

# The Sachse Scene

Quarterly Newsletter - Winter 2011



## January - March Calendar of Events:

### SPORTS ASSOC. SIGNUPS

Jan. 29 - 10 am - 2 pm

Jan. 30 - 2 pm - 4 pm

Sachse Sports Association

Baseball / Softball Spring Season

Signups at 5560 Highway 78, Sachse

Feb. 1 - April 12 - 9 am - 1 pm

Free Income Tax service at the Senior Center, 3815 Sachse Road, Building A

Mar. 4 - CHAMBER BANQUET -

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

Mar. 8 - MARDI GRAS PARTY at the Library - 4 pm

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

Mar. 20 - HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING - 2 pm

Join the Historical Society for its guest speaker, refreshments and entertainment

Mar. 29 - DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY at the Library - 4 pm

Help us celebrate with a party in his honor

Apr. 16 - EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE, FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT, DOGGIE BONE HUNT

Parks Department hosts the Easter Egg events and the Doggie Bone Hunt

Apr. 22 - GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY

ALL CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Trash service WILL run as usual

Apr. 29 - RELAY FOR LIFE

American Cancer Society all-night event

Apr. 30 - MOVIE IN THE PARK

Join us at the NEW City Hall amphitheater for the premiere of "Tangled"

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



## 2011 CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

City Council election for 2011 will be May 14th. On the ballot this year will be City Council Place 3 (incumbent Cullen King) and Place 4 (incumbent Bill Adams). The candidate's filing period starts at 8 am on Feb. 14th and ends at 5 pm on March 14th. 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 14th election, voters MUST BE REGISTERED 30 DAYS PRIOR to the election, or by April 14th. Voter registration cards are available at City Hall and on the Dallas County and Collin County voter registration websites. If you have questions about the election, voting, or filing for office, please contact City Secretary Terry Smith at 469.429.4775.

## Contest Winners Shine

Another tough year for the judges but some very creative lighting displays for citizens to enjoy. The 25th Annual Christmas Lighting contest did not disappoint this year. The winning entries received a certificate, yard sign, and recognition on the city's website.

Regular Lot: 1st place - 4334 Bluffview Drive, Prado Family; 2nd place - 6420 Hillview Lane, Jascott Family; 3rd place - 4908 Westcreek, Grybos Family.

Large Lot (1/2 acre+): 1st place - 5317 Heritage Circle, Gross Family; 2nd place - 1607 Ponderosa Trail, Ruiz & McElroy Family; 3rd place - 5422 Heritage Circle, Swayden Family.

Best Street: 1st place - Southgate Drive; 2nd place - Bluffview Drive; 3rd place - Heritage Circle. Only one entry in the business category, Baby Steps Center, 5804 Billingsley. The Judge's Special Award went to 2809 Granite Avenue, the Cox Family.

Mayor Felix and Council would like to thank all the families who participated in this year's contest. "The beautiful displays really give Sachse a festive feel during the holidays."



## INCOME TAX SERVICE

Income tax specialists from the AARP will be at the Senior Activity Center, 3815 Sachse Road, Building A, every Tuesday, Feb. 1 thru Apr. 12, from 9 am until 1 pm, offering free income tax preparation. There are no appointments taken. Service is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Bring all 2010 tax documents and a copy of your 2009 tax return. The filing is completed and sent electronically, and, if you like, your refund can be deposited directly into your checking account. Simply bring in a cancelled check with your banking information. If you have questions, you may call the Center at 972.495.6282.

## NO SMOKING IN PARKS

As soon as the signage is installed, City parks will be smoke free. At their Nov. 18 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission proposed a smoke-free, tobacco-free environment in the city's parks. It was presented to Council and approved at their meeting Jan. 3. Ordinance No. 3275 states: "It shall be unlawful for a person to use a tobacco product or to possess a burning tobacco product in any municipal park or park facility. For purpose of this ordinance, park or park facility shall mean a park, playground, athletic fields, recreation center, adjacent city owned parking lots, trails or any other area in the city owned or used by the city, and devoted to active or passive recreation ...."

