

The City of Sachse

# Sachse Scene



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## Jan. '08 - Mar. '08 Calendar of Events:

**Jan. 12, 19, 26 - 10 am - 2 pm**

**Jan. 13, 20, 27 - 2 - 4 pm**

*Sachse Sports Association  
Baseball/Slow-Pitch Softball and  
Lake Cities Girls Fast-Pitch Softball  
Signups at City Hall*

**Jan. 23 - MAD HATTER'S  
TEA PARTY AT LIBRARY**

*Fun begins at 4 pm*

**Feb. 5 - Apr. 15 - 9 am - 1 pm**

*Free Income Tax preparation at  
Laurie Schwenk Senior Activity  
Center; Available to all citizens on  
first-come, first-serve basis  
regardless of age or income*

**Feb. 5 - MARDI GRAS PARTY  
AT LIBRARY**

*The party starts at 4 pm*

**Mar. 15:**

**EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE**

*Easter Bunny will hide candy and  
prize eggs at Heritage Park  
10:00 am*

**DOGGIE BONE HUNT**

*at Heritage Park starting at 7:30 pm*

**FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT**

*Easter Bunny will hide more eggs at  
Heritage Park at 8:15 pm*

**Mar. 21 - HOLIDAY**

*All City Offices Closed  
Trash service WILL run as usual*

**More info about these events  
can be found in this newsletter  
and on the City's website  
[www.cityofsachse.com](http://www.cityofsachse.com)**

## BILL ADAMS ELECTED TO COUNCIL



Bill Adams took the Oath of Office December 3rd to serve on City Council, Place 4. Mr. Adams, elected in the November Special Election, will serve out the unexpired term vacated by Paul Head, which will expire in May. Mr. Adams received 449 votes while his opponent, Cullen King, received 222 votes.

Prior to his service on City Council, Mr. Adams was serving his second term on the Parks and Recreation Commission. He is a member of the Sachse Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, the Community Emergency Response Team, the Neighborhood Watch Committee and the Sachse Lions Club.

## INTERESTED IN WORKING CITY ELECTIONS?

City Secretary Terry Smith is soliciting applications from anyone interested in working the upcoming elections. Election workers not only work the day of the election but must also be available two weeks prior to election day for early voting, including weekends. This is an ideal part-time venture for college students, retirees or housewives who would like to earn extra income.

If you are interested and need more information about working as an election official, go to [www.cityofsachse.com](http://www.cityofsachse.com) / City Secretary page. There you will find an application form and more information about elections.

## NTTA TOLLTAG STORE AT CITY HALL

If you are in need of a new TollTag<sup>®</sup> you may purchase it at Sachse City Hall. You must be 18 years old and bring the following items with you:

- > Make, model, year, color and permanent license plate number for each vehicle receiving a TollTag<sup>®</sup> on your account.
- > Your credit or debit card (MasterCard, Visa, Discover, Diners Club or American Express). Each TollTag<sup>®</sup> requires a \$40 initial pre-payment. Checks and cash are NOT accepted at this location.
- > Your driver's license.

You may only make new applications at City Hall. Staff CANNOT apply money to an existing account. Staff CANNOT provide replacement tags. Under typical circumstances, the process takes about 15 minutes. The service counter is open Monday thru Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

## AUTOMATIC BILL PAY NOW AVAILABLE

Tired of remembering to write that check each month? Sachse's Finance Department is pleased to announce automatic bill payment for your water utility bill. There are no checks to write, no postage, and no fees for the service. Bills will always be paid on time.

Simply use the Authorization Form authorizing City of Sachse to debit your checking or savings account. You will receive a monthly utility bill indicating water consumption, amount owed and due date. The total amount of your bill is electronically deducted from your account on the 15th of each month, or the next business day. You may download the Authorization Form for Bank Drafting from the city's website at [www.cityofsachse.com](http://www.cityofsachse.com). It's convenient, easy, and saves time. Let us do the work.

