

The Sachse Scene

January / February 2013 Newsletter



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jan. 12 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Jan. 13 - 12 noon - 4 p.m. - SPORTS ASSOC. SIGNUPS for spring leagues
Sachse Sports Association Baseball / Softball Spring Season Signups at 5560 Highway 78
Online registration thru Feb. 2 at www.sachsebaseball.org.

Jan. 31 - FIRE CHIEF RETIRES
Join us as we honor Fire Chief Doug Kendrick at his retirement reception. Details not available at press time but watch city's website for information.

Feb. 1 - CHAMBER BANQUET
the Sachse Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual awards banquet.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

February 1, 2013

Join us for an elegant evening of awards honoring Business of the Year, Person of the Year, Spirit of Sachse, Ambassador of the Year, and Teacher of the Year. For more information, visit the Chamber website at www.sachsechamber.org.

Feb. 5 - April 9 - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
FREE INCOME TAX SERVICE at the Senior Center, 3815 Sachse Road, Building A. No appointments, first-come, first served.

Feb. 12 - VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY
at the Library, 4 p.m.

More info can be found here and on the City's website www.cityofsachse.com

CONTEST WINNERS LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

We hope you had a chance to see some of the spectacular light displays that were competing for the judges' attention in the 27th Annual Christmas Lighting contest. A group of judges viewed all entries the evening of Dec. 16 and selected the following winners:

Regular Lot: 1st place - 4334 Bluffview Drive, Prado Family; 2nd place - 4908 West Creek Lane, Grybos Family; 3rd place - 6124 Hillside Lane, Ohman Family.

Large Lot (1/2 acre+): 1st place - 5406 Pecan Grove, Slusher Family; 2nd place - 5422 Heritage Circle, Swayden Family; 3rd place - 1607 Ponderosa Trail, Ruiz/McElroy Family.

Best Street: 1st place - 5300 block Dixie Circle; 2nd place - 5400 block Heritage Circle; 3rd place - 4300 block Bluffview Drive.

Best Business: 1st place - Pottery House, Hwy. 78; 2nd place - Woodbridge Entrance, Hwy. 78 and Woodbridge Parkway; 3rd place - Baby Steps Learning Center, 5804 Billingsley.

The Judge's Special Award went to 6205 Crestmoor Lane, the Long Family.

Mayor Felix and Council would like to thank all the families who participated in this year's contest. "It is truly amazing the amount of work that goes in to these beautiful displays."

FREE INCOME TAX SERVICE

Income tax specialists from the AARP will be at the Senior Activity Center, 3815 Sachse Road, Building A, every Tuesday, Feb. 5 thru Apr. 9, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. offering free income tax preparation. Service is on a first-come, first-served basis, no appointments will be taken, and you do not have to be a senior citizen to take advantage of this service.

Bring your 2012 tax documents and a copy of your 2011 tax return. Filing is electronic, and, if you prefer, your refund can be deposited directly into your account. Bring in a cancelled check with your banking information. For questions, please call the Center at 972.495.6282.

FINANCE EARNS CAFR AWARD

Sachse's Finance Department received the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting for the 13th year. This award is the highest form of recognition for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The CAFR was established to encourage governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles by preparing comprehensive annual financial reports that show transparency and full disclosure. Finance Director Jeri Rainey is very proud that Sachse has been recognized for their efforts and professional work once again.



CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD FOR CITY ELECTION

The 2013 election for City Council will be held Saturday, May 11. On the ballot this year will be Mayor (incumbent Mike Felix), City Council Place 5 (incumbent Pat McMillan), and City Council Place 6 (incumbent Mark Timm). The candidate's filing period starts at 8 a.m. on Jan. 30 and ends at 5 p.m. on Mar. 1. 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, voting in the election, or filing for office, please contact the City Secretary at tsmith@cityofsachse.com, or call 469.429.4775.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Finance Manager Teresa Savage was selected by the management team as 2012 Employee of the Year. Teresa goes above and beyond her job duties in the Finance Department, covering several tasks when asked and never missing a beat or uttering a complaint. Teresa is instrumental each year in the preparation of the city's budget and audit.

Nominated by managers, co-workers or citizens, Employee of the Month winners are eligible for Employee of the Quarter and Employee of the Year. All three honors are selected by the management team.

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

“BE PART OF THE SOLUTION TO STORMWATER POLLUTION”

Each time it rains, water washes over our streets, driveways, and yards, picking up pollutant along the way and carrying it along until it flows into our storm drains. This runoff may contain pollutants such as motor oil, yard clippings, pet waste, litter, lawn chemicals, anti-freeze, or other toxins, which can pollute our water supply as well as clog pipes and culverts, which can lead to flooding. Known as “Non-point Source Pollution”, it is the largest threat to our waterways today. Sometimes pollutants are dumped directly into storm drains by residents who do not know that it is stormwater pollution.