For questions about the ordinance, you may contact the Parks Department at 469.429.0275.

The Sachse Scene is written and published by City staff. If you have questions or comments, please call 469.429.4771.

### ANNUAL MEETING MAR. 20

The Sachse Historical Society will host its annual meeting on Sunday, Mar. 20 at 2 pm in the Charles Smith and Sons Chapel, 2925 5th Street. Topics include a review of activities and highlights of 2010 and discussion of upcoming projects and goals for 2011. An election of members to the Board of Directors will follow, ending with a guest speaker and plenty of time to visit and socialize.

The Historical Society meets the third Saturday of the month at 9:30 am at the Museum, 3033 Sixth Street. Annual membership dues are \$10 for individuals or families and \$50 for corporate memberships.

The Sachse Museum is open Tuesdays from 10 am to 1 pm. More information about the museum, membership in the Historical Society, or the annual meeting is available online at [www.sachsehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.sachsehistoricalsociety.org).

### ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 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 Friday, March 4 at the Garland Hyatt Hotel, 5101 N. President George Bush Turnpike. The fun begins with cocktail hour 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).

### CITY OFFICIALS PROUD OF SECOND CONSECUTIVE TML AWARD

The Texas Municipal League (TML) presents Excellence Awards recognizing achievements of Texas cities who meet the challenge of municipal government thru innovative problem-solving, excellence in management, increasing citizen participation, and reaching higher service levels. The Excellence Awards program seeks out the best of these for public recognition. Sachse received this award two years in a row in the area of Communication for cities with a population under 25,000.

The 2010 award was for a Crime Alert Warning program created by the police department to get information to Asian citizens who were being targeted in a series of home burglaries. Warning flyers were created in both English and Vietnamese and posted on the city's web site, distributed to homes occupied by citizens of Asian descent, banks, and Asian-frequented businesses by Sachse's Community Emergency Response Team volunteers. The city's message board posted warnings and stories were featured in local media, including two Vietnamese radio stations. After these efforts, the Asian community felt more included in the city, and not a single burglary occurred again in Sachse.

The award received in 2009 was also for communication efforts. The city experienced a high occurrence of thefts from new home construction sites. Following a meeting with local builders and the city's building inspectors, the Sachse Texas Builder Permit Crime Prevention Packet was developed. The packet, a free envelope of materials and information presented to those purchasing building permits, included laminated warning signs in both English and Spanish to be placed in the windows of newly constructed homes, the offer of a simulated security camera at no cost, and brightly colored warning stickers for air conditioning units. Since the distribution of the crime prevention packets, the city has seen a substantial decrease in thefts at new construction sites.



City staff and Council members accepted the TML award in 2010

### GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP/ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION APRIL 9

Join Sachse citizens, groups and organizations participating in our "grass roots" effort to clean up and give back to our community. The Great American Cleanup, a fun, educational activity is brought to you by the City of Sachse, Keep America Beautiful, Inc., the State of Texas, and national, state and local sponsors. Groups will gather at 9 am at City Hall where Mayor Felix will kick off the event and present an Arbor Day Proclamation. Free gift trees will be handed out on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parks and Recreation Commission members,



along with Councilman Jared Patterson, will distribute assignments and supplies to individuals and groups as they are sent to their designated area for cleanup.

Following the cleanup work, participants are invited back to City Hall for free lunch and special entertainment. Please join us as we work to keep our community clean and beautiful.

