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## Appreciation, Celebration & Illumination

Peoples strives to say thanks to our customers throughout the year. Now that the holidays are approaching, we want to make sure this message of appreciation shines as bright as the season's lights.

Thanks for letting us provide the services that connect you to the people and ideas that matter most. It's an honor to be part of your celebrations!



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### Office Hours

Monday-Friday • Lobby: 8 am to 4 pm  
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### Office Closures

- November 11 – Veterans Day
- November 24 & 25 – Thanksgiving
- December 23 – Close @ 11:30 am
- December 26 – Christmas Holiday
- December 30 – Close @ 11:30 am
- January 2 – New Year's Holiday

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(866) 681-2085

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## Make Family Movie Nights More Fun and Memorable

Family movie nights are a great way to relax and spend time together. To make yours even better, try these ideas:

### Get Creative and Pick a Theme:

Get everyone excited by creating a theme for your movie night. This can be simple or elaborate and involve food, clothing, or both. For example, you could eat frozen treats like popsicles when watching Frozen or Southern food while watching Steel Magnolias. Have everyone throw on cowboy hats for a western-themed night or baseball caps while watching a double header of baseball movies.



**Create a Comfortable Space:** Nothing can ruin a movie night like a messy environment, poor visual quality or uncomfortable seating. Make sure your TV is large enough for good viewing and your couches and chairs are as comfy as possible.

**Make It a Regular Event:** Many families have found it works well to have a standing movie night, either weekly or monthly. That way, family members can have it on their calendars and be more likely to attend. After all, the goal is to strengthen bonds and create happy memories.

**Take Turns Choosing the Movies:** You may want to give young kids a pre-selected list to choose from to avoid watching the same favorite movie over and over. If you've got teens, tell them you'll watch anything they choose as long as they return the favor when it's your turn.

**Share Your Reviews:** When the credits start rolling, make time to chat about what you watched. What did you like or didn't like? What lessons did you learn? You may want to visit the library or do online research with your children to follow up on interests piqued by the movie.

**Peoples can help make the most of your family movie nights with our premium movie channels. If you stream movies via Netflix or a similar service, ask us about upgrading your internet speed for the best viewing experience. Call (913) 757-2500 for details.**

## Watch Out for These Holiday Scams

The Better Business Bureau warns consumers to beware of the following:

- **Fake shipping notifications:** Scammers send emails pretending to be from companies like UPS or FedEx with links to package tracking information. Don't click on any links or open any attachments coming from a questionable source (typos and grammatical mistakes are red flags).
- **Phony charities:** Scammers take advantage of the holiday spirit of generosity with fake charity solicitations in emails and on social media. Check out charities at give.org before donating.
- **Temporary holiday jobs:** Retailers and delivery services need extra help at the holidays, but beware of solicitations requiring you to share personal information or pay for a job lead. Apply in person or go to retailers' main websites.
- **Free gift cards:** Pop-up ads or email offering free gift cards are often just a ploy to get your personal information for identity theft.
- **Social media gift exchange:** It sounds great—buy one gift and get 36 in return. But it's a variation on an illegal pyramid scheme.

For protection against other online threats, call (913) 757-2500 and ask about our computer security services.



## Peoples PC SALES & REPAIR

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# 5 Clever Ways to Save Money When You Shop Online

To get the best deal from online merchants, you need to know the tricks of the trade. It pays to use these shopping tips:

### 1. Use multiple coupon codes strategically.

If the website lets you combine different coupons and promo codes at the checkout, use them in the right order. Say you have a promo code for a 20% discount and a coupon worth \$10 off. Apply the 20% promo code first, which will subtract 20% from the full price. Then use your \$10 coupon.

### 2. Use live chats.

Live chats are available on most websites. Be polite and ask a few questions about the product you'd like to buy. Next, ask if there are any discounts available. It's not a well-known fact but chat support can issue special promo codes that are not widely available.

### 3. Leave items in your cart.

This strategy works two ways. By placing items in your cart and stepping away for a day or two, you may avoid making an impulse purchase you'll later regret. Secondly, most retailers hate unclosed deals and will try to get you to buy by emailing a discount code. This only works when you have an account on the merchant's website and are logged in when you leave your cart.

### 4. Accumulate more coupons with multiple email addresses.

Increase your chances of saving big bucks by signing up for an online merchant's newsletter or email list with multiple email accounts. This way, you may end up with two or three 50% discount codes instead of just one.

