



## Longtime City Secretary Lisa Evans retiring

After almost 26 years, City Secretary Lisa Evans is hanging up her City Seal. She will pass the responsibility to her successor at the end of November.

Lisa was hired by former mayor Larry Albritton in 1996 and took office just as Howard Kravetz was beginning his 20-year run as Panorama Mayor. With Lynn Scott now in his sixth year as mayor, she's only had two bosses. Just as amazing, Lisa is only the second person to hold the Panorama Village City Secretary job -- her predecessor, Bea Estep, was hired in 1972 when the City was formed.

For Lisa, her experience as City Secretary has been totally intertwined with her personal and family life. She and her husband, Samuel Dennis, lived on Apple Valley for 20 years before they bought a 25-acre spread in the New Waverly area.

For almost 15 years, Lisa planned the City's Fourth of July celebration with help from Samuel Dennis and her daughters, Sandra, Stacy and Stephanie (when

Stephanie was in town from the Air Force). Sandra was a former Little Miss Panorama in 1989, and Stephanie later worked in the clubhouse. Lisa's granddaughter, Trinity, is currently a server in the clubhouse.

Lisa has seen many changes in Panorama during her 26 years, including the opening of Parkside and Hallmark residential areas. She helped with the paperwork when the City bought the golf club from the members in 2005, including the clubhouse remodeling to accommodate the Pro Shop and allow construction of the Pavilion next to the swimming pool.

She helped formalize hundreds of ordinances since the City's formation in 1972. Today we have 442 ordinances.

She also was involved with moving City Hall into its current building. It was previously across the street in the building that houses our Police Department, which moved from the fire station next door.

Mayor Scott says "losing Lisa is like



losing my right arm. She has forgotten more about Panorama Village than the rest of us ever knew." We will be having a reception at a future time to thank Lisa for her many years of service and wish her a happy and restful retirement. Stay tuned for details.



## PLA to showcase creating art from photography

The October 1 meeting of the Panorama Ladies Association will feature local photo artist Ellen Barron O'Reilly describing ways to modify photo images to create lasting works of art.

After attending classes in still photography in 2007 at the Glassell School of Art in Houston, she then took courses in digital photography at the Art Institute of Houston to learn ways to use various filters and techniques to turn ordinary photos into distinctive, one-of-a-kind pieces of art.

Ellen will show before and after examples to give you an idea of the possibilities. Check in starts at 10:30 am and the program is at 11:00 am. Call Carolyn Backen at 936-856-5401 for more information.

## Unlawful trash disposal will be cited

Complaints have been received at City Hall about persons who are disposing of trash in gulleys and culverts. Mayor Scott advises this practice is unlawful and offenders will be investigated and fined by the Planning and Zoning Department. If you see this happening, please report any such activity to City Hall.

# ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

Those of us who are golfers feel very fortunate to live in a community with the golf course just down the street or very nearby. Most never get tired of playing the same course over and over, but getting away to a different course, even if close to home can be an exciting change of pace.

That's one of the reasons Interclub is looked forward to. I interviewed several of our Panorama golfers to see where they like to go when they leave "The Village". Woody Fail said he doesn't play as much as he used to but as a well-respected Rules Official in the area, he had some places he would share with us. Lake Windcrest Golf Club in Magnolia is a private 18 hole regulation length course managed by ClubCorp USA, Inc. It's a long, beautiful course with friendly staff.

Bluejack National Club is a private club that is located in Montgomery. It is a resort style community and club and is the first Tiger Woods designed course in the United States. Woody remembered all the unprecedented amenities available such as valet parking and a half way house where you can pick out anything

you want. It is rustic with undulating property and beautiful old oak trees.

Butch Bateman suggested Raven Nest Golf Club as a favorite to play. It is a daily fee course operated by the Sam Houston State PGA Golf Management program at the University in Huntsville about 22 miles north of Panorama. Butch liked that the land is hilly and well maintained and there are creeks to go over. He mentioned that the course is divided into two parts with a short tunnel to go through to get to the back side. (Pay attention in that area as some have turned the wrong way and gotten turned around....not Butch...it was me!!).

Butch and friends have played at The Golf Club at Margaritaville Lake Resort, Lake Conroe in Montgomery and enjoyed the wide fairways. The greens are sloped making putts fast and difficult. Pine and oak trees line the fairways and there are waterfalls, fountains, lakes and an island tee box. Butch also added that Conroe Country Club is a private club that opened in 1931 and is a gorgeous course. Its history is written up in the Montgomery County History Book

published by the Montgomery County Genealogy Society.

Dana Howze also chose Raven Nest as a favorite of hers. She said it is fairly easy to get a tee time and the native grasses add interest of the course. She does warn golfers not to enter any marked areas as they include thorny plants. Dana likes that there are no homes on the course, ravines to go over and that the greens are recovering after damage from the weather.

Ann Bice thinks Moody Gardens in Galveston is a fun course to play. It is open and very windy with not many trees. Keith Bice added that the fairways and greens are the same kind of grass which is just cut differently and is very unusual. Keith added that Margaritaville had interesting holes especially the finishing hole. He likes the view of Lake Conroe and that the fairways are varied, both narrow and wide.

Butch Bateman wanted to add that he appreciates Sterling Golf Management for the improvement of Panorama Golf Club golf course.....and I appreciate those who helped me write this article!!

## Yard of the Month

Kay Massey  
15 Westchester Drive



## Lions sponsor free paper shredding

Arrangements have been made for a free paper shredding service on Saturday, October 23 from 9:00 am to 12 noon. The service is being sponsored by the Panorama Lions Club and is offered to Panorama residents at no charge.

The shredder will be located in front of City Hall, and can shred computer hard drives if removed from the computer.

## Blood Drive Oct 18

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will be receiving blood donations in front of the Panorama fire station on Monday, October 18 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please bring a photo ID and a COVID vaccine card if you have one.