

The Sachse Scene

January / February 2014

Keeping You Informed About Your City

Republic Services will provide special tree debris pickups the weeks of December 23, December 30, and January 6. Bundles do not have to be tied but do need to be cut in six foot lengths and placed curbside.

Ice Storm Leaves Piles of Tree and Brush Debris

Storm debris (limbs and other tree waste) will be collected curbside in Sachse beginning the regular bulk pickup week of December 23, and will continue through January 10. Brush and debris cut into six foot or less lengths and stacked at the curb will be collected. The City's contractor will collect debris placed out by January 6.

A storm debris (vegetation) drop-off has been

available since December 12 at the City's Animal Shelter, 6436 Sachse Road, and will continue to be available to receive waste through January 10. Residents may also dispose of debris at the Hinton Landfill at no charge with proof of Sachse residency.

Local arborists have been back-logged since the ice storm hit Sachse. The City wants to provide residents the

opportunity to have trees trimmed and removed from their properties.

Code Enforcement will not issue citations for stacked storm debris during the cleanup period.

We appreciate your assistance in cleaning up after one of the most locally-damaging storms to hit the City in years

Watch the city's website for more information.

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Opportunity to Run for Public Office

The 2014 City Council election will be held Saturday, May 10. On the ballot this year will be City Council Place 3 (incumbent Todd Ronnau) and Place 4 (incumbent Bill Adams).

The filing period for those wishing to run for office starts January 29 at 8:00 a.m. and ends February 28 at 5:00 p.m. 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 any 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.

AARP Offers Tax Service and Safe Driving Course

Income tax specialists will be at the Senior Center every Tuesday starting February 4 until April 8, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. offering free income tax service. No appointment is required and you do not have to be a senior citizen to take advantage of this service.



Bring in your 2013 tax documents and a copy of your 2012 tax return. Filing is electronic and your refund can be direct deposited if you bring a cancelled check or your banking information.

AARP is also offering a Safe Driving Class on February 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Registration is required. Completion of the course may net you a discount on your insurance. Call 972.495.6282 to register.



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Enjoy all the news, information, calendar of events, and helpful resources available on the city's website.

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City of Sachse Employee of the Year

Doug Angle, an employee since 2009, serves as Sachse's Code Enforcement Officer. He fields around 20-25 calls per day and is always professional and helpful.

Doug processes 75-100 code violations weekly, including residential and commercial properties.

Earlier this year, Doug conducted a comprehensive investigation into a fatality fire.

Doug looks for ways to streamline the code enforcement and fire investigation process, including developing forms and reports.

Code enforcement is not always a pleasant job but Doug always works to keep his customer in mind.

Employees are

nominated by managers, co-workers or citizens for Employee of the Month. These individuals are eligible for Employee of the Quarter

and these individuals are eligible for Employee of the Year, which are all voted on by the management team.

If a citizen would like to nominate an employee, the form is available on the Human Resources page of the city's website.



E-books Now Available

Library Sets Records

What a great year the Sachse Public Library had in 2013! They say records are made to be broken and the Library shattered a few.

The circulation record was broken in July with the highest number of checkouts in a single month (10,551). Another record breaker was the number of checkouts for the year, with 91,461. The incredible volunteers donated over 1,500 hours of their time and citizens donated 1,141 books that were added to our circulation. With the exception of online bill payments, the Library's webpage received more visits than any other page.

What does all this mean? We will work even harder in 2014 to break these records and more.

Starting the Year Off Right

Upcoming events in January and February include: The Pirate Party on January 14 at 4:00 p.m. Dress up as

a pirate and join us for games, treasure and pirate stories. The Valentine Party on February 11 at 4:00 p.m. offers games, crafts, snacks and stories. Our pajama story times for the entire family take place January 7 and February 4 at 7:00 p.m. The Teen Library Club will meet on February 11 at 4:30 p.m. (There is no meeting in January.) And the Writer's Group meets on January 21 and February 18 at 6:30 p.m.

E-books Have Arrived

Residents may now check out e-books and download them to your readers through the Sachse Library's 3M Cloud Library app. All you need is a Sachse Library card and in good standing (do not owe any fines over \$5.00).

You may access the app on the city's website under Library/E-books.

More information is available at the Library.



From the Mayor's Desk

Mike Felix Mayor, City of Sachse



2013 has been a very big year for the City of Sachse! I am proud to offer a brief report on some of the things this community accomplished and started, and to share my excitement about the future of the great City of Sachse!