### 5. Download the Honey app.

This app, available at [www.joinhoney.com/install](http://www.joinhoney.com/install), will automatically find and apply coupon codes when you shop online. Click on the Honey button during checkout and Honey will automatically apply coupon codes to your shopping cart. Click on the Honey button on a supported online store and instantly see all the coupons and sales available for the store.



**Be sure to also check out Peoples' website and Facebook page for our current money-saving promotions.**



# Count the Internet-Connected Devices in Your Home

When you add up all the Internet-connected devices your family now uses—including computers, tablets, smartphones, smart TVs, Blu-ray disc players, video game consoles and streaming media set-top boxes—what’s your total? The NPD Group surveyed more than 4,000 consumers and the average number of devices per U.S. household with Internet service is now 5.7, and that number is expected to keep rising.

In fact, according to estimates by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, the average household with two teenage children will own roughly 50 Internet-connected devices by 2022. These will include everything from Internet-connected washing machines to smart refrigerators and bathroom scales, a trend dubbed the “Internet of Things.”

Multiple devices, used simultaneously by several family members, can easily max out your home’s Internet service and make it seem as if it’s running slowly. To eliminate this problem, upgrade to an Internet plan with greater bandwidth and faster speeds. Peoples offers a variety of plans with download speeds of up to 1 GIG.

**For help determining which Internet plan is right for your household, call us today at (913) 757-2500.**

## What’s Your Internet Speed? Find Out Fast!

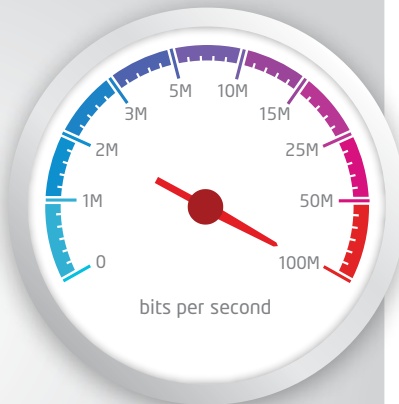
It’s a good idea to periodically check your home’s Internet speed to see if it’s performing as expected. If not, you may have issues to address such as an outdated or poorly located router. Remember, the number of Mbps listed when you sign up for any Internet plan are “up to” speeds; no speed can be guaranteed.

**You can quickly check your speed using these websites:**

- [www.speedtest.net](http://www.speedtest.net)
- <http://speedof.me>

Space out the tests over a few days, and at varying times of day, to get an accurate measure of your Internet connection. You’ll note that most of the focus of these tests is on download speed, which is key to activities such as streaming video. But upload speed can also be important if you share a lot of photos/videos or play online games.

**Call (913) 757-2500 for details on our Internet plans, including download and upload speeds.**



## Welcome New Telephone Subscribers

Autrey, Winnie.....	757-3016
Bailey, Holly & Cyle.....	757-3561
Brown, Kevin & Vicki.....	757-3344
Christiansen, Mike & Laree.....	757-2349
Haupt, Jason & Alicia.....	757-2429
Haverfield, Owen L. ....	757-2619
Herring, Jeremy & Nicole.....	757-4025
Horn, John & Trang.....	757-3087
Hubbard, J.E. & Shirley.....	757-2086
Kana, Paul V. & Carrie.....	757-2530
Lane, J.A.....	757-3699
Likens, C.....	757-3474
Noblit Mayor.....	757-3099
Neiman, Jacob.....	757-2703
Peoples, Julia.....	757-2902
Riley, Maggie.....	757-2056
Rojas, Richard.....	757-2190
Shively, Brian & Sherry.....	757-3589
Thompson, Mark.....	757-2194
Westerhold, Megan.....	757-4899
Wilcox, Dustin & Angela.....	757-2982

## Find the Remote Contest

Find the remote in this issue! Then, call (913) 757-2500 with the correct page, article, and paragraph by close of business November 16 to be included in the drawing to win a \$25 bill credit on your next bill!



**Find the remote and call now!**

# Happy Thanksgiving

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## Community Calendar

### November

9 - LaCygne Chamber Meeting

12 - Prairie View Fall Play

13 - Friends of the Library

Local Vendors Expo

19 - LaCygne Community

Thanksgiving Dinner

30 - Peoples Telecommunications, LLC

Community Blood Drive

### December

1 - Iota Tau Chill Feed and Santa's Arrival

5 - Prairie View Winter Choral Concert

11 - Friends of the Library Homes Tour

12 - Prairie View Band Concert

13 - Parker GS Christmas Program

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### January

11 - LaCygne Chamber Meeting