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EARLY VOTING for the May 4th, 2019 Local Election

Early voting for the May 4 Local Election begins on April 22. This year an area west of the Brazos will decide whether to create Emergency Services District No. 6. The area encompasses the municipalities of Brazoria and Jones Creek, along with the surrounding territory not currently covered by an emergency district for ambulance service.

Twenty-one other entities will also have elections as follows:

- School Districts: Alvin, Angleton, Brazosport, Columbia-Brazoria, Danbury, Pearland and Sweeny
- Cities: Alvin, Angleton, Brazoria, Brookside Village, Clute, Freeport, Iowa Colony, Jones Creek, Oyster Creek, Pearland, Richwood, Surfside Beach and Sweeny.
- Hospital District: Sweeny

Voters in the City of Richwood will have multiple items on which to vote this year: a Bond Election, a Special Sales Tax Reauthorization Election, and 22 proposed charter amendments.

Other districts with propositions are:

- Brazosport ISD – Bond Election
- Sweeny ISD – Bond Election
- City of Clute – Charter Amendment Election (7 items)
- City of Pearland – Bond Election (5 items)

Sample ballots are available at www.brazoriacountyvotes.com. Sample ballots can be printed and studied by the voter before going to vote in person.

Eleven early voting locations will be open for this election, as follows:

- Alvin – Alvin Library, 105 S. Gordon
- Angleton – East Annex (Old Walmart), 1524 E. Mulberry
- Brazoria – Brazoria Library, 620 S. Brooks
- Freeport – Freeport Library, 410 Brazosport Blvd.

- Lake Jackson – Lake Jackson Library, 250 Circle Way
- Manvel – North Annex, 7313 Corporate Dr.
- Pearland East – Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Dr.
- Pearland West – Westside Event Center, 2150 Countryplace Pkwy.
- Shadow Creek – Pearland Westside Library, 2803 Business Center Dr. #101
- Sweeny – Sweeny Community Center, 205 W. Ashley Wilson Rd.
- West Columbia – Precinct 4 Building 2, 121 N. 10th St.

As always, any registered voter is able to vote at any location within the county.

Each early voting location will be open on the following schedule:

Monday, April 22 – Friday, April 26 – 8 AM-5 PM

Saturday, April 27 – 7 AM-7 PM

Sunday, April 28 – CLOSED

Monday, April 29 – Tuesday, April 30 – 7 AM-7 PM

Anyone with additional questions may call the Elections Department toll-free from anywhere in the county:

Central & West County: 979-864-1662

Brazosport: 979-388-1662

North County: 281-756-1662



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911
Fire.....	911
Ambulance	911
Sheriff – Non-Emergency	281-331-9000
Pearland Police Department	281-997-4100

SCHOOLS

Mary Marek Elementary	281-245-3232
Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary	281-245-3090
Manvel Junior High	281-331-1416
Alvin Senior High	281-331-8151
Manvel High School	281-245-2235
Alvin ISD Administration	281-338-1130
Alvin ISD Transportation	281-331-0960

UTILITIES

Electricity - Reliant Energy.....	713-207-7777
Gas - Center Point	713-659-2111
Trash Removal - City of Pearland	281-652-1600

CITY

Pearland City Hall.....	281-652-1600
Pearland Utility Billing - Water Dept.	281-652-1603
Pearland Animal Control.....	281-652-1970
Pearland Police Dept - Non-Emergency	281-652-1100
Pearland Public Works.....	281-652-1900

OTHER NUMBERS

Pearland Post Office	281-485-2132
Poison Control	800-764-7661
Brazoria County Health Department	979-864-1484
Animal Control.....	281-756-2265
Cable/Internet/Phone...COMCAST	713-341-1000

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Board Meeting Schedule Notice



Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

Village of Emerald Bay: Annual Meeting of the Members

Date: Wednesday, April 24th
Time: Registration 6:30PM | Meeting: 7:00PM
Location: To be determined

Village of Emerald Bay: Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 21st
Time: 1:00PM - 3:00PM
Location: Emerald Bay Clubhouse: 11814 N Clear Lake Loop, Pearland, TX 77584

Village of Emerald Bay: Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 28th
Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM
Location: Emerald Bay Clubhouse: 11814 N Clear Lake Loop, Pearland, TX 77584

NOTE: Meeting schedules are subject to change, please visit Shadow Creek Ranch online at www.shadowcreekcranchhoa.com for the latest information.

