

# The City of Sachse Sachse Scene



Winter 2010  
A Quarterly  
Newsletter  
Published by  
the City of  
Sachse

## Jan. - Mar. 2010 Calendar of Events:

### SPORTS ASSOC. SIGNUPS -

Jan. 9, 16, 30 - 10 am - 2 pm

Jan. 10, 17, 31 - 2 - 4 pm

Sachse Sports Association

Baseball / Softball Spring Season

Signups at City Hall on these dates

### Jan. 19 - MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY - 4 to 5 pm

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

### Feb. 2 - Apr. 13 - 9 am - 1 pm

Free Income Tax service at Laurie Schwenk Senior Activity Center

### Feb. 16 - MARDI GRAS PARTY - 4 to 5 pm

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

### Mar. 6 - CHAMBER AWARDS BANQUET - 6 pm

Featuring the Teacher of the Year award, along with entertainment, a live auction, and other Chamber awards

### Mar. 9 - DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY PARTY - 4 to 5 pm

Join Library staff for the celebration

### Mar. 21 - HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING - 2 pm

Join us for refreshments, a guest speaker, and entertainment

### Mar. 27 - EASTER BUNNY COMES TO TOWN

Easter Egg Scramble, Doggie Bone Hunt and Flashlight Egg Hunt events at Heritage Park throughout the day

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

## CITY OFFICIALS AND STAFF ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY PROGRAMS

With spring just around the corner, City Council and staff are gearing up to participate in the Great American Cleanup™ Program to beautify Sachse. This program, in partnership with Keep America Beautiful, Inc., the State of Texas, national, state, and local sponsors, is a fun, educational, outdoor activity. In addition to organizing a litter clean up, groups or individuals can also take part in a community improvement, beautification or recycling project. The event will take place on Saturday, April 10. Individuals or groups interested in participating must complete the sign up form and return the form either by email, fax or mail to Cynthia Wiseman in the Parks and Recreation office. The form is available online at [www.cityofsachse.com/parks/volunteers](http://www.cityofsachse.com/parks/volunteers).

Another program residents may be interested in is the Department of Energy's Appliance Rebate Program. The State of Texas will use approximately \$23 million in federal stimulus funds for a mail-in rebate program for consumers who purchase certain energy efficient household appliances between April 16 and 25, which coincides with Earth Day. The SECO is also working with retailers and recycling facilities to help consumers replace functional, old appliances and recycle them where available, adding a \$75 recycling rebate. Appliances included in the offer are refrigerators, freezers, room air conditioners, clothes washers, dishwashers, central air conditioners, heat pumps, and water heaters. The amount of rebate varies depending on the appliance type and energy efficiency of the model purchased.

Consumers will have an opportunity to reserve an appliance rebate by calling a toll-free number or by registering online approximately two weeks prior to April 16. Shoppers will be limited to two appliance rebates and two recycling rebates per household. More information about the appliance rebate program is available online at <http://www.seco/cpa.state.tx.us/arra/rebate/index.php>.

If you cannot take advantage of the \$75 recycling rebate, Oncor is offering \$50 for old, working refrigerators or freezers. Up to two refrigerators or freezers, or a combination of one refrigerator and one freezer, may be recycled at each address. Consumers must own the refrigerator or freezer to be recycled and it must be available at the address on the electric bill. To participate, homeowners should call 1.866.472.9376 to schedule a collection appointment.



## PHOTO CONTEST PROMOTES NEW WEBSITE

The City of Sachse's website is getting an overhaul and what better way to adorn the front page than with photos submitted by citizens of Sachse depicting life and events in our city. The "Life in Sachse" photo contest will continue until the premier of the new site, planned for February. Winners of the contest will have their pictures displayed on a rotating basis on the front page of the new site. Each photo will be labeled with the photographer's name, the subject of the photograph, and the date when the photo was taken. There are no prizes being awarded, just the opportunity for your photographic work to be showcased. To enter you must register your email address and receive an account activation email to login. There is no limit to the number of photos you may submit, but please try to keep each photo file under two megabytes in size. JPEG is the preferred format but not mandatory. Photographs must be originals belonging to the photographer, not copywrited. Winners will be announced on the new website. To participate in the contest go to the city's website and click on the camera on the right hand side. This will take you to the login form and registration information, along with contest rules. What a great way for people visiting our site to see what life is like in Sachse, Texas. Get those photos submitted today.

The Sachse Scene is written and published by City staff. If you have questions or comments, please call 972-495-1212, ext. 21.



## SPORTS ASSOCIATION CONDUCTS SIGNUPS

Sachse Sports Association will conduct signups for the 2010 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 softball. Registration fees vary by age group. Signups will be conducted at City Hall, 5560 Highway 78 on Saturdays, January 9, 16 and 30 from 10 am to 2 pm or Sundays, January 10, 17 and 31 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.

