



Broadband fiber optic services beginning

The first customers to receive fiber optic transmission services from Tachus Broadband have been activated, and the plan is to have all branch lines installed and the system available to all Panorama residents by the end of September.

A Facebook Live videoconference is scheduled for August 10th to help Panorama residents understand how to utilize this service to best advantage. The time and details for participating in this presentation will be posted on the City website and on nextdoor.com. It will also be recorded and available by email to any interested person.

The Tachus fiber optic cable will provide high-speed internet access to Panorama homes, which will allow wireless WiFi networks if you have a WiFi

router. If you need to purchase a WiFi router, you can find those online or at retail stores like Best Buy and Walmart. Make sure to let the salesperson know the speed of service you have ordered and the square footage of area in your home that will need to be covered. Some routers are more capable than others!

Streaming of television programming will also be possible. Tachus will not, however, offer TV streaming packages. Those must be purchased from a streaming service such as Hulu, Sling, Netflix or Amazon Prime. Tachus recommends a website called suppose.tv for an overview of leading streaming services and expected costs. You can also find a dozen or more videos on YouTube that discuss the pros and cons of each streaming option.



Former city councilman John Langley is shown with Tachus marketing manager Chelsea Baker as the first fiber optic installations are activated on Hallmark Drive.

Another way to get up to speed is to search for the Tachus channel on YouTube and watch some of their instructional videos. They're short and informative, and will help you decide how to proceed.

Growing up in Panorama Village

Panorama Village, which began in 1965 as a gleam in developer Jim Hamilton's eye, has seen its share of families come and go. But a handful of current residents actually grew up here, and we recently asked them to share remembrances of what it was like in the early years.

City Councilman Doug McEntire moved with his family to a house on Greentree in 1972. He was eight years old and there were very few houses—mainly wooded lots surrounding the 27 hole golf course that was already open for business.

Doug remembers making trails through the woods with golf carts, especially in the Westchester area where there were streets, but no houses.

"Golf was pretty much the only thing to do, so we all started playing golf and making extra money by helping out the course managers," Doug said. He remembers working in the Pro Shop, picking up range balls and putting away golf carts at the end of the day. He also served as a life guard at the pool.

The clubhouse was not open to the



Doug McEntire



David McNiece



Derek Branham



Carol Fletcher

public—it became the Panorama Country Club in September, 1969, and it was a lot more formal than today. The main section of the dining room was coat and tie in the evenings and children were generally not to be seen. It was a genteel retreat for the adults.

One of Doug's running buddies was David McNiece, who currently lives on Paradise Valley. David was a few years older than Doug, but he recalls there were only about a dozen kids of any age in Panorama, so they all stuck together.

David remembers that the club was managed by a Mr. Shubrook who really did an excellent job of providing food and amenities that filled the clubhouse on

nights and weekends. The Sunday buffet was a special favorite. David made extra money washing dishes, busing tables and later graduated to waiting tables in the clubhouse. He also tried his hand at life guarding at the pool.

David said that golf skills were generally expected, and if you shot 77 you were having a bad round! Celebrities played Panorama on many occasions, including actor Mickey Rooney and country singers Daryl Hall and John Oates. One of the popular anecdotes of the time was when a member, not recognizing Hall and Oates, asked if they were any good.

David points out that nearby Lake

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Conroe was not completed until 1973, so travel to the Panorama area was a lot less frequent in the late 60s than it is today. He remembers the population of Panorama to be about 400 when his family moved to a house on Panorama Drive in 1971.

Derek Branham was literally born to live in Panorama Village. His family moved to Panorama in 1969 and Derek didn't come along until 1974. Nevertheless, he made up for lost time, quickly joining with the older boys to learn the game of golf and take advantage of the other recreational opportunities in Panorama. Like Doug, he fondly remembers driving golf carts off-road through the wooded areas. It drove the Panorama police nuts, because they couldn't keep up!

The big house that Derek lives in today on Camelback started as a small 2-bedroom home and was expanded several times by his father, Don, who was a 6-term mayor of Panorama Village and also served as the first president of Panorama Country Club.

Another long time Panorama resident is Carol Fletcher, who didn't grow up here but visited her parents frequently in the home they built on Winged Foot in 1971. Carol's father, Roy Lay, was the third mayor of Panorama Village in 1978-80. Carol moved to that home in 1995 before Mr Lay died in 1997.

Carol has fond memories of clubhouse events full of happy, boisterous people eating, drinking and dancing the night away. It was a golden era for Panorama Village to be sure.

ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

When learning to play golf, you not only learn how to strike the ball, you add a lot of words to your vocabulary. Now I'm not referring to those words some say after a bad shot. I'm talking about those special words that would be considered "golf vocabulary". Even if you use most of these words, do you know where they originated from?

First, the word golf is not an acronym for anything but comes from the Dutch word "kolf" which means club. Later in the Scottish dialect the Dutch word became "goff" and later became "golf". Birdie, eagle, and albatross are words to describe one, two, and three under par which is the number of strokes it should take a good golfer to hole the ball. "Bird" in the 19th century meant "cool" or "excellent" and one, two, and three strokes under par is excellent. The eagle being the United States National symbol is truly special as it is two under par, but the albatross is rare at three under par. A "turkey" is a trio of birdies and one I had not heard of before.

"Bogey" was the first stroke system, developed in England at the end of the 19th Century. In 1890 Coventry Golf Club conceived the idea of standardizing the number of shots at each hole that a good golfer should take, which they called the "ground score" or par. The word "Par" is derived from the stock exchange term that a stock may

be above or below its normal or "par" figure. An "Ace" is a hole in one and a treasured hit in golf.

The word caddy (caddie) comes from the French word cadet. In 1730 it meant someone who waits around for odd jobs and later became someone who assists the golfer by carrying his clubs and giving advice and information during the round of golf.

"Fore" is a term yelled to warn other golfers of an errant shot. A forecaddie was a person who went forward of a golfing group to watch and pinpoint the location of shots. In early times golf balls were handmade and expensive so players used a forecaddie to locate the balls so they wouldn't be lost. Originally they called out "Forecaddie" as an alert that a ball was coming and later shortened it to just "Fore".

Originally a "links" was any rough grassy area between the sea and the land and the word itself is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word 'hlinc', of about 931 AD, meaning a ridge.

These are only some of words used in golf. It seems golfing terms came into popular use in much the same way as you find new words being invented today. If they sound good then people start using them and they catch on. Only the future will tell what terms that we create now, will still be in use in hundreds of years from now!!

Yard of the Month

Sandy Lundy
36 Westchester



Mimi's List celebrates four years

Mimi's List, a compilation of neighbor-recommended contractors and service providers prepared by Panorama resident Mimi Hagen, is celebrating its fourth anniversary in August. The list now contains more than 800 entries in the latest edition. To receive a free copy of this list, send your email request to Mimi at mimislist1000@aol.com.

Garden Club officers announced

The Panorama Garden Club has announced officers for the 2020-21 program year. Serving as President is Denise Harp, Vice President, Events is Kim King, Treasurer is Grace Chonghae-Reidy, Secretary is Tami Smith and Parliamentarian is Joan Jackson. A program schedule will be finalized as soon as the clubhouse reopens.

August 4 City Council meeting

The August City Council meeting will again be conducted by Zoom teleconference, beginning at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 4. Consult the city's website at www.panoramavillagetx.gov for instructions on how to participate.