



Jan. - Mar. 2009 Calendar of Events:

Jan. 10, 17 - 10 am - 2 pm

Jan. 11, 18, 25 - 2 - 4 pm

*Sachse Sports Association
Baseball / Softball Spring Season
Signups at City Hall*

Jan. 24 and 31 - CERT CLASS

*Community Emergency Response Team
Class at City Hall*

**Jan. 27 - MAD HATTER'S TEA
PARTY - 4 to 5 pm**

*Join us at the Library for music, games,
crafts and refreshments*

Feb. 10 - Apr. 14 - 9 am - 1 pm

*Free Income Tax service at Laurie
Schwenk Senior Activity Center*

**Feb. 21 - CHAMBER AWARDS
BANQUET - 6 pm**

*Along with entertainment, a live auction,
and Chamber awards, the Teacher of the
Year award will be presented*

**Feb. 24 - MARDI GRAS PARTY -
4 to 5 pm**

*The Library is the place to be for fun,
music, games and Mardi Gras beads*

**Mar. 5 - DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY
PARTY - 4 to 5 pm**

Join Library staff for the celebration

**Mar. 15 - HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING - 2 pm**

*Join us for refreshments, a guest
speaker, and entertainment at Charles
Smith Funeral Home*

More info about these events can
be found in this newsletter and on
the City's website
www.cityofsachse.com

CERT TRAINING OFFERED IN SACHSE

A Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a group of people organized as a neighborhood-based team that receives special training to enhance their ability to recognize, respond to, and recover from a major emergency or disaster situation. Among the more likely emergencies in our area are fires and weather-related situations such as tornadoes and flash flooding. The CERT program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When major emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community, including traffic and crowd control at events such as the Fireworks Spectacular and the Christmas Parade.

Residents of Sachse may sign up now, tuition free, for the CERT course conducted January 24 and 31 at City Hall, from 8 am to 5 pm. The final session includes a team-based practical exam comprised of a set of disaster simulations giving trainees the ability to apply their newly acquired skills in a semi-realistic environment. Class space is limited and offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once the roster fills up, applicants will be added to a waiting list. To register, please go online to <http://www.rowlettcityencorps.org/registration.htm>. If you would like additional information, please email CERT@cityofsachse.com.

ENVIRONMENTAL REMINDER: PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH AND IMPROVING WATER QUALITY

The City of Sachse Environmental Health Department monitors the prohibitive discharge of certain substances into the public stormwater and sanitary sewer system. In order to protect our water quality, they offer the following.

PROHIBITIVE DISCHARGES

No person shall discharge, dump, allow, or permit to be introduced any of the following substances into the Public Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Systems:

- Any used motor oil, antifreeze or any other motor vehicle fluid;
- Any industrial / commercial waste, paint, glues, pesticides, gasoline;
- Any hazardous waste, including hazardous household waste, fertilizer;
- Septic tank waste, grease trap waste or grit trap waste;
- Any solids, liquids or gases which by themselves, or by interaction with other substances, may cause fire or explosion hazards or in any other way be injurious to persons, property or the operator of the sewage works;
- Any solids, metals, slurries or viscous substances of such character as to be capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers;
- Any wastewater containing heavy concentrated Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) which will constitute a hazard to humans and environment.

No person engaged in the commercial / industrial hauling of waste shall drain, flush or clean out any tanks containing chemical liquid waste for the purpose of transporting such waste to a site of disposal.

Home Chemical Collection Center: 11234 Plano Road, Dallas (214) 553-1765
Recycle Information (curbside collection): Allied Waste 972-422-2341
Report Illegal Discharges to Billy Ho at 972-675-1633, ext. 58

SPORTS ASSOCIATION CONDUCTS SIGNUPS

Sachse Sports Association will conduct signups for the 2009 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 10 and 17 from 10 am to 4 pm or Sundays, January 11, 18 and 25 from 2 to 4 pm.

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

2008 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS

The 2008 Christmas Lighting contest proved a real challenge for the judges who reported that it was extremely difficult to narrow it down to just three in each category. The following locations were awarded a yard sign and certificate, and recognition on the city's website and local newspaper.