### PLAN AHEAD FOR SEVERE WEATHER

Spring is near and so are the dangers of severe weather. Severe weather means tornadoes, straight line winds, downburst rains, sleet and even snow. It is important for everyone to have a basic preparedness plan in place for home, work and school and for each family member or employee to understand the plan. When severe weather strikes, there may only be a few seconds to react and seek shelter. Shelter areas need to be designated at home, work and school, preferably in ground level, windowless rooms or interior hallways. Protect yourself from flying debris with thick blankets, sleeping bags or mattresses. Do not take shelter in a structure with a high, wide roof such as a shopping mall, gym or auditorium. For travel, make sure your vehicle is equipped with blankets, drinking water, flares, a flashlight, extra batteries and a phone charger. An important step in preparedness is to ensure you have reliable methods of receiving 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. Your plan should also include communication with your family members. Choose a person to call outside your city to let others know you are safe and select 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).

## KEEP SACHSE'S WATER CLEAN

Storm water runoff occurs when precipitation from rain flows over the ground. Surfaces such as driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent storm water from naturally soaking into the ground. Storm water runoff is a problem because the run off picks up debris, chemicals, pesticides and other pollutants and deposit them directly into lakes, streams and rivers through our sewer system. Anything that enters the storm sewer system is discharged, untreated, into the bodies of water that we use for swimming, fishing and drinking water.

Four things you can do to prevent storm water pollution:

- ◆ Never pour anything into a storm drain.
- ◆ Get involved and recognize the importance of storm water pollution prevention.
- ◆ Use less toxic alternatives to herbicides and pesticides.
- ◆ Dispose of paint, used oil, antifreeze, pesticides, and other harmful chemicals at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

See the city's website for more information under the Community Development tab / Health and Environment / Stormwater Management.

### EASTER BUNNY WILL BE "HARE" APRIL 16th



The Easter bunny will hide Easter eggs at Heritage Park, 4408 Hudson Drive, Saturday, April 16 starting at 10 am. Children ages 2 to 10 will divide into three age groups: 2 to 4 years; 5 to 7 years; and 8 to 10 years. In the event of rain, the egg hunt will move to Sachse Christian Church Family Life Center, 5005 Ben Davis Road.

Then starting at 8:15 pm at Heritage Park, the Easter bunny will hide eggs for the older children (ages 5 to 13 years old). This egg hunt has a twist, the children will need a flashlight to help them search for those special prize eggs. So make sure the batteries are fresh in the flashlight and let's have some fun.

And we can't leave out our furry friends. That same evening at 7:30 pm at Heritage Park, the Parks Department hosts the Doggie Bone Hunt. Dogs will be divided by weight and are required to be on leashes at all times. Enter your dog in the best dressed and cutest contests. New this year, bring your camera and take a picture of your dog with the Easter Bunny. There is NO charge for these events.

### LIBRARY ACTIVITIES "TEAMING" WITH FUN

The Sachse Library announces Neighbors Read. Teaming with the Wylie libraries, this community reading program brings you six weeks of great programs. The libraries invite you to read *Dewey: the Small-Town Cat That Touched the World* by Vicki Myron and Steve James. Children can participate by reading the picture book version *Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library* by Vicki Myron, Bret Witter and Steve James. Programs will follow the pet theme and include the kickoff event with educational performers in the park, pet care education programs, a Saturday event at Barnes and Noble and a pet parade. These programs start April 9 and end May 14. Check with the Library for dates, times, and more information or visit the Library page on the website.

Also taking place at the Sachse Library are these scheduled programs: Mad Hatter's Tea Party, Jan. 25 at 4:00 pm, join us for snacks, crafts and fun; the Mardi Gras Party, Mar. 8 at 4:00 pm, celebrate Mardi Gras with games, beads, crafts, snacks, and a parade; Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party, Mar. 29 at 4:00 pm, join us for birthday cake, games and crafts.

Re-"Kindle" your reading passion and share a "Nook" with a loved one at our very special Friends of the Library program Feb. 10 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Library. Join the Friends for a come-and-go evening featuring free E-reader demonstrations, a Valentine's Day chocolate sampler and door prizes.

