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## **310 E. Main Street Renovations Tie Commerce and Charm**

310 E. Main Street in Tomball is the latest example of redevelopment enhancing the appeal of Old Town Tomball. Home to RE/MAX Elite Properties, The Book Attic, and an art gallery and studio set to open in April, the development delivers a splendid combination of commerce and charm. Landlord and RE/MAX Elite Properties owner, Renee Leslie-Buckhoff, is inspired by Tomball's spirit and purposefully designed the property to fit in with the historic feel of the district.

Leslie-Buckhoff purchased 310 E. Main Street several years ago as an entrepreneurial opportunity to invest in Tomball. As someone who was raised in a quaint Midwest town, she had a soft spot for Tomball's small town charm. Tomball was welcoming. It felt like home.

"To own a piece of downtown Tomball was a dream. It feels very Americana, like where I grew up" said Leslie-Buckhoff. "Everyone is about helping other people. There's a genuine feeling of people looking out for one another. That's how it should be."

Soon after she purchased the property, which was already home to The Book Attic, Leslie-Buckhoff had the vision to move her own agency to 310 E. Main. This required constructing a building adjacent to The Book Attic. In doing so, it was important that she built an office that enhanced Old Town and offered a warm place for visitors.

Working with Waggoner Architecture and Jerry Kachel Builder, Leslie-Buckhoff designed a welcoming and charming two story building with porches on both levels. The new home of RE/MAX Elite Properties is right at home in Tomball.

"The building has a historic look that feels fresh and new. Hopefully, it's a place where people want to visit and enjoy being in downtown Tomball," added Leslie-Buckhoff.

Prior to the completion of the building housing RE/MAX Elite Properties, Leslie-Buckhoff renovated The Book Attic to match the feel and charm of the property. To help bring the project to life, Leslie-Buckhoff worked with the Tomball Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) to obtain a Façade Improvement Grant. The grant was used for a new roof, doors, windows, porch, siding, and other outdoor improvements.

Leslie-Buckhoff has also applied for Business Improvement Grants for costs associated with 310 E. Main. These grants will be used for parking lot and landscaping improvements on the property.

"I am so thankful for the grants," said Leslie-Buckhoff. "Building costs have tripled, so grants were instrumental in getting the project to the finish line."

With the multi-year design and construction process now complete, Leslie-Buckhoff and her team of 36 agents are excited to call 310 E. Main Street home. Leslie-Buckhoff knows that being located on Main Street in Old Town Tomball carries extra value.

Investing in Tomball means investing in the schools, businesses, and parks that she, as a realtor, understands are the reasons why so many people are moving to Tomball.

"Tomball is becoming more of a destination," added Leslie-Buckhoff.

Tomball is a destination for residents, businesses, visitors, and small-town charm. 310 E. Main Street, with its mix of design and business offerings, helps tie all these things together. Developments like 310 E. Main Street preserve small town character and promote economic opportunity. A win for business and a win for Tomball.