

The Sachse Scene

January/February 2016

Keeping You Informed About Your City

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

City Offices will be **OPEN** regular hours on Monday, Jan. 18th, Martin Luther King Day, and Monday, Feb. 15th for Presidents Day.

Republic Services is still collecting used natural Christmas trees through Jan. 11th. Please remove all decorations from your tree, do not place the tree in a bag, then bring it to the dumpster provided at Salmon Park, 4302 Williford Road. The mulch will be available to residents at no charge on a first-come basis until the supply is gone. Watch the city's website for more information as it becomes available.

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As we close the books on 2015 and look forward to 2016, I'm pleased to report that Sachse's future is extremely bright. It's truly an exciting time in Sachse and I know the members of the City Council join me in expressing a deep sense of gratitude to the staff and volunteers who devote their time, talent and energy toward helping our city move forward.

The last 12 months have been filled with a mixture of growth, development, anticipation and an expectancy for what lies ahead. A major aspect of that has been the hiring of our City Manager Gina Nash. She has brought an energy and vitality that a city like Sachse needs. If we're to make significant progress we must have the right leadership in place. I think we've done that with Gina. Her emphasis on doing the right things for Sachse is bearing fruit and more is on the way.

We also welcomed a new Police Chief in 2015, as Chief Bryan Sylvester joined the staff, as well as a new Community Development Director, Dusty McAfee. Their professionalism, experience, and progressive ideas are already making a difference in the city. And finally, our own Michelle Lewis Sirianni was chosen as the new City Secretary. These folks join an already impressive and extraordinary group of municipal government professionals on our staff.

The work that everyone on the city staff does along with the many hours put in by volunteers, our boards and commissions, the members of the City Council and the residents who donate their time to specific projects and programs, all combine to make Sachse a truly wonderful place to live and raise a family.

I like to say that Sachse has a "sense of place." By that, I mean that Sachse has that rare combination of characteristics that makes it special and unique. We all identify with it as our own spot on earth. Sachse enjoys a one-of-a-kind identity illustrated by its hilly terrain, open spaces and most especially by the warmth and sensitivity of its residents.

In today's busy, cluttered, noisy, chaotic world, we all need a place to relax, decompress, unwind and live the life we crave. And, while Sachse certainly demonstrates a thriving and flourishing economy and community life, there is still that sense of place here that can't easily be found elsewhere.

I salute all of you for being a part of the Sachse experience in 2015, and I encourage you to find ways to place your individual stamp on our "sense of place."

Mike J. Felix, Mayor, City of Sachse



COUNCIL ELECTION UPDATE

The 2016 City Council Election will be held this year on Saturday, May 7, 2016.

The filing period for those wishing to run for office begins January 20 and ends February 19 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.

The following Places are up for re-election: Place five (5), Incumbent Cullen King, Place six (6), Incumbent Jeff Bickerstaff, and Mayor, Incumbent Mike Felix.

If you have any questions regarding the election, voting, or filing for office, please contact Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary at mlewissirianni@cityofsachse.com or call 469-429-4771.

Sachse Chamber of Commerce 32nd Annual Awards Banquet Friday, Jan. 29, 2016 The Atrium in Garland

The Sachse Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its annual awards banquet on Friday, January 29th. Awards will be presented to Business of the Year, Person of the Year, Spirit of Sachse, amongst others. For more information, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 972-496-1212

Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

Special thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Holiday Lighting Contest! A panel of non-Sachse residents visited each location and chose the winners. Congratulations and thank you for making Sachse a more festive place!

Family Regular Lot

- 1st Place - Ohman Family, 6124 Hillside Ln.
- 2nd Place - Jason Thompson, 7910 Edgeglen Trail
- 3rd Place - Linn Family, 7831 Shadowglen Trail

Family Large Lot

- 1st Place - Glenn Schmidt, 5707 Pinnacle Circle
- 2nd Place - Kevin Gross, 5317 Heritage Circle

Street

- 1st Place - Southgate Drive
- 2nd Place - Bluffview Drive

Business

- 1st Place - Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church

Grand Prize - Best Overall
Legh-Page Family, 7906 Edgeglen Trail

CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS HALL Operations Captain, Fire Dept.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2015



Captain Hall went above and beyond to help a citizen in need on his own time. He exudes servant leadership and personifies the customer service culture that the City strives to display.

Thank you for serving the City and its citizens!

AT THE LIBRARY...



Storytime - Thursdays (August 27-December 17), 11:00 am

Bring babies, toddlers and preschoolers, to storytime where there will be stories, songs, dancing and crafts.

