



The Sachse Scene

January/February 2015

Keeping You Informed About Your City

Happy New Year

City Offices will be **OPEN** regular hours on **Martin Luther King Day: Monday, January 19** and **Monday, February 16** for Presidents Day.

Tree Disposal

The City will be collecting used natural Christmas Trees and providing mulch in limited quantities again this year. You may dispose of your tree at Salmon Park, 4302 Williford Road. There will be a dumpster provided. Please remove all decorations prior to disposal. Collection dates will run December 26 through January 11, 2015.



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I would like to take a moment to reflect on this past year (2014) and all the exciting things the city has not only been able to accomplish, but has had the privilege to have been a part of. I would also like to touch on the on-going projects, as well as highlight some of the future projects the city will see this upcoming year.



Many new commercial services have been added to the city through several commercial developments which have included the Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market, which recently opened, Barnyard Gate Daycare Facility, Children's Lighthouse, Woodbridge Montessori Academy, Laguna Madre Traders (still under construction), and Murphy Express just to name a few. On the residential side, the city has seen the continuation of significant development including Woodbridge, Mansions at Woodbridge, and Jackson Hills.

Sachse opened a new park this year! Firefighters Park located at 5th Street and Sachse Street is our newest park addition and we are so proud that a group of volunteers from Sachse, the Volunteer Firefighters Association who was instrumental in providing a safe community before a professional Fire Department was created, provided the seed funding to start the park. Their spirit of service to the community lives on today with so many dedicated citizens who volunteer their time and talents to help make Sachse a great community.

One of the exciting infrastructure projects the city was very proud to be a part of was the opening of the Woodbridge Parkway extension. With the combined efforts of Collin County, the City, the City of Wylie, Wylie's Economic Development Corporation, and the business community, the road extension has been able to open up a part of the city to make traveling easier in this part of town.

We have enjoyed the many events and activities that the city has provided for the community and continue to encourage the residents to join in the fun and to take advantage of all the offerings throughout the year.

Council, along with staff, strive to provide the best services for our citizens. We always appreciate your feedback, so please continue to let us know how we can meet your expectations.

We look forward to opportunities that 2015 will bring to Sachse and wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

~Mike Felix, Mayor

COUNCIL ELECTION UPDATE

The 2015 City Council election will be held this year on Saturday, May 9, 2015.

The filing period for those wishing to run for office starts January 28 at 8:00 a.m. and ends February 27 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.

Place one (1), Incumbent Brett Franks and Place two (2), Incumbent Charlie Ross will be up for re-election for three year terms.

If you have any questions about the election, voting in the election, or filing for office, please contact Terry Smith, City Secretary at tsmithcityofsachse.com or call 469-429-4775.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The Sachse Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its annual awards banquet on Friday, January 30, 2015 at the Atrium in Garland, Texas. A cocktail reception and raffle will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the awards dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Awards will be presented to Business of the Year, Person of the Year, Spirit of Sachse, amongst many others.

For more information regarding the event, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 972.496.1212 or email information to info@sachsechamber.com.



CITY SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS

Stay abreast of city activities, events, and information by connecting to the social media outlets the city currently provides: Facebook Pages for the Public Library, Parks and Recreation, a City Page, and the Animal Shelter, as well as the City's Main Website. The Police Department also has the E-Watch Program through Nixle. (See the back page for more information on E-Watch.)

PARTY ON AT THE LIBRARY

Pirate Party

Join the library for a buccaneer party. On **Tuesday, January 13 at 4:00 p.m.** bring the kids out for games, treasure, and pirate stories. They can even dress up as a pirate.



Willy Wonka Party



Looking for a fun and totally topsy-turvy Valentine's Day? Then join the library on **Tuesday, February 10 at 4:00 p.m.** for a Willy Wonka party, which will include games, crafts, prizes, and crazy snacks. Don't forget your camera.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS

City staff, the Mayor and Council would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Sachse Holiday Lighting Contest. A panel of non-Sachse residents judged the entries and selected the top three in each category.