## 2009 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS

The 2009 Christmas Lighting contest presented the judges with a real challenge this year, the difficult task of ranking the results in 1, 2 and 3 order. As a result, next year may see a few changes. This year, the following families received a certificate and yard sign, and recognition on the city's website and in the local newspaper.

Family Regular Lot: 1st place - 2809 Granite, Cox Family; 2nd place - 4908 Westcreek, Grybos Family; 3rd place - 7302 Summit Ridge Lane, Edds Family.

Large Lot (1/2 acre+): 1st place - 5317 Heritage Circle, Gross Family; 2nd place - 1602 Ponderosa Trail, Jones Family; 3rd place - 1607 Ponderosa Trail, Ruiz & McElroy Family.

Best Street: 1st place - Bluffview Drive; 2nd place - Heritage Circle; 3rd place - Southgate Drive

Best Decorated Business: 1st place - Bahama Buck's

Judge's Special Award - 6421 Hillview Lane, The Kline Family

Mayor Felix and Council would like to thank all the families who participated in this year's contest. "We realize it takes a great deal of time and effort but it brings joy and excitement to the many families who visit the displays. It gives Sachse a home-town, festive spirit."



## ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS BANQUET

Join the Sachse Chamber of Commerce for this year's Awards Banquet and Gala "All That Sachse Jazz" featuring your own Sachse Jazz Band on Saturday, March 6th at the Richardson Hyatt Regency, 701 East Campbell Road. The festivities begin with cocktails 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. You may pre-register for the event on the Chamber website or purchase tickets at the door. There will be entertainment, a live auction, raffle bags, Teacher of the Year award, Ambassador of the Year award, and other special introductions throughout the evening.

Various levels of sponsorship are available and donations for Teacher of the Year gift bags and live auction items are needed. Donated items for the teacher gift bags must be at least \$25 in value. Cash donations are always appreciated and will be applied toward gift bags. For more information please contact the Chamber at 972.496.1212 or visit the Chamber website at [www.sachsechamber.com](http://www.sachsechamber.com).

## PARTY DATES SET AT THE LIBRARY

Library staff has been busy planning their special events and announce the following dates: Jan. 19 at 4 pm, the Mad Hatter's Tea Party will be a true celebration of author Lewis Carroll's birthday complete with crafts, games, and refreshments; Feb. 16 at 4 pm, our annual Mardi Gras celebration with King Cake, a parade, beads, games, and crafts; and Mar. 9 at 4 pm, we celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with party games, stories, and birthday cake.

These special programs are in addition to the many regular programs held monthly at the Library: Thursdays, 11 am, Preschool Story Time with Baby Story Time twice monthly on Thursdays at 10:15 am; play Mahjong the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 2 to 5 pm; and the Paws and Read programs on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. The Friends of the Library meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the Library; and the Library Board meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm at the Parks and Rec offices, 3707 Sachse Road.

You can keep up with all Library activities on the calendar page of the website at [www.cityofsachse.com/library/calendar.asp](http://www.cityofsachse.com/library/calendar.asp) or call 972.530.8966 for more information.



Library staff throws beads during their Mardi Gras "parade".

## 2010 CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

City Council election for 2010 will be May 8th. On the ballot this year will be Office of the Mayor (incumbent Mike Felix), Place 5 (incumbent Patsy "Pat" McMillan) and Place 6 (incumbent Mark Timm). The candidate's filing period is from Feb. 8th at 8 am to Mar. 8th 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.

In order to vote in the May 8th election, you must be registered 30 days prior to the election, or by April 8th. Voter registration cards are available at City Hall

If you have questions about the election or filing for office, please contact Terry Smith, City Secretary, at 972.495.1212, ext. 23.

## SENIOR CENTER OFFERS INCOME TAX SERVICE

Free income tax preparation is available to all citizens on a first-come, first-served basis each Tuesday from Feb. 2 thru Apr. 13, 9 am until 1 pm. Income tax specialists from the AARP will be at the Senior Activity Center, 3815 Sachse Road. Bring all 2009 tax documents along with a copy of your 2008 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.





## EASTER BUNNY WILL BE HERE MARCH 27th SPRING/SUMMER EVENT BROCHURE COMING SOON

The Easter bunny will hide Easter eggs at Heritage Park, 4408 Hudson Drive, Saturday, March 27th at 10:00 am. Children ages 2 to 10 will divide into three age groups: 2 to 4 years old; 5 to 7 years old; and 8 to 10 years old. In the event of rain, the egg hunt will move to Sachse Christian Church Family Life Center, 5005 Ben Davis Road. Also on March 27th, the annual Doggie Bone Hunt will take place at Heritage Park at 7:30 pm. All dogs must be on leashes and under the control of their owner. Then at 8:15 pm at Heritage Park, children ages 5 to 13 years old are invited to the Flashlight Egg Hunt to search for the prize egg. So make sure you have new batteries in your flashlight and join us for the fun. There is NO charge for these events.