In 2013, we completed or started several major goals. We filed our application with the Federal Railroad Administration for Sachse to become a quiet zone along SH 78. We anticipate completion by mid to late 2014. The construction of two major water lines in key areas of our city improves our infrastructure. The passage of a Street Maintenance Tax to fund the repair and maintenance on city streets and alleys. Improving our transportation corridors, several streets were re-paved or widened, and new streets are being added to the infrastructure including Woodbridge Parkway from Highway 78 to FM 544, Cody Lane, and Hudson Drive connecting Miles and Merritt Roads.

We have several commercial developments underway including Walmart, the new Sachse Veterinary Hospital, a new marketplace, the Children's Lighthouse, and the Glenn Carr Memory Care facility. Interest in Sachse is bringing more and more development and we anticipate more commercial interest in 2014.

Something we are very excited about is being named one of the 50 safest cities in Texas. SafeWise.com compared data from the most recent FBI Crime statistics in the U.S. Report with their own research to create a list of the top 50 safest cities in Texas with a population of 20,000+ as of 2011. Sachse came in at #5. This is a testament to the hard work and efforts of our public safety departments.



Council and staff join me in working hard to provide the best customer service for our citizens. We appreciate your feedback, so please use the website's 'Contact Us' or 'Report a Concern' features to let us know if we are meeting the expectations you have of your city government. Also, please watch the city's website for updates and announcements. We will keep you posted as we continue serving you. And you can follow your government at work as you may now watch City Council meetings live on the website's Media Center.

We look forward to the opportunities that 2014 will bring to our great city and to a more prosperous and unlimited future.



Clean water begins at home...

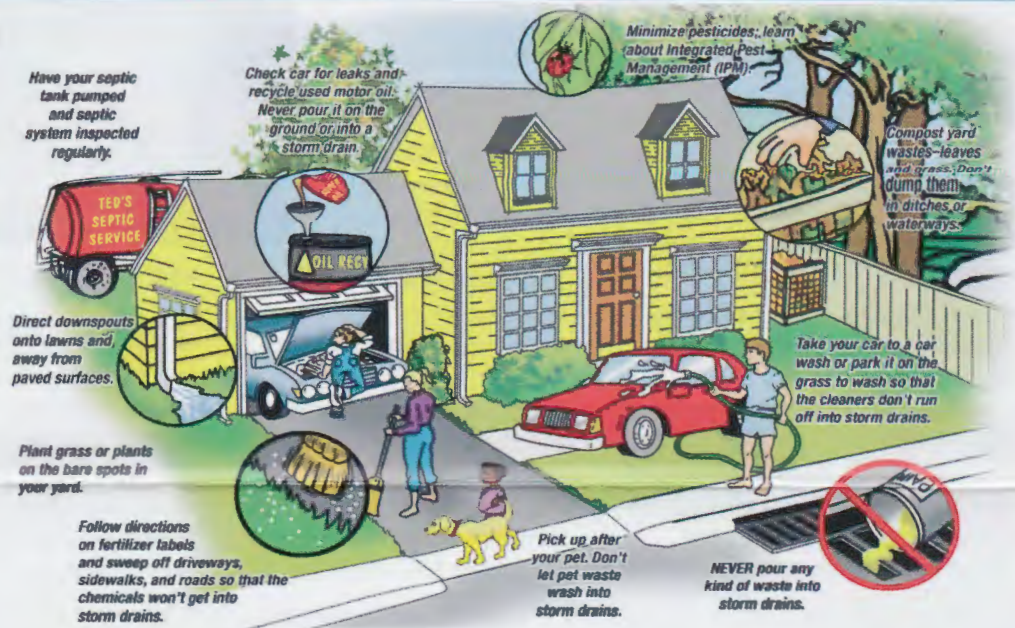
SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT PROTECTING OUR WATERWAYS FROM POLLUTED RUNOFF, 469-429-4788 TO REPORT VIOLATIONS

Each time it rains, stormwater washes over our streets, driveways, and yards, carrying pollutants to our storm drains. This runoff may contain pet waste, lawn chemicals, yard clippings, litter, motor oil, anti-freeze, or other toxins, which pollutes our water supply and clogs pipes and culverts. Known as "non-point source pollution", it is the largest threat to our waterways. Pollutants may be dumped directly into storm drains by residents who are unaware they are polluting. Most storm drains are not connected to treatment systems. Whatever enters the drain is discharged directly into our local waterways.

You can help by following these tips:

- ◆ 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.



Parks Department Reschedules Daddy Daughter Dance

The Daddy Daughter Dance, scheduled for December 6 but postponed due to the ice storm, will be held February 7 at the Senior Center from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. All activities remain the same, with dancing, games, snacks, and special photos. Cost is \$15 per couple plus \$5 for each daughter. Come on out for this special occasion.