Family Regular Lot:

First Place: The Long Family, 6205 Crestmore Lane

Second Place: The Prado Family, 4334 Bluffview Drive

Third Place: The Cieszkowski Family, 6812 Wilhelmina Drive

Family Large Lot:

First Place: The Slusher Family, 5406 Pecan Drive

Second Place: The Swayden Family, 5422 Heritage Circle

Third Place: The McElroy Family, 1607 Ponderosa Trail

Street:

First Place: Southgate

Second Place: Bluffview Drive

Third Place: Heritage Circle

Business:

First Place: Stepping Stones, 5804 Billingsley Street

GRAND PRIZE: The Legh-Page Family, 7906 Edgeglen Trail



STREET MAINTENANCE TAX UPDATE

In May, 2013, the citizens of Sachse voted and approved a ¼ cent (0.25%) sales tax for roadway improvements. The city's sales tax rate with this street maintenance tax is currently 8.00%: 6.25% state tax, 1% city, 0.50% EDC and 0.25% street maintenance tax. The street maintenance tax is a dedicated tax that may only be used for the reconstruction, repair, and maintenance of municipal streets and alleys. The 0.25% street maintenance sales tax must be re-authorized by the voters every four years in a city election. The city's goal with this sales tax has been to improve mobility and maintain roadways to prevent deterioration and costly rebuilds.

As of November, 2014, the city has collected \$308,894 since voters authorized the sales and use tax for street maintenance. Since the sales tax began in 2013, 100% of dollars collected has been dedicated to the street maintenance program. This has allowed the City to rebuild 8,930 linear feet of Sachse streets.

PONDEROSA



BEFORE



AFTER

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AFTER

Have your septic tank pumped and septic system inspected regularly.

Check car for leaks and recycle used motor oil. Never pour it on the ground or into a storm drain.

Minimize pesticides, learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

Compost yard wastes—leaves and grass. Don't dump them in ditches or waterways.

Direct downspouts onto lawns and away from paved surfaces.

Take your car to a car wash or park it on the grass to wash so that the cleaners don't run off into storm drains.

Plant grass or plants on the bare spots in your yard.

Follow directions on fertilizer labels and sweep off driveways, sidewalks, and roads so that the chemicals won't get into storm drains.

Pick up after your pet. Don't let pet waste wash into storm drains.

NEVER pour any kind of waste into storm drains.

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. Non-point source pollution 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; therefore whatever enters the drain is discharged directly into our local waterways. Please help spread the word about protecting our waterways. Contact Billy Ho, Environmental Specialist, at 469.429.4788 for questions or to report any violations.

- Properly dispose of hazardous waste and recycle used motor oil.
- Use fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides sparingly, and follow 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 of sediments entering local streams.

TIPS

WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS

Winter weather can impact Texas during the months of November through April. While Texas is known for its sunny climate, winter weather shows itself across the state each year. Just last year a winter storm arrived in early December, with snow and ice, effectively shutting down the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and areas of north Texas for several days.

Winter weather can affect expected areas of Texas like from the Panhandle to regions much farther south like the Coastal Bend. No matter where you reside, we encourage everyone to assemble a disaster supply kit of important emergency supplies for homes and vehicles including:

- First aid kit
- NOAA Weather Radio or battery-operated radio
- Flashlight
- Medication
- Non-perishable food items
- Bottled water
- Blankets and warm clothing such as coats, gloves and hats



More winter storm preparedness planning information can be found at: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/threatawareness/winterStormPlanning.htm>.

We invite you to promote awareness, preparedness, and mitigation measures to help prevent and reduce loss of life and property.

To view the 2014-2015 winter weather outlook and for more information about winter weather awareness, please visit NOAA's winter weather safety and awareness page at: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/winter/>.

Texans can learn how to prepare and assemble supply kits by visiting the Texas Prepares website: www.texasprepares.org/.

Statewide road conditions from TxDOT can be found by checking www.drivetexas.org or by calling 800-452-9292.

Be informed. Be prepared. Be involved.



GROUNDHOG'S DAY ENGLISH POEM

'If Candlemas be fair and bright,
Winter has another flight.
If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,
Winter will not come again.'



Monday, February 2

Did you know that the groundhog even had its own website? You can become part of the groundhog club and even watch live videos. Visit www.groundhog.org for all the details.

City Contact Numbers

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| 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 & Recreation | 469.429.0275 |
| Animal Control | 972.675.9662 |
| Sachse Senior Center | 972.795.6282 |
| Economic Development | 469.429.4764 |
| Chamber of Commerce | 972.496.1212 |

City Council

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| Mike Felix, Mayor | 214.869.1016 |
| Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor Pro Tem | 214.869.1884 |
| Brett Franks | 214.869.1288 |
| Charlie Ross | 214.869.1357 |
| Paul Watkins | 469.628.0041 |
| Bill Adams | 214.869.1655 |
| Cullen King | 214.869.1083 |

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E-WATCH PROGRAM

Stay up to date by signing up to receive alerts, prevention messages, and community messages that come straight to your phone or email address through the city's E-Watch program. Supported by the City's Police Department.

Visit the city's website or <http://www.sachsewatch.com/> for more information and/or to sign up.