PAWS to Read to Princess the Dog - 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 6:00 pm

Join us in Pat's Storybook Nook and read stories to Princess the Dog. Princess loves to hear stories. She provides a non-judgmental atmosphere that encourages reluctant readers.

Frozen Program - Tuesday, January 12 Time: 6:00 pm

Don't let the cold bother you or keep you from joining us as we celebrate Elsa, Anna, Olaf, Sven, Kristoff and everything Frozen at this fun filled program that will include crafts, games and snacks.



Quiz Whizz Workshop - Tuesday, January 26, 6:00 pm

The Explore Horizons tutors are back and this time they want to test your knowledge game show style! This is a non-fiction, science based reading and writing program presented in an engaging game-show format geared towards kid's ages 7 to 9. Registration encouraged!



A Topsy-Turvy Valentine's Day Party – Classic Willy Wonka Style

Tuesday, February 9, 6:00 pm

Please join us for a totally topsy-turvy Valentine's Day experience with games, crafts, and Wonka-type snacks. Bring your camera for photo ops.

Chocolate, Chocolate, and more Chocolate with Chefsville Mobile Kitchen

Monday, February 22, 6:00 pm

Teen/Tween Program - Ages 11-19 only! Registration encouraged!

"Magic Tree House" Egyptian Extravaganza! Friday, February 23, 6:00 pm

Travel back to the time of the Pharaohs to learn about hieroglyphics, mummies and much more with the tutors from Explore Horizons. Registration encouraged!

Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party - Tuesday, March 1, 6:00 pm

Join us for some old-fashioned birthday party fun to celebrate Dr. Seuss's 111th birthday. We'll have games, snacks and crafts-- don't be a Grinch, come join the fun!



WINTER WEATHER

At the first mention of a winter freeze, traffic and commerce in North Central Texas freezes too. Why? While colder weather brings a welcome change, most people aren't prepared for it. Freezing rain, snow and ice can make for great outdoor fun but can also result in car accidents, hypothermia, and carbon monoxide poisoning from defective heating units. In addition, a few inches of ice can bring down power lines that result in days-long outages. And on the road, that quick trip to grandma's can turn into an impromptu camp-out in the car. But don't get your mittens in a twist. With a little planning, you can protect yourself and enjoy some frosty fun!

Winter Weather Safety Tips:

- Wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing instead of one heavy layer of clothing. Make sure that outer garments are water-repellent.
- Ensure that your heating source is working properly and well ventilated. Have it serviced regularly.
- Avoid driving on overpasses and bridges; they often freeze more quickly than roads.
- Winterize your car. Flush the cooling system, replace the coolant, replace the wiper blades, etc. Create a Winter Weather Kit in case you're stranded.
- Winterize your pipes. Keep faucets dripping when the temperature drops below freezing.
- Take extra precautions to ensure the well-being of your animals by providing plenty of water, food, as well as appropriate shelter.

<http://www.knowwhat2do.com/think/winter-weather>

Residential Sewer Averaging

Conserving water now will save you money year round! Sewer Averaging calculation is underway. The months of November through March will be used as the basis for calculating a residential customer's average monthly usage. The highest and lowest use months of the five winter months will be deleted from the calculation, and the three remaining months averaged to determine the monthly volume. For example, if a resident uses an average of 9,000 gallons per month, their residential sewer rate per month will be \$10.41 plus (\$5.79 x 9) for a rate of \$62.52. This calculated volume shall apply for the next 12 months. Be sure to contact Utility Billing if you find and repair a leak on your property during this time.

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, Municipal Court, Human Resources, Utility Billing) | |
| 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 | 972.495.6282 |
| Economic Development | 469.429.4764 |
| Chamber of Commerce | 972.496.1212 |
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| City Council | |
| Mike Felix, Mayor | 214.869.1016 |
| Brett Franks, Mayor Pro Tem | 214.869.1288 |
| Jeff Bickerstaff | 214.869.1884 |
| Charlie Ross | 214.869.1357 |
| Paul Watkins | 469.628.0041 |
| Bill Adams | 214.869.1655 |
| Cullen King | 214.869.1083 |
| www.cityofsachse.com/CityCouncil | |

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The Sachse Animal Shelter gratefully accept donations from the public. Our wish list includes:

- Bleach
- Cat/Dog Treats
- Cat Litter
- Dishwasher Liquid
- Dog/Cat food (Wet and Dry)
- Dryer Sheets
- Laundry Detergent
- Mops and Brooms
- New/Used Collars and Leashes
- New/Used Crates and Carriers
- Puppy/Kitten Food (Wet/Dry)
- Trash Bags