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My husband Rick and I really love living in this neighborhood and are very involved in the community events and organizations here. We can't say enough about how great living in LOEN has been for us, and I love sharing that with my clients!

My team and I always strive to exceed our client's expectations and as a testament to this, most of our business comes from repeat clients and referrals. If you're looking to buy or sell, I would love the opportunity to earn your business!

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## This Holiday, *Keep Family Stories Alive*

by Jackie Devine

When you and your relatives gather to celebrate family, Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays are the perfect times to capture memories and start creating a legacy that can be handed down for generations to come. But time is of the essence. Our mothers and fathers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins leave us too soon.

Pull out your phone, place it on video, and start asking questions. If you need a list of questions, email me at [jackiedevine@peelinc.com](mailto:jackiedevine@peelinc.com). I will send you a list of questions to ask your family and friends. I'll wager you will be surprised by the answers.

Please don't wait until it is too late like I did. Capture your family folklore before your living vault of information has disappeared.

To recreate my Grandmother's story, I had to interview scores of cousins I had not seen in decades. That was helpful, but I knew theirs wasn't the whole story. After researching the national archives, I stumbled upon long lost kin I had never met, and precious photos I had not seen. As a result, I created a priceless mini-biography of my Grandmother, which included family photos, memories, conversations she had with me over the years, and various precious documents. It remains available on the web for family members all over the world to retrieve.

For the last few years, several organizations have encouraged families to listen to one another and record family history. Two excellent organizations include:

StoryCorps, for example, launched The National Day of Listening. StoryCorps encourages everyone to ask elder family members to tell stories at


the Thanksgiving dinner table—memories that provoke more memories and stories. It's a beautiful way to connect older generations with newer ones and create a shared family tradition.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, StoryCorps Connect offers a first-of-its-kind platform that enables you to record a StoryCorps interview with a loved one remotely using video conference technology. The audio and a still photo from each interview goes into their archive at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

StoryWorth, located at <https://welcome.storyworth.com>, is another option that allows you to preserve your memories, connect your family, and learn about relatives in a new and exciting way. Once a week, they email your mother, dad, or grandparents a question, possibly about subjects you have never thought to ask. All they do is reply with a story that is shared with you each week. At the end of the year, the stories are compiled and bound into a beautiful keepsake book.

Please don't let another holiday pass without preserving your family's stories and life-lessons for future generations. When they are gone, your stories have vanished.


If you are not comfortable working with national forms and prefer something up close and personal, I will help you gather and compile your family's history. Contact me at [jackiedevine@peelinc.com](mailto:jackiedevine@peelinc.com). And let me know that you are interested in taking a memoir writing class. If we have enough interest, I will make myself available free of charge for a 6-week memoir writing class in our community.



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## NEW TOMBALL RESIDENTS

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

A pair of beautiful bald eagles are now calling Tomball, Texas, home and they've become quite the attraction. People are coming from miles around just to get a glimpse of them and to snap a photo. Should you decide to come and take a look, remember to keep your distance and do not disturb the birds in any way.

Bald eagles are protected by multiple federal laws that include the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Lacey Act as well as other state and municipal protections that may be in place. The Eagle Act was originally passed in 1940 and was amended in 1972, increasing civil penalties. The Act provides criminal penalties for persons who "take, possess, sell, purchase, barter, offer to sell, purchase or barter, transport, export or import, at any time or any manner, any bald eagle ... [or any golden eagle], alive or dead, or any part\*, nest, or egg thereof." The Act defines "take" as "pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, molest or disturb."

"Disturb" means: "to agitate or bother a bald or golden eagle to a degree that causes, or is likely to cause, based on the best scientific information available, 1) injury to an eagle, 2) a decrease in its productivity, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior, or 3) nest abandonment, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior."

Here are some interesting facts about Bald Eagles:

- They have been our national symbol since 1782.
- They are almost always found near water.
- They live to be between 20 and 30 years old. The oldest recorded bald eagle was 38.
- Their wingspan is between 6 feet and 7.5 feet.
- Females are larger than males.
- They can see 4 to 7 times better than humans.
- They can see fish up to a mile away.
- They mate for life but should one of the pair die, the other will find another mate.
- They return to the same nest every year. They will make repairs and add additional twigs, grass, etc. each year. The nests average 2-4 feet deep and 4-5 feet wide. The largest nest on record weighed 2 tons!
- The female lays 1 to 3 eggs and both the male and female take turns sitting on the eggs. The first egg will hatch after 35 days of incubation. The next egg will hatch several days later.
- Sometimes the first eaglet to hatch will kill the younger one(s).
- By 3 weeks of age, the feet and beaks are nearly as large as an adult.
- Eaglets fledge between 8 and 14 weeks of age.
- It's not until 3 years of age that the head and tail begin to turn white. In the 4th year, the eagle gets its white head, tail and upper and undertail coverts.
- Eagles can swim—sort of. If they swoop down for a fish and it's too

heavy, they will paddle to shore.

TWRC Wildlife Center asks that you respect all wildlife. With regard to the Tomball eagles, keep your distance, view with binoculars, keep the noise level down and report anyone harassing them or getting too close. They could be breaking a federal law.

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### -PET OWNERS-

As a reminder please be advised that all owners must follow Harris County guidelines which requires pets to be restrained at all times unless they are within a fence or some other enclosure that will prevent their escape. In addition, please remember to PICK UP after your pets.

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## National Night Out



National Night Out's celebration was a little different this year, but just as effective in reaching out to people maintaining safe and strong neighborhoods.

Constable Mark Herman's Office participated in the 2020 National Night Out in the communities we serve. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement, while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances and allows each to learn more about each other.

The men and women of your Precinct 4 Constable's Office love the communities we serve! Attached are pictures from this year's National Night Out events across Precinct 4. Thank you to all our citizens and deputies for making National Night Out a successful event!

Follow us at Facebook.com/precinct4 to receive live feeds on crime and arrests in your area.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. The state of Texas and select areas celebrate the first Tuesday in October. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are strongly recommending that all National Night Out 2020 areas celebrate on October 6th, the first Tuesday in October.

## -TRASH CANS GRASS CLIPPING-



Per the Deed Restrictions trash/recycling/grass clippings/landscape debris must not be seen in public view until collection day, which are Mondays and Thursdays.

As a reminder please inform your landscapers that they are required to either haul their clippings/landscaping debris away or place them behind the fence of their resident customers away from public view until trash pick-up or after 5pm the day before.

*Thank you, everyone.*

## ADULT ENGLISH CLASSES AT ENGLISH GATEWAY

English Gateway is a program designed to teach conversational English. The vision and desire of English Gateway is to assist international families in learning and improving English skills to help them live and be successful here in the United States. We offer 6 different levels and have open registration throughout the CFISD school year.

- Where does English Gateway meet? We meet at Bayou City Fellowship, 12715 Telge Rd., Cypress, TX 77429.

- When does English Gateway meet? We offer two options: Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30 am; Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm.

- What is the school calendar?

English Gateway classes coincide with CFISD school calendar

- When can I register and start class?

First day of class: September 17, 2020

There is open registration so you can come any Thursday, take a placement test, and go immediately to class.

How much does it cost? There is a one-time fee of \$20 for the books; classes are free.

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