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## SPORTS ASSOCIATION CONDUCTS SIGNUPS

Sachse Sports Association will conduct signups for the 2008 baseball and softball season. Boys and girls ages 3 thru 14 may sign up for baseball and girls ages 5 thru 19 may sign up for girls slow pitch or fast pitch. Registration fees vary by age group. Signups will be conducted at City Hall, 5560 Highway 78 on Saturdays, January 12, 19 and 26 from 10 am to 2 pm or Sundays, January 13, 20 and 27 from 2 to 4 pm.

For more information on baseball you may visit the website at [www.leaguelineup.com/sachse](http://www.leaguelineup.com/sachse) or girls softball at [www.leaguelineup.com/sachsegirls](http://www.leaguelineup.com/sachsegirls). Registration forms will also be available on the city's website at [www.cityofsachse.com](http://www.cityofsachse.com) if you miss the signup dates.

## 2007 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS

The 2007 Christmas Lighting contest judging took place December 16th as scheduled. Mayor Felix appointed three non-Sachse residents to judge the contest this year. There were several excellent entries and it was extremely difficult to decide on the winners. The following locations were awarded a yard sign and certificate, both delivered by a City council member, and recognition on the city's website. We hope you had a chance to drive by and enjoy the winning entries.

Family Regular Lot: 1st place - 7831 Shadown Glen Trail, Linn Family; 2nd place - 6421 Hillview Lane, Kline Family; 3rd place - 5115 Natchez Drive, McEuen Family

Large Lot (1/2 acre+): 1st place - 5422 Heritage Circle, Swayden Family; 2nd place - 5311 Heritage Circle, Hennen Family; 3rd place - 1602 Ponderosa Trail, Jones Family  
Best Street: 1st place - Heritage Circle; 2nd place - Southgate Drive; 3rd place - Bluffview Drive

Best Decorated Business: 1st place - Bahama Buck's; 2nd place - Bearfoot Lodge Private School

Judge's Special Award - 6905 Bradford Estates Drive, Hamilton and Tracy Family

Mayor Felix and the City Council would like to thank all families who participated in this year's contest.



## SENIOR CENTER OFFERS INCOME TAX SERVICE

The Laurie Schwenk Senior Activity Center, 3815-B Sachse Road, is the location for free income tax preparation. Available to all citizens on a first come, first serve basis, tax preparation specialists from AARP will be at the Center each Tuesday from February 5th thru April 15th from 9 am until 1 pm. Bring all 2007 tax documents along with a copy of your 2006 tax return. The filing will be completed and sent electronically and, if you like, your refund can be deposited directly into your checking account.

Other upcoming activities at the Center include the monthly luncheon, movies each Friday, soup luncheon, health seminar, Bunco party, a greeting card class and a jewelry class. A nurse from Dallas County visits once a month for blood pressure and glucose screenings. The seniors take frequent trips for lunch, movies, shopping, and day trips for site-seeing to nearby places of interest. A calendar of activities on the seniors page of our website at [www.cityofsachse.com](http://www.cityofsachse.com) will keep you informed of all the fun. If you have any questions you may call the Center at 972.495.6282.

## LIBRARY OFFERS MUCH MORE THAN JUST BOOKS

Library Director Dolores Greenwald is pleased to introduce the newly formed Teen Library Board, which meets at the Library the third Tuesday of the month at 3 pm. Anyone interested in participating should attend a meeting or call the Library at 972.530.8966 for more information. Also, the Library Board now meets monthly, the second Monday of the month at 7 pm at the Parks Department offices, 3707 Sachse Road, and the Friends of the Library meet monthly, the fourth Tuesday of the month, at the Library at 7:30 pm.

Upcoming special events include the Mad Hatter's Tea Party on January 23 at 4 pm. There will be crafts, games and snacks. On February 5 at 4 pm, Library staff will celebrate with a Mardi Gras Party. Again there will be crafts, games, snacks, plus a parade complete with beads and other Mardi Gras party favors.

Remember, the Library has GISD textbooks available for your use as well as access to TexShare and Reference USA databases. Along with the library's online catalog system, which is accessible remotely, and wireless Internet access, the Sachse Library offers services and up-to-date technology to assist you in your research projects.

## SACHSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING IN MARCH

The Sachse Historical Society will conduct its annual meeting Sunday, March 16th at 2:00 pm at the Charles Smith & Sons Chapel, 2925 5th Street. The meeting features a guest speaker, entertainment and light refreshments.

If you cannot make the annual meeting, you may always attend a monthly meeting held the third Saturday of the month at 9:30 am at the Museum, 3033 Sixth Street. The 2008 budget will be adopted and 2008 goals established at the next meeting January 19th.

If you would like to get involved in preserving Sachse's past, consider joining the Historical Society. Annual dues for individuals or families is \$10 and corporate memberships are \$50.

The Sachse Museum is open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 pm and every Tuesday from 9 am to 1 pm. Tours may also be scheduled anytime by appointment.

For more information please contact Karen Reed at 972.463.5259, Jeff Haupt at 972.530.3049 or Joe Stone at 972.495.1231 or visit the website at [www.sachsehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.sachsehistoricalsociety.org).

## PARKS DEPARTMENT BROCHURE AND EVENTS COMING SOON

The Easter bunny will be in Sachse Saturday, March 15th at 10 am hiding candy and prize eggs at Heritage Park, 4408 Hudson Drive (behind Sewell Elementary School). Children ages 2 to 10 are invited to join in the fun. There will be three age groups for hunting eggs: 2 to 4 years old; 5 to 7 years old; and 8 to 10 years old. If it rains, the event will be moved to the Youth Community Center, 5005 Ben Davis Road. Also that evening will be the Flashlight Egg Hunt for kids ages 5 to 13 years old. So make sure you have fresh batteries in your flashlight and join us at 8:15 pm at Heritage Park to search for candy eggs and the "golden" egg.

A new event this year on March 15th at 7:30 pm will be a Doggie Bone Hunt. Also held at Heritage Park, the dogs will hunt dog biscuits and there will be a "guess the number of bones" contest. **There will be NO charge for these three events.**

And a note to all moms with little buckeroos, mark your calendar for the Mother/Son Roundup April 18 at Salmon Park. From 7 to 9 pm, this event is for moms and sons who enjoy boot scootin, games, hayrides and refreshments. Each group will receive a photo and party favor to remember the fun. Cost is \$10 per couple.

You may check out all these events and more in the spring/summer class and event brochure arriving in your mailbox soon. Be on the lookout for new classes as well as old favorites like Karate for Kids, Kindermusik, Gymnastics for the kids and Step Aerobics, Yoga and Jazzercise for the adults. There will also be special camps offered during the summer that tend to fill quickly so drop off your registration early at the Parks offices, 3707 Sachse Road or City Hall, 5560 Highway 78. Check out the Parks Department page on the website at [www.cityofsachse.com](http://www.cityofsachse.com) or call 469.429.0275 for more information.



### RADAR TRAILER OFFERS FRIENDLY REMINDER

Police Chief Dennis Veach was on the job less than a month when the department received equipment that will make a big impact. The Traffic Display Monitoring Device, or radar trailer, will enhance speed limit awareness and promote traffic safety throughout the city, Chief Veach stated.

The unit is battery operated, so it does need to be brought in daily for recharging, but also has a solar panel that helps keep it charged during sunlit days. It works year-round in a wide range of weather conditions and can be placed in school zones or on residential streets for long periods of time. The effect? It does tend to slow down traffic.

The trailer contains an actual radar unit that measures the speed of oncoming vehicles and displays their speed on a large LED panel. A driver may become aware of an error in their speedometer and/or can make adjustments in their driving behavior. Not only does the trailer display the speed of approaching vehicles, it records the various range of speeds on a data collector. The data can then be downloaded and analyzed for use in traffic studies.

