installer will knock on your door and advise when they start that installation, but you may wish to guard against the possibility

of not being at home by having a work order on file.

Many people are confused about whether Tachus will offer cable TV packages. They will not—only internet streaming services. But, if you have the fastest 1 gigabyte service you will be able to stream movies and TV programs from a variety of streaming services, such as Hulu, Sling and YouTube. To get an idea of streaming packages and costs, Mr. Brumfield suggested suppose.tv to get an idea of streaming packages and costs.

He also said that once social distancing requirements are lifted, Tachus will be scheduling a town hall meeting to demonstrate the new service and explain ways for Panorama residents to optimize it.

ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

These are crazy times, and the report of someone turning over a golf cart recently on the 8th fairway and a golf bag taking a direct lightning hit on number 6 reminded me that crazy things really do happen on a golf course. More than a year ago, several residents spotted a golf cart on the 21st island green—it was actually driving on the green, and they could see a woman “walking” her dog along side the cart. When they caught up with her on 22, she professed not to know she had been doing anything wrong.

During the pandemic with youngsters out of school and lots of extra time on their hands, we’ve had skateboarders, bicyclists and frisbee throwers on the course, as well as a small group of sandcastle builders playing in a trap behind one house.

These are actually pretty tame compared to anecdotes you find on the internet. Golf Digest has reported an out-of-control hot air balloon almost landing on players teeing off, cars fleeing from law enforcement officers

ending up in roadside water hazards, and drunken golfers spreading the ashes of diseased friends on famous fairways. It happens.

A small private plane made an emergency landing on a course in Ohio several years ago. Alligators are not uncommon on Florida golf courses, but nine years ago two gators were filmed in a battle to the finish along one hole. And we think fox sightings are exciting!

In Pennsylvania, which is Amish country, there was a famous sighting of a horse running loose on a course pulling an Amish buggy behind. The horse even ran through a bunker on its way to the clubhouse.

Wildfires are fairly common in California, but it must be unnerving to see fire control helicopters filling their buckets from golf course ponds. There was even a UFO sighting at an Arizona course in 2014. So needless to say, it’s best to keep your eyes peeled and your head on a swivel at all times when you’re on a golf course. You never know what might happen.

Golf Club Food Specials

Weekly foods specials are being announced every Tuesday by the Golf Club in their e-newsletter. If you are not receiving this newsletter, call the Pro Shop at 936-856-5531 Ext 2 and have your email address added to the list. It’s a good way to stay in touch.

Charlotte Branham memorial

The Panorama Garden Club has planted a climbing rose bush and wrought iron trellis to honor longtime member Charlotte Branham, who passed away in February. The memorial is located in Schroeder Park at Greenbriar and Panorama Drive.

June City Council to meet by Zoom

Due to the uncertainty regarding public meetings during the continuing coronavirus pandemic, the June 2 City Council meeting will most likely be conducted by Zoom teleconference. Go to the Panorama Village website for instructions for viewing the meeting. The website address is www.panoramavillagetx.gov.

Ladies Association officers announced

Officers for the 2020-21 program year have been announced by the Panorama Ladies Association. They are: Carolyn Backen, President; Charlotte Belin and Jeanie Jackson, First Vice President; Jo Broome, Second Vice President; Susan Allman, Third Vice President; Dolly Rasco, treasurer; Conni Huegel, secretary and Olga Graham, parliamentarian. Their program year starts in September.

Yard of the Month

Chuck and Rusty Starks
120 Rolling Hills