Family Regular Lot: 1st place - 4908 Westcreek, Grybos Family; 2nd place - 4334 Bluffview Drive, Prado Family; 3rd place - 6005 Widgeon Court, Ziegler Family

Large Lot (1/2 acre+): 1st place - 1607 Ponderosa Trail, Ruiz & McElroy Family; 2nd place - 1602 Ponderosa Trail, Jones Family; 3rd place - 5422 Heritage Circle, Swayden Family

Best Street: 1st place - Shadow Glen Trail; 2nd place - Southgate Drive; 3rd place - Bluffview Drive

Best Decorated Business: 1st place - Bahama Buck's Judge's Special Award - 2809 Granite Avenue, Cox Family

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



ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS BANQUET

Join the Sachse Chamber of Commerce for their 007 Awards Banquet and Gala on Saturday, Feb. 21st at the Richardson Hyatt Regency, 701 East Campbell Road. The festivities begin with cocktails, shaken not stirred, at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 7:00 pm. The black tie affair is open to the public. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$375 for a table of eight. There will be live entertainment, a live auction, Teacher of the Year award, Ambassador of the Year award, and introductions of Directors and dignitaries throughout the evening.

Various levels of sponsorship are available and donations for Teacher of the Year gift bags are welcome. 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 welcome and will be applied toward gift bags. For more information you may contact the Chamber at 972.496.1212 or the Chamber website at www.sachsechamber.com. You may also register for the event online.

LIBRARY OFFERS MORE THAN BOOKS

Library staff announces dates for special events: Jan. 27, 4 to 5 pm, the Mad Hatter's Tea Party will be a true celebration in honor of author Lewis Carroll's birthday complete with crafts, games, and refreshments; Feb. 24, 4 to 5 pm, our annual Mardi Gras celebration with King Cake, a parade, beads, games, and crafts; and on Mar. 5th, 4 to 5 pm, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with a party, complete with games, stories, and birthday cake.

These special programs are in addition to the many regular programs held monthly at the Library: Tuesdays, 3 to 4 pm, the Teen Board meets; Thursdays, 11 am, is Preschool Story Time with Baby Story Time twice monthly on Thursdays at 10:15 am; we play Mahjong the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 2 to 5 pm; Pajama Story Time and Paws and Read programs are usually held on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm; and Rock Band programs for 9 to 12 year olds are held monthly. The Friends of the Library meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 pm; and the Library Board meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm.

You can keep up with all Library activities on the calendar page on the website at www.cityofsachse.com/library/calendar.asp or call 972-530-8966 for more information.



President Karen Reed and Treasurer Joe Stone accept a donation from American National Bank.

SACHSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 15th

The Sachse Historical Society will conduct its annual meeting Sunday, March 15th 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 2009 budget will be adopted and 2009 goals established at the next meeting January 17th.

If you would like to get involved in preserving Sachse's past, join the Historical Society. Annual dues for individuals or families are \$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 10 am to 1 pm. Tours may also be scheduled anytime by appointment.

For more information please contact Karen Reed at 972.463.5259 or Joe Stone at 972.495.1231 or visit the website at www.sachsehistoricalsociety.org.

WATCH THE MAIL FOR YOUR SPRING/SUMMER PARKS CLASS BROCHURE

The Easter bunny will hide Easter eggs plus there will be a doggie bone hunt and a flashlight egg hunting contest in April. The Parks Department will also sponsor their annual Mother/Son Roundup in April. 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 as well as Step Aerobics, Yoga and Kick Boxing 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, or use our new online registration at www.cityofsachse.com. If you have questions about any of the classes or camps being offered, please contact the Parks office at 469.429.0275.



SEVERE WEATHER PLANNING - HAVE YOUR FAMILY PREPARED

We all know the weather is unpredictable and can change at a moment's notice. Straight line winds, downburst rains, and tornadoes can occur at any time of year in Texas. It is important for individuals and families to plan what to do well in advance. Basic preparedness plans should be in place at home, at work, and at school, and each family member or employee should understand the plan. When severe storms or a tornado strikes, there may only be a few seconds to react and seek shelter.

An important step in preparedness is to ensure you have reliable methods of receiving weather information including TV, radio, and NOAA weather radio, plus a back-up system if one goes out. Battery-powered equipment and extra batteries should be part of the plan.

For home, work or school, shelter areas should be designated, whether they are in basements below ground level, ground level windowless rooms or interior hallways on the lowest floor. Protect yourself from flying debris with thick blankets, sleeping bags or mattresses.

If you are in a vehicle, mobile home or portable classroom, move quickly to a strong building for shelter. If there is no shelter, lie flat in the nearest ditch or depression. Do not take shelter in a structure with a high, wide roof such as a shopping mall, gym or auditorium.

Choose a person to call outside your city to let others know you are safe and choose a place for family members to meet if your neighborhood and home are damaged or destroyed. Good sources for more information are www.Knowwhat2do.com or www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

SENIOR CENTER OFFERS FREE INCOME TAX SERVICE

Free income tax preparation is available to all citizens on a first-come, first-serve basis each Tuesday from Feb. 10 thru Apr. 14, 9 am until 1 pm. Income tax specialists from the AARP will be at the Laurie Schwenk Senior Activity Center, 3815 Sachse Road. Bring all 2008 tax documents along with a copy of your 2007 tax return. The filing will be completed and sent electronically and, if you like, your refund can be deposited directly into your checking account. If you have any questions you may call the Center at 972.495.6282.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

This year's City Council election is May 9, 2009. Place 1 (incumbent Charles W. Smith) and Place 2 (incumbent Chris Lam) are up for election this year. The candidate's filing period is Feb. 9 at 8 am to Mar. 9, 2009 at 5 pm.