Remember, classes continue in January/February for most activities. Sign up today to get in the last winter sessions for karate, soccer, Zumba, cardio and strength training, PiYo, photography, Young Rembrandts, calligraphy, baby ballet, gymnastics, and science club.



You may see all the classes available on the city's website under Parks Department / Class Brochure. You may also register online. If you have questions about any classes or registering, please contact the Parks Department at 469.429.0275.

Sachse Baseball Association Holding Signups in January



The Sachse Baseball Association will hold their signups for the spring season in January. Register in person at the Parks and Recreation class building, 5560 Highway 78 on Saturdays, January 11 and 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Sundays, January 12 and 19 from noon to 4:00 p.m. Online registration opens January 1 and closes January 30. Visit us at www.sachsebaseball.org to sign up online.



The Association is excited to announce that, new this spring, coaches and teams will no longer be required to provide a sponsor. As a result, individual teams will be responsible for their own uniforms. You are now free to choose and design your own.

Also, in an effort to increase numbers in the league, SBA has decided to allow coaches and players/parents the ability to form their own teams. Please see the new draft rules and contact your division director or league president if you have any questions. The contact information is available on the league website.

Chamber of Commerce 30th Annual Awards Banquet

The Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 30th Annual Awards Banquet on February 7, 2014 at Hyatt Place Garland, 5101 N. President George Bush Highway. Cocktail reception, raffle and silent auction begins at 6:00 p.m. with dinner and awards starting at 7:00 p.m.

Awards for Business of the Year, Person of the Year, Spirit of Sachse, Ambassador of the Year, and Teacher of the Year highlight the event.

Various levels of sponsorship are available. Please contact the Chamber at 972.496.1212 or email info@sachsechamber.com.

Sachse Residents Light Up the City with Holiday Displays

We hope you were able to drive around and enjoy the beautiful light shows that were on display during Sachse's 28th annual Christmas Lighting contest. A panel of non-Sachse residents judged the entries and selected the following as best in their categories:

Regular Lot: 1st place- 5307 Dixie Circle, Perry Family; 2nd place- 2809 Granite Avenue, Cox Family; and 3rd place- 6124 Hillside Lane, Ohman Family.
Large lot: 1st place- 1607



Ponderosa Trail, Ruiz/McElroy Family; 2nd place- 5422 Heritage Circle, Swayden Family; and 3rd place- 5406 Pecan Grove, Slusher Family.

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

Grand prize went to 5204 Crestmoor Lane, the Long Family

Businesses got in the spirit this year and those recognized were: 1st place- Stepping Stones Learning Center; and 2nd place- Lizzie Bee's Flower

Shopper.

Mayor Felix and the Council would like to thank all the families and businesses who participated in this year's contest. "Year after year our judges face a tough decision. This year was no exception", said Mayor Felix. "I hope we can continue this tradition."

Police Department Offers.....

Community Outreach Programs



Everyone knows why Sachse has a police department, to serve and protect our residents, to be there when your property or your well-being is in jeopardy. But are you aware of the many community outreach programs offered to ensure residents safety?

AOR's Offer Stability

The city is divided into 12 Areas of Responsibility. Each AOR has one sergeant and two officers assigned to it. Their goal is to keep residents informed and aware of what is happening in their area. No matter how busy they are in other areas, they must patrol every street in their AOR several times during their shift. Chief

Veach encourages the officers to get to know the residents in their area through community events and the E-Watch program. Monthly crime reports are kept for each area and available for review on the website. "We want our residents to call us any time, for any reason. That is what we are here for," says Chief Veach.

Neighborhood E-Watch

The E-Watch group was formed to supplement the AOR program. It is a way for residents to get crime alerts, crime prevention messages, community service messages, and resident surveys online and through e-mail messages. Visit the Sachse E-Watch group page at <http://www.sachseewatch.com> to learn more about the program.



Neighborhood Video Partnership

This program is a perfect example of residents working with law enforcement to keep their neighborhoods safe.

Residents who have video recording devices around their home or property agree to share that video with the police department if the video may have captured something of investigative significance in relation to a crime. Sachse PD has no direct access to any of the systems and will contact residents only if there is belief that their video system may contain activity that might help solve a crime.

To learn more about these programs, visit the police department's Community Outreach page on the website or contact Lt. Marty Cassidy at 469.429.1204.



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)	469.429.4781
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
Bill Adams, Mayor Pro Tem	214.869.1655
Brett Franks	214.869.1288
Charlie Ross	214.869.1357
Todd Ronnau	214.869.1483
Cullen King	214.869.1083
Jeff Bickerstaff	214.869.1884
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