



Early voting to be held October 13-30

Early voting for the November 3 general election will be held October 13 to 30 in eight locations throughout Montgomery County. The closest location for Panorama is the North Montgomery County Community Development Center, 600 Gerald Street in Willis. All eight Montgomery County locations will include our elections (Mayor and City Council Position 2). Hours are 8:00-5:00 Oct 13-17, 7:00-7:00 Oct 19-24, and Oct 26-30. The polls will also be open on Sunday Oct 25 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm.

You are encouraged to vote early if you can because the ballot will be lengthy and will include many issues and races that were postponed from earlier dates. Sample ballots will be available at City Hall so you can review and form decisions before you arrive at the polling place.

Clubhouse reopens for group events

The Panorama Golf clubhouse is reopening for group meetings, weddings and other events starting October 1 assuming that COVID-19 cases continue to decline throughout the Montgomery County area.

This will allow organizations such as the Panorama Ladies Association, Panorama Garden Club and Panorama Lions

Club that use the facility for monthly meetings to continue that practice provided that safe meeting guidelines involving social distancing and the wearing of face masks are followed.

The restaurant and bar will continue to be closed until it is determined that these facilities are safe for Panorama residents and guests.

PV Water Department worker retiring after 27 years

Raymond McDaniel, a 27-year veteran of the Panorama Water and Sewer Department is retiring after a long and respected career.



As one of four W&S employees, Raymond has been a valuable jack-of-all-trades, performing water and sewer taps for new residents, checking and changing out pumps, and taking daily and monthly water and sewer fluid samples to ensure the safety

and health of our residents. He's even been known to repair lawn mowing equipment and make an occasional electrical repair along the way.

He plans to use his retirement time to do a lot more fishing in lakes and ponds near his home east of Willis. We appreciate his outstanding service to our little city. Thanks, Raymond, for a job well done.



New golf carts delivered

Golf Club General Manager Scott Atkinson reports that a shipment of seventy 2021 Club Car golf carts have been received and are now available for use. These carts are equipped with GPS systems that allow golfers to determine the distance from anywhere on the fairway to the center of each green.

The GPS systems also allow the Pro Shop to monitor the location of every cart on the course, which will facilitate scheduling and minimize improper usage of the carts.

How to call the PV Police department

Several Panorama residents have experienced difficulty or confusion reaching the Panorama Police Department by telephone. The phone number for non-emergency calls is 936-856-7777. If you select option 1, you will be connected to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office dispatch and a law enforcement officer will be immediately headed your way.

Selecting option 2 will allow you to speak to the PV police officer on call, or leave a message if that person is temporarily engaged.

If you have a "life or death" emergency or "disturbance in progress" situation, call 9-1-1. That may sound counter-intuitive, but the 9-1-1 operator will route the call to the law enforcement or personal safety organization that can get to the emergency quickest, and it will create a digital record your call.

Effective January 1, 2021, all Texas law enforcement organizations will be required to participate in a Uniform Crime Reporting system, which enters every crime reported in a data base that can be accessed by Texas DPS and the FBI. Calls routed to the MCSO dispatch will automatically be entered. Calls made to PVPD will be entered manually.

ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

Jim Davis was the Golf Professional for Panorama from January 1, 1991, to December 31, 2005.

At that time, Panorama Country Club was run by a Board of Directors with people such as Mary Ann Albritton, Rick Breland, Bob Meaders, and Sandy Frick. Jim's Assistant was David Norse and a lady named Myra was the Pro Shop Assistant. The Golf Shop was located by the swimming pool where the Pavilion is now.



Jim restarted the Junior Golf Program in the summer 1991 with about 35 kids enrolling. By 2004, the program had grown to 140 enthusiastic young golfers. It was so popular, many grandchildren came to stay the summer just to be a part of Junior Golf.

Norma Donner, Betty Bolian, Marianne Bergfield, Peggy Breland and many more over the years volunteered to help with the program. Jim says that Norma Donner was his "right hand man" during those years of Junior golf. At the end of the season each child got to play in a special tournament with an adult of their choice. Many came out to watch.

The "Par-Tee" Classic Men's Member-Guest Tournament was one of the highlights of every year. The "Par-Tee" was a very prestigious event and players came from all over the U.S. to play. Jim said he was honored to run that

tournament each year as it was a great way to showcase Panorama and players were very excited to be invited to this tournament.

Sue Barnett, who lived to the left of No. 6 Tee Box and was a member, wrote the weekly Panorama article for the Courier for many years. She would call Jim at all hours of the day and night. She wanted to know everything about everyone and what was going on, and Jim was her inside source. Sue was a wonderful lady and well known in our area, and in Houston where there is a street named after her.

Jim remembers when the irrigation system was installed around 1992 or 1993. Until then hoses were coupled up in the middle of each fairway with nothing in the rough. When the weather was hot and dry, each fairway would have green circles down the middle and were brown everywhere else. What a difference that irrigation system made!

Some favorite activities include the Annual Christmas Golf Shop "Open House". This event included snacks, prizes, and lots of fun! Many golfers saved up their winnings over the year and spent their certificates then. Eve Bayless and Betty Bolian were in charge of activities related to Night Golf including Margaritas on the Course. It was called by some "Drunks in the Dark". A special Christmas event that was looked

forward to was the lighting of the large tree at the back of #21 island green. Vivian Dougherty and Norma Donner coordinated that for many years.

During Jim's tenure, there were various groups of regular players. The "High Rollers" were lower handicappers and more serious (Larry Albritton, Doug McEntire, Bruce Larson, Tommy Caddell, Quinton Estep, and Harold Purdom). The Lite Hitters" had various handicaps and were a little less serious (John Cromien, Lloyd "Hardrock" Austin, Dean Bishop, John Coffman, Bobby Harber, Sid Alexander, Roger Ireland, Howard Kravetz, John Langley, Jerry McNeil, Rich Needham, Walter Plagens).

The "Noon Group" met every weekday at noon and was open to everyone. The best story on them was the day someone called and asked "What time does the Noon Group Play?! The PWGA and Niners were always appreciative of the group lessons Jim gave several times a year. They still quote things Jim taught them.

There used to be a big tree in the bunker to the right of #4 green. One day there was a storm and a number of golfers came into the golf shop until the rain stopped. All of the sudden there was a loud explosion and bright light. Lightning blew up that tree. Pieces of bark and wood were embedded in the wall but no windows were broken and no one was hurt.

In 1999, Jim recorded his second Hole in One on #21. His six iron shot flew into the hole tearing out part of the hole. He was playing with his son, Cory, which made it even more special. Cory was one of the Junior Golfers and won the tournament in 2001.

I thank Jim Davis for his many years of service, and for giving me the information for this article. Jim and his wife, Dru Ann, still live in Panorama on Cherry Hill. He has always been described as a kind and patient person. He ended by saying he had always suggested that the Golf Shop be located in the Clubhouse....well what do you know!!

Yard of the Month

Frankie and Sid Alexander
57 Blush Hill

