

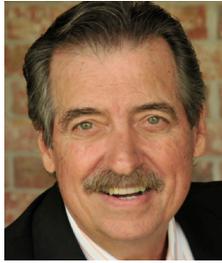


## Panorama City election to be held November 3

### For Mayor

#### Lynn Scott

It has been my honor to be Mayor of Panorama Village since May 2016. On my road to Mayor, I was on the Mayor's Task Force 2010-2011, City Council member 2011-2016, then Mayor Pro Tem 2014-2016. I first ran on the following promises: 1. Fire the previous golf course management company. 2. Have regular "Meetings with the Mayor". 3. Change format of City Council meetings. 4. Have regular evening "office hours" with the Mayor. Mission accomplished on all accounts. The new management company has saved taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars the city did not have to contribute to the course.



#### Marty Ellington

I'm proud to run for Mayor for this city. As an Air Force veteran, Electrical Engineer, with a conservative view to business and politics, I have a common-sense approach to business and educated for success. For 36 years, I've worked with budgets, revenue, marketing and growth. In reviewing financials the past 4 years, I see a significant increase in spending of 17%, excluding the golf course. While our taxes seem to increase in just four years, our property values remain subpar to our neighboring communities. I want to listen, support our citizens and offer transparency when it comes spending.



### For City Council Position 2

#### Clint Fowler

I grew up here and made the decision to raise my family here. I have lived in Panorama Village for over 40 years. I was elected to the City Council in 2010. It has been an honor to serve the citizens of our great Village over the last 10 years. Through hard work and coordinated effort, Panorama now has one of the finest golf courses in Montgomery county, strong new home development and maintains a first-rate police department. I ask for your vote to continue this progress, guided by my conservative values and common-sense approach to solving problems.



#### Bob Lamons

Panorama Village is a unique community with lots to offer our citizens, from retirees to families with small children. But the golf club continues to lose money at an alarming rate - we're on pace to lose another \$400,000 this year and almost \$5 million since we purchased the course in 2005. We have to stop doing that. My 50-year career in the advertising business taught me the value of thinking outside the box and solving problems creatively. It's time we started pursuing new options for operating Panorama Golf Club as a profit center, not a money drain



### GOLF CLUB NEWS

PGC has a new fleet of golf carts. They are state of the art as they have GPS included as well as other technology that determines where the cart can travel. The PGC carts can not go into resident property or leave the golf course or travel in areas not allowed.

PGC will host the Pinehurst Championship on November 2 and 3. This tournament is a Texas State event with 100 players.

The Dining Room is now open with some limitations. Please send your email address to Kristi Starks at [pgckristi@gmail.com](mailto:pgckristi@gmail.com) to request weekly reports of events and specials.

### Meet The Candidates Forum to be held on October 6

A special forum for Panorama residents will be held in the clubhouse the evening of October 6 at 7:30 pm. All four candidates will be on hand to present their qualifications and answer questions about their priorities and possible solutions to problems facing our city. The forum will be hosted by the Panorama Lions Club as a service to the community. Face masks will be required for all attendees.

If you wish to submit a question to any or all of the candidates, use a QR code scanner to copy the code shown, or go to <https://is.gd/sF3mPK> and fill out the submission form. You can submit as many questions as you like.



### Garden Club pecans on sale

The Panorama Garden Club is once again offering fresh Texas pecans, pieces or halves, in 1-pound bags for \$13 per bag. Orders must be placed by Friday, October 30 for delivery by Wednesday, November 25.

Call Joan Jackson at 713-542-8577 or Kim King at 281-216-2015 to place your order. Payment (check or cash) must accompany your order.

## ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

When I first interviewed Steve Gilley, Panorama Golf Club Greens Superintendent, in December 2016, he gave a lot of credit for improvement to the course since Sterling took over to Carter Hindes. Carter was Sterling's Director of Agronomy and Steve was happy with the plan Sterling was using. He thought the application of herbicides to eliminate weeds, a good fertilization program, and regular maintenance work would have the potential for improvement and produce a golf course we could be proud of. And was he right!!

Steve has been glad to have the use of Sterling equipment that is shared by the company when needed. The Panorama Maintenance Work Crew of Kyle Neilan,

Steve's Assistant, and Daniel Trejo, Foreman, along with eight full time workers and a couple of part timers are a small number for a twenty seven hole golf course. Many of these workers have been here a long time, some around twenty years. Under Steve's excellent leadership they have produced a golf course we ARE proud of and the number of rounds being played now proves it.

One of Steve's wishes early on was to have the course closed on Mondays. Now that that has happened, he feels it has made a big difference with what can be done. He particularly mentioned the greens work that can be done when you have more time. As far as things the players can do to help out Steve and

his workers, replacing divots with sand, repairing ball marks on the greens, raking bunkers, obeying ALL cart rules such as: staying on cart paths and using 90 degree rule, exiting where signs indicate, staying about 30 yards away from greens when no sign, never go on the side of greens or behind the green, staying on cart paths by tee boxes and greens, and staying on cart path on all three par holes.

If there is an issue, do not talk to the maintenance workers about it. Instead report it to the ProShop so that Steve or Scott can take care of the matter. Thanks to Steve for helping with this article and using his knowledge to improve Panorama Golf Club.

## PLA and Garden Club meetings to resume

The Panorama Ladies Association and Panorama Garden Club will both resume monthly meetings in the clubhouse this month after a 6-month pandemic hiatus. Face masks and social distancing will be enforced, but you are encouraged to help them take the first steps to rediscovering the quality of life we enjoyed pre-pandemic.

The Ladies Association will meet on October 9 with check-in at 10:30 am followed by a program of Broadway and

movie themed music by pianist Brandon Mathieson at 11:00. Lunch follows at noon. The cost for lunch is \$16.50. Call Carolyn Backen at 936-443-8123 for more information.

The Garden Club will have a "meet and greet" social at the clubhouse on October 15 at 10:00 am. Several activities are planned to help you meet new friends and become familiar with their regular programs and field trips. Call Denise Harp at 206-227-7298 for details.



### The Can Man of Pan-orama

If you ever wonder why our streets are so clean and devoid of empty cans tossed by the side, it probably has something to do with this man, Ben Young, who lives on Panorama Drive. Ben walks our streets on a daily basis and picks things up as he goes. He's shown here with some of the aluminum cans he takes to a recycling center several times a year. Nice job, Ben!

## Yard of the Month

John and Mary Langley  
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