The library now offers Kindles and Nooks for e-book readers. Patrons 18 years and older may check out a reader for two weeks. The library cannot offer individual e-books for check out at this time, however, the e-book readers are pre-loaded with a variety of books.

**"SAVE THE DATE"- The city's July 4th parade, live band and Fireworks Spectacular will be Saturday, July 2 at Heritage Park.**

### DRIVE-IN MOVIE BACK

What a way to check out the new amphitheater at City Hall with the rejuvenation of the Parks Department's drive-in movie. Join us April 30 at 7:30 pm for the premiere of the movie "Tangled". Popcorn and drinks will be served as the movie plays on the big screen on the new amphitheater stage. Dress up as your favorite prince or princess for your chance to win a prize in the costume contest. There is no charge for this event. Watch the city's website for more information.

### RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life will take place Apr. 29/30 at Shaffer Stadium in Wylie. Sachse will combine with Wylie and Murphy. The event starts at 7 pm on Apr. 29 and ends at 7 am Apr. 30. Sachse organizations, businesses and families are encouraged to form teams. This is a great way for people to get involved and represent their community to a very worthwhile cause. For more information, visit the website at [www.relayforlife.org/wylietx](http://www.relayforlife.org/wylietx).

### NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS PLANNED

Ever want to ask a city official about plans for roadways or construction in your area of town? Want to know what changes are planned when PGBT comes to town? When will commercial development start happening in Sachse? The opportunity will be here soon. City staff will conduct neighborhood meetings starting Feb. 17. The meetings will be spaced out at locations throughout the city so that we reach all areas. At press, the location for the Feb. 17 event had not been set, but please watch the city's website for more details as they develop.



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### FROM THE OFFICE OF MAYOR FELIX

The new year is upon us with new resolutions and a fresh start. Let me take a moment to reflect what has been accomplished in 2010 and what we have to look forward to in 2011 in Sachse.

Many of the bond construction projects are complete, including the new municipal complex. Staff is in and operations are now running smoothly. We hope you get a chance to come in for a tour of the beautiful facility. We are also excited about the new website. It offers more user-friendly dialogue between citizens and staff. The amphitheater behind City Hall is the only project not completed at this time. It will be ready for the "movie in the park" hosted by our Parks Department in April. Widening projects on Murphy Road and 5th Street were completed as well as the updates at Salmon Park. What a busy year we had in 2010.

Looking forward in 2011, Bunker Hill Road right-of-way negotiations should wrap up by end of 1st quarter. Utility relocations should begin in 2nd quarter with anticipated roadway completion by the end of 2012. TxDOT has done a great job on the Highway 78 widening project. The north end near Woodbridge Parkway is still experiencing some lane closures but will be complete in the very near future. And TxDOT has completed the landscaping in the median, as promised. The PGBT Eastern Extension is scheduled to open in Dec. 2011, connecting Highway 78 to Interstate 30. Dallas County and the City of Garland will be refurbishing Pleasant Valley Road in Sachse east of Merritt Road this year, and Dallas County will work with Sachse to widen Merritt Road near the PGBT before the end of 2011. On the development side, three new subdivisions totaling over 300 single-family homes have submitted plats to Planning & Zoning. The submittal of these plats is a positive sign that our growth and development is on the move again.

As Council and staff look forward to another year of positives for Sachse, we continue to ask for your patience as we continue to experience growth in our community and infrastructure.

The Council, staff and I look forward to the projects and challenges of 2011. We look forward to what the future brings to Sachse. Please watch the city's website for updates and announcements. We will keep you posted as we move forward.

### City Contact Numbers

Police/Fire/Medical	911
Police Non-Emergency	972.495.2271
Fire Non-Emergency (Code Enforcement)	469.429.4791
City Hall (City Manager, City Secretary, Finance, Utility Billing, Municipal Court, and Human Resources)	972.495.1212
Library	972.530.8966
Community 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	469.429.4764
Chamber of Commerce	972.496.1212

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