Contrary to popular belief, most storm drains are not connected to treatment systems. Whatever enters the drain is discharged directly, untreated, into our local waterways!



You can help by using the following tips to prevent pollution:

- ◆ Properly dispose of hazardous waste and recycle used motor oil.
- ◆ Use fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides sparingly, and follow the instructions.
- ◆ Keep yard waste, trash, and dirt off the street and out of the gutters.
- ◆ Clean up after your pets by bagging your pets' waste and disposing of it in the garbage or it may be flushed.
- ◆ Practices that reduce erosion limit the loss of top soil and reduce the volume sediments entering local streams.

Please help spread the word about protecting our waterways from polluted runoff. Contact Billy Ho, Environmental Specialist, at 469.429.4788 for questions or to report violations.

LIBRARY'S NEW YEAR CALENDAR ALREADY FULL

The Sachse Public Library reminds you of the ongoing programs at YOUR library. Preschool storytime starts Jan. 10 and takes place every Thursday at 11 a.m. Children thru 6 years of age are invited to hear special stories, make crafts, play games, enjoy snacks and meet new friends. The Paws and Read program encourages children to practice and develop their reading skills by reading stories to canine friends. Join us the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Also available is the Small Business Library. Stop by to browse the collection of 300+ books on topics relevant to starting and operating a successful small business.

Ahoy, Mateys! On Jan. 22 at 4 p.m., join us for a buccaneer party! Dress up as a pirate and join us for games, treasure, and pirate stories.

Get a Clue, Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. for ages 10+. Come explore crime scene investigation as you discover how to lift and analyze fingerprints, examine hair samples, and determine which pen wrote a cryptic note. Sponsored by UTD, space is limited to 20 participants. You must register at the library starting Jan. 5.

Won't you be my Valentine? We celebrate Valentine's Day on Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. with sweets, stories, games, and crafts.

Build a Bot, sponsored by UTD, will be here Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. For ages 8+, we use LEGO Mindstorms to build a basic 3-wheeled robot and program it to respond. Space is limited to 20 participants so you must register at the library starting Feb. 5.

The Friends of the Library invite you to join them in their mission of fundraising, volunteering, and supporting the library. Through the donation of used items that are sold to raise money and the Kroger Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program, the Friends are instrumental in providing programs at YOUR library. More information is available online or join us at a monthly meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at the library at 7 p.m.

And if you would like to volunteer, we need you! The library needs help with book shelving. If you are interested, please check at the desk or call 972.530.8966.

City Contact Numbers

Police/Fire/Medical	911
Police Non-Emergency	972.495.2271
Fire Non-Emergency	469.429.4791
(Code Enforcement)	
City Hall	972.495.1212
(City Manager, City Secretary, Finance, Utility Billing, Municipal Court, and Human Resources)	
Library	972.530.8966
Community Development	469.429.4781
(Permits, Building Inspections, Zoning)	
Public Works	972.495.7600
Parks and Recreation	469.429.0275
Animal Control	972.675.9662
Sachse Senior Center	972.495.6282
Economic Development	469.429.4764
Chamber of Commerce	972.496.1212

City Council

Mike Felix, Mayor	214.869.1016
Jared Patterson, Mayor Pro Tem	214.869.1357
Bill Adams	214.869.1655
Brett Franks	214.869.1288
Pat McMillan	214.869.1083
Todd Ronnau	469.628.0041
Mark Timm	214.869.1884

[www.cityofsachse.com/City Council](http://www.cityofsachse.com/CityCouncil)

Senior Activity Center

If you are 55+ and looking for fun activities close to home, look right here in Sachse. When you see all the activities that are offered, becoming a member is easy. Registration forms are available at the Center. Memberships are \$6/year for Sachse residents and \$12/year for non-residents.

In addition to the free income tax preparation by AARP from Feb. 5 to Apr. 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., AARP is offering a Safe Driving class in February. Attend the class and save up to 15% on your auto insurance.

Lunch and learn sessions are every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. You must sign up so that there are enough lunches available. Drop by in the morning for free coffee and rolls. Join us for bridge on Thursday afternoons. Check out the treasures and join the fun with the metal detector class. The computer class is held Thursdays at 9 a.m.

These activities are in addition to the trips, craft classes, exercise classes, dance lessons, Wii bowling, and free checks and screenings by Dallas County nurses that are offered each month. Transportation to and from the Center is provided for Sachse residents. Call 972.495.6282 for information on memberships, activities, and to schedule a ride. There is never a dull moment at the Sachse Senior Activity Center.