As in the past, citizens are encouraged to call in speeding complaints. An officer will be sent or the radar trailer will be set up, whichever is available. If you would like to request the trailer be placed in an area of concern, please contact Lieutenant Marty Cassidy at [mcassidy@cityofsachse.com](mailto:mcassidy@cityofsachse.com) or 972.495.2271, ext 204. Requests will be handled on a "first come, first serve" basis as the trailer is available.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT HONORS THE BEST

Sachse Firefighters Association's annual awards banquet in December recognized its 2007 honorees. Congratulations to Scott Potter, Firefighter of the Year; Chris Mougia, Officer of the Year; Chris Hall, EMS Provider of the Year; and Brandon Slone, Rookie of the Year. Firefighters who received five-year service awards were Brian Belcher, Kenneth Carpenter, Robert Knappage, Jeremy Lewis, James Marple, Chris Mougia and Rene Salinas, Jr.

Chief Kendrick is happy to announce the hiring of five full-time firefighters. Following training through the Garland Fire Academy, the new hires will make Fire Station No. 2 a fully-manned 24 / 7 station.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Set sail on a Caribbean cruise with the Sachse Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet and Gala on Saturday, February 23rd, at Southfork Ranch. The festivities begin with cocktails at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. The black tie affair is open to the public. Tickets are \$45 per person and various sponsorship levels are available. This year's title sponsor is American National Bank.

The event features live entertainment, raffle bags, a live auction, Teacher of the Year and Ambassador of the Year awards and introductions of Directors and dignitaries throughout the evening.

The Chamber is accepting donations for raffle bags and Teacher of the Year Gift Bags as well as live auction items. Raffle or gift bag donations should have a value of at least \$25 and live auction items should be valued at \$500 or more. Cash donations are always welcomed and will be applied toward raffle bags or gift bags. For more information you may contact the Chamber at 972.496.1212 or check out the Chamber website at [www.sachsechamber.com](http://www.sachsechamber.com).



### OFFICES CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY

City offices will be closed on Friday, March 21, 2008 for Good Friday. Trash service WILL run on Friday as scheduled. If you have a water or sewer emergency or need an emergency electrical or gas inspection, please call the police dispatch at 972.495.2271 and notify the dispatcher of the situation. An on-call technician or inspector will be dispatched to your location.



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**A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR FELIX**

I hope that you and your family enjoyed a safe and wonderful holiday season. The new year brings resolutions for those things we find lacking in our business and personal lives. Good luck in remaining true to any resolutions made for the new year.

I would like to reflect on accomplishments we have made as a city during the 2007 year and outline some goals we have for 2008.

In '07, the City of Sachse's Finance Department received its 7th consecutive Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting, one of Council's strategic goals for remaining fiscally sound. Engineering was completed on the 5th Street and Highway 78 intersection improvements. Currently, we are waiting on the railroad for final approval. In June, we completed construction on a new 2 million gallon water storage tank, which was a strategic goal for improving our infrastructure. We offered funding for the widening of Highway 78, which helps move the project up on TxDOT's schedule for construction and submitted Merritt Road, Sachse Road, and Bunker Hill Road for Near Neighbor funding from NTTA. We also filled key director positions including City Manager, Director of Community Development, Director of Human Resources and Chief of Police.

Looking forward to '08, projects and programs scheduled include Jefferson Street sewer line replacement, construction on widening 5th Street, Murphy Road water line and utility relocation in anticipation of widening Murphy Road, Maxwell Creek Road water line replacement and installation of a 12" water line along the Tollway right-of-way located in Sachse. These items are part of Council's strategic goals for improving our infrastructure and mobility. We will also begin construction on our public safety and city hall buildings at the new municipal complex site at Sachse Road and Miles Road approved through the November 2006 bond election. With the beginning of these projects, 2008 looks like a busy and exciting year for Sachse.

Police/Fire/Medical	911
Police Non-Emergency	972.495.2271
Fire Non-Emergency	972.495.0975
(Code Enforcement)	
City Hall	972.495.1212
(City Manager, City Secretary, Finance, Utility Billing, Municipal Court, and Human Resources)	
Library	972.530.8966
Comm. Development	972.675.1633
(Permits, Building Inspections, Zoning)	
Public Works	972.495.7600
Parks and Recreation	469.429.0275
Animal Control	972.495.2271
Sachse Senior Center	972.495.6282
Economic Development	972.675.0562
Chamber of Commerce	972.496.1212

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