Check out these activities and more in the spring/summer brochure arriving in your mailbox soon. Be on the lookout for new classes as well as old favorites. And the special camps offered during the summer usually 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](http://www.cityofsachse.com). If you have questions about any of the classes or camps, please contact the Parks office at 469.429.0275.

## SEVERE WEATHER SEASON AHEAD - BE PREPARED WITH A FAMILY PLAN

We all know the weather is unpredictable and can change at a moment's notice. Straight line winds, downburst rains, tornadoes, snow, sleet and ice can occur at any time in Texas. It is important for individuals and families to have a plan 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. For home, work or school, shelter areas should be designated, whether they are 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. For travel, make sure to equip your vehicle with blankets, drinking water, flares, a flashlight and extra batteries, in case you are stranded.

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

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](http://www.Knowwhat2do.com) or [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem).

## SACHSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The Sachse Historical Society 2010 Annual Meeting will take place Sunday, March 21st at 2:00 pm at the Charles Smith & Sons Chapel, 2925 5th Street. The freshly painted 1948 Ahrens Fox fire engine, "Chief Joe J. Stone Engine #3" will be back at the Museum in time for the meeting. The public is invited to attend and celebrate with us.

There will be a brief meeting to review 2009 accomplishments and highlights, to discuss 2010 projects and goals, and election of 2010 board members. We then welcome a guest speaker, entertainment, refreshments and finish with time to mingle.

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.

If you are interested in joining 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 by appointment.

For more information please contact Karen Reed at 972.463.5259 or visit their website at [www.sachsehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.sachsehistoricalsociety.org).

**Prevent Storm Water Pollution**

**Keep Waterways Beautiful**

**Comply with Local Ordinances**

**Participate in Cleanup Activities**

**Support Environmental Programs**

**Report Illegal Dumping in:**

**City of Sachse: 972.675.1633**

**North Texas: 1.888.335.DUMP**

## SACHSE'S FINANCE DEPARTMENT EARNS 10th CONSECUTIVE CAFR AWARD

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals, has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) to the City of Sachse for the 10th consecutive year. This Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. It also provides a detailed vehicle by which market analysts and investors may assess a government unit's securities compared to alternative investment opportunities. This award directly reflects the city's financial management and underscores the outstanding accounting practices of the financial department. Congratulations Finance Director Jeri Rainey and her staff for another job well done.





5560 Highway 78  
Sachse, TX 75048

Pre-Sorted Standard  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Permit #70  
Garland, Texas

## POSTAL CUSTOMER SACHSE, TEXAS 75048



### 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 update you on the progress of the construction projects in and around Sachse.

Much of the construction involves bond projects approved by the voters in November 2006. Phase I and II of the Municipal Complex is well underway. Phase I involves City Hall and the Public Safety Building, which will house the police department and fire station #1. With a completion date of fall 2010, staff expects to be hosting Cookies with Santa in our new facility next year. Phase II is the renovation of the police station which, with an interior overhaul and updates to the exterior, will become the new Senior Center. Updates to the Library's exterior will make it cohesive with the new buildings and the Library's entrance will move from its current location to the opposite side of the building.

As for roadway projects, we have all experienced the inconvenience of travel around town. TxDOT is full speed ahead on the widening of Highway 78. If you are unaware, the larger trees that were in the median were relocated to Heritage Park. The decorative lighting will be reused along the new 5th Street corridor. TxDOT is under contract to landscape our new medians and replace the lighting. Expected completion date is 3rd quarter 2010. Murphy Road is a joint project with Dallas County and is scheduled for completion in 2nd quarter 2010. The 5th Street/DeWitt Road widening project is in full swing. Crews are working on relocating utilities and then road work can begin. Anticipated completion is 4th quarter 2010. The City also obtained the right to add a railroad crossing at Highway 78 and Woodbridge Parkway. We are awaiting approval of the design plans by Kansas City Southern Railroad. Council recently approved the reconstruction of Brookhollow Drive from Alexander Street to Lee Hutson Lane. This project will begin in 2010. Needless to say, there is a lot going on around Sachse. We ask for and appreciate your patience as we work to upgrade infrastructure and improve amenities so that we may better serve our citizens.

This Council looks forward to working on these and other challenges in 2010. Watch the city's website for updates and announcements and we will keep you posted.

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

Mike Felix, Mayor	214.869.1016
Bill Adams, Mayor Pro Tem	214.869.1655
Cullen King	214.869.1483
Pat McMillan	214.869.1083
Jared Patterson	214.869.1357
Charles W. Smith	214.869.1288
Mark Timm	214.869.1884

Contact any Council member from the City's  
website at [www.cityofsachse.com/City\\_Council](http://www.cityofsachse.com/City_Council)