Candidates must be: 1) at least 21 years of age; 2) a qualified voter; 3) a resident in the Sachse city limits for six months prior to the filing deadline; 4) current in payment of taxes due the City; and 5) applying for only one place on the ballot.

If you have questions about the election or filing for office, please contact the City Secretary at 972-495-1212, ext. 23.

PARKS DEPARTMENT HONORED BY TRAPS



Crew Leader Mario Bautista and Activity Coordinator Cynthia Wiseman accept the award.

The Sachse Parks and Recreation Department received an Excellence in Programming Award for Region III from the Texas Recreation & Park Society (TRAPS) for Sachse's innovative Pumpkin Prowl held in October each year. Because we are located in Region III, we compete against several large cities including Dallas, Plano, Richardson, McKinney, Garland, Rockwall and Rowlett to name a few. This award is a tremendous honor for Sachse.

Congratulations Parks and Recreation Department on another job well done.

WEBSITE OFFERS E-GOV APPLICATIONS AND ONLINE INFORMATION FOR CITIZENS

One of the goals and objectives of the City Council and staff for 2009 is open government. Recent changes to the website offer convenience and ease of doing business with city staff.

A new feature we hope you will find helpful is the Areas of Responsibility map. This is a new program started by the Police Department. The city has been divided into 12 areas with officers assigned to each area. Our goal with this program is to keep citizens informed and knowledgeable about their neighborhoods and what goes on there. Monthly crime reports are also available from the AOR page.

Other updates and changes to the website include municipal court docket information with dates and times along with online payment for fines and tickets; online utility services features including Utility Service Application, Authorization Form for Direct Payment, Request Form for Change in Utility Service, and online bill payment of your water bill; registering for Parks Department classes or camps online; filling out the new Customer Care Survey or Parks Department survey; or viewing the city's Code of Ordinances. Online services may be accessed from a drop down menu on the menu bar or a button on the right side of the front page of the website.

We will continue to add online features and update the website in order to more effectively communicate with the citizens of Sachse and provide open government and communication with our residents.



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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR FELIX

Now that the holidays are behind us and the resolutions for the new year have been made, I would like to turn our attention to the goals and objectives we have outlined for 2009.

We are proud to announce that the city's Finance Department received its 9th consecutive Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting award, one of Council's strategic goals for remaining fiscally sound. Staff and Council welcome Jeri Rainey, our new Finance Director, who comes to us from the City of Groves.

With the demolition of houses underway, road work will begin soon along 5th Street. The railroad crossing at Hooper Road / Highway 78 is complete with signalization and cross arms. Utilities are being relocated on Murphy Road to ready the roadway for widening. A new water line is being installed along Maxwell Creek Road and Collin County and the City of Wylie will begin a project which will widen that roadway from Highway 544 to the Maxwell Creek Road / Ranch Road intersection. Contract for a looped water line system in the PGBT area at Miles Road has been awarded with work beginning soon. Other street projects the city is considering include Brookview Lane, Brookhollow Drive, Haverhill Lane, Bryan Street, and the Highway 78 / 5th Street intersection. Staff and Council welcomed new City Engineer Billy George. Billy comes to us from the private sector and we welcome his energetic outlook as we take on several major projects. We added two quality of life events with the Fireworks Spectacular and Christmas parade and look forward to expanding on those in 2009. The groundbreaking for the municipal complex has been delayed. City staff is working diligently with the architect to make sure the citizens receive a cost-efficient yet innovative building that will take us well into the future. Watch the website for updates. With all that is going on around Sachse, 2009 offers exciting yet demanding times. Council looks forward to the challenge.

Police/Fire/Medical	911
Police Non-Emergency	972.495.2271
Fire Non-Emergency (Code Enforcement)	972.495.0975
City Hall (City Manager, City Secretary, Finance, Utility Billing, Municipal Court, and Human Resources)	972.495.1212
Library	972.530.8966
Comm. Development (Permits, Building Inspections, Zoning)	972.675.1633
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

City Council

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Chris Lam, Mayor ProTem	214.766.1011
Bill Adams	972.941.6628
Cullen King	972.672.0320
Pat McMillan	972.495.0648
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Contact any Council member from the City's website
at www.cityofsachse.com/City_Council