The Board of Directors welcomes resident/owner attendance at Board meetings to observe business matters that take place involving the Association. If you would like to address the Board during the Member Forum, please document your concern by email to Help@shadowcreekcranchhoa.com. Please include your address in the subject line to expedite your request.



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The Killdeer A Skilled Actor

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



A concerned citizen who came across a nest on the ground with eggs in it and an injured mama nearby contacted us via Facebook. The lady wanted to know what she could do to help. She posted pictures to help us identify the bird. Not being familiar with the hundreds of bird species we have here, I reached out to our former

Executive Director who not only identified the bird but also shared some interesting information about the species.

The bird was a Killdeer. They find small depressions in the ground and build their nests with sticks, grass, weeds, shells or rocks. Their nests can be found in parking lots, golf courses, lawns, athletic fields, etc. Their nests are often overlooked because they are almost level with the ground around it. What makes this bird so fascinating is that females will fake injuries to lure predators away from their nests. As a predator approaches, she will drag herself farther and farther away from her nest continuing to fake her injuries. It's also been observed that she may roll completely over, pant and gasp for air—all an act. Another tactic they use to protect the nest is by pretending to build a nest. When a predator approaches the real nest, the Killdeer will move away, find a depression in the ground and pretend to be covering her non-existent eggs. As the predator approaches the fake nest, the Killdeer will leave only to repeat this fake-out until the enemy tires of her games and flies away.

Sometimes groups of Killdeer get in on the action of chasing away real or perceived predators. The first one to spot the enemy will fly very close to the face of the animal while making a loud, shrill cry as if to be yelling at it. Soon others join in with the same loud cries. In most cases, this is enough to scare anything away.

Because Killdeer build their nests on the ground, it can take up to six attempts in a season to successfully hatch their eggs. Pesticides, other lawn chemicals and cats are the biggest threats.

The Killdeer is a member of the plover family. Plover, as defined by the Free Dictionary, is, "Any of various widely distributed shorebirds of the family Charadriidae, having rounded bodies, short tails, and short bills". Although defined as a shorebird, it's equally happy in dry or wet locations. It is classified, as migratory but is a year-round resident in most areas of Texas.

According to Texas Parks and Wildlife, the Killdeer is one of the noisiest birds in America. Their name was derived from their call—a loud "KILL-DEER".

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GERMAN PANCAKES

At least twice a week, German pancakes are my go-to for breakfast. Known alternately as Dutch babies or little Bismarcks, my family loves them. This particular recipe came with my great grandparents from Germany.

I make the batter the night before and store it in the fridge for easy morning prep. The batter can be cut in half, doubled, or tripled. You can make it in virtually any pan that has sides. Just be sure to spray the entire baking vessel with a little Pam, as this pancake crawls up the sides as it bakes and could stick. The batter must be poured into a hot pan.

The below recipe fits nicely in a medium skillet.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Melt ½ stick of butter in an oven proof pan in the oven, so the pan gets nice and hot.

Mix together 2 eggs, ½ cup flour and ½ cup milk with a pinch of salt. It may have some lumps and that's okay. Pour the batter into the melted butter in the skillet, return to oven and bake for 12-15 minutes, until risen and a golden brown. It will deflate a bit once you cut it.

Top with syrup, fruit, powdered sugar, or nothing. It tastes delicious all on its own.

Nota bene: Sometimes these pancakes don't rise. No one knows why.

Just try again with different flour or butter or eggs. It's only occurred to me three times in the 25 years I've been making them. You can also cut the butter down to as much as half, but Julia Childs would surely not advise that.

Would you like to share a specific recipe? Your neighbors would love to read about it! Email me at tiffivelytx@gmail.com. If I don't, my Cordon Bleu trained stepmother will!



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