

A Holiday Message from Mayor Felix

What an eventful year it has been and Sachse is no exception. We have had a lot of activity in our City this year and are looking forward to even more next year. As the holiday season approaches and we near the end of the year, it is a time to reflect and be thankful for all that we have. I sincerely hope that your holidays are filled with happy times spent with family and friends.

I would like to thank all the citizens who volunteer their time or service to our city serving on boards, commissions or committees. I also want to express my heartfelt thanks to our city personnel for providing outstanding service to our citizens throughout the year.

If you and your family are able, I hope you can participate in the wonderful holiday events we have planned including the Holiday Lighting Contest, the Daddy/Daughter Dance, the Tree Lighting Ceremony, Cookies with Santa, and our first Christmas Parade to name a few. And let's remember those less fortunate by giving to the FOP Joy and Food Drive. Details for all the events can be found in this newsletter.

The City Council joins me in wishing your family health, happiness, and prosperity during the holiday season and throughout the new year.

Sincerely, Mike J. Felix, Mayor



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR CITY OF SACHSE OFFICES

All City offices will be closed **November 27 and 28** for Thanksgiving holidays; **December 25 and 26** for Christmas holidays; and **January 1, 2009** for New Year's Day. If you experience a water or sewer emergency on any of these days, please call the police department at 972.495.2271 and press 4. A tech will be dispatched to assist you.

HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP AND CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Trash will **NOT** be picked up on Thursday, Nov. 27. Thursday and Friday service will be delayed one day. Trash service will **NOT** run on Thursday, Dec. 25. Service will be delayed one day the remainder of the week. Bulk trash pickup in December will be Dec. 26 - 31. All routes will be picked up throughout the city but bulk may **NOT** be picked up on your normal trash day. Place your bulk out the morning of Dec. 26 and it will be picked up. Regular bulk pickup will resume the week of Jan. 12 thru 16. You may place Christmas trees out for bulk pick up or discard them at Salmon Park on Williford Road from Dec. 26 to Jan. 9. Please remove all decorations and **DO NOT** place in a bag. Discard the tree in the Allied Waste container provided at the park. For more information, call City Hall at 972.495.1212, ext. 29 or 30 or check the city's website under the General Information tab, Garbage/Recycling for a full calendar.



PUT ON YOUR DANCIN' SHOES

The annual Daddy/Daughter Dance will be Friday, November 7th at Park Lake Church gym, 3702 Sachse Road, from 7 to 9 pm. This event is a great way for young women to strengthen their relationships with their fathers. We will have games, refreshments, music and of course dancing. Each couple will receive a picture and corsage to take home. The cost is \$15 per couple and \$5 for each daughter after the initial cost. For more info please call the Parks Department at 469.429.0275.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Join us for the premiere of Kung Fu Panda on Nov. 22 at Salmon Park, 4302 Williford Road. The fun begins at 6:30 pm with a Kung Fu costume contest followed by the movie at 6:45 pm. There will be popcorn and drinks while you enjoy the movie. There is no charge for this event. For more info please call the Parks Department at 469.429.0275.

THANKSGIVING STORYTIME

Library staff invite children ages 2 to 6 for two special Thanksgiving story times featuring Thanksgiving stories along with a mini-feast. The fun starts at 11:00 am on Nov. 13 and Nov. 20. Also in keeping with the Thanksgiving theme, the Friends of the Library will host a "pot luck" feast on Tuesday, Nov. 18 starting at 7:00 pm at the Library. For more information, please call the Library at 972.530.8966.

TURKEY TROT AT SHS

Join us Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 27 for the 5th Annual Turkey Trot at Sachse High School. They offer a one- or three-mile fun run Starting at 8:00 am from the high school parking lot, 3901 Miles Road. There will be raffle items and a live DJ. Proceeds benefit the Class of 2011 senior activities. Email sallyemert@aol.com for more information.



TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to the 10th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec. 2 at 5:30 pm at the Red Caboose, 5941 Hwy. 78. Light refreshments will be served immediately following the tree lighting ceremony. There is no charge for this event. For more information, please call the Chamber at 972.496.1212.

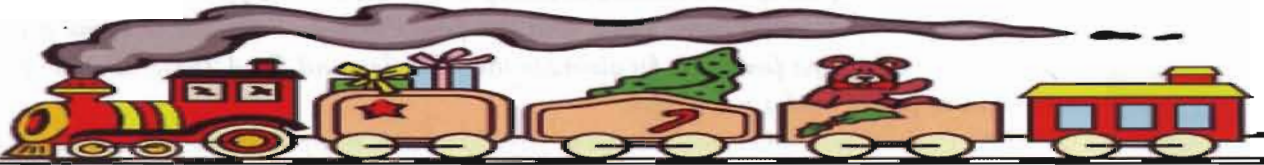
STORYTIME WITH SANTA



The Sachse Library is pleased to present the Sachse High School Madrigal singers on Thursday, Dec. 4th at 7:00 pm. They will perform songs of the season.

And on Thursday, Dec. 11th Santa Claus will be at the Sachse Library at 6:30 pm for Storytime with Santa.

Join us for snacks, special Christmas stories and gifts from the Friends of the Library. For more info, please call the Library at 972.530.8966.



TOY AND FOOD DRIVE ASSISTS NEEDY FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS



The Fraternal Order of Police Toy and Food Drive received a \$250 check from the firm Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson kicking off this year's campaign. The FOP began in Sachse in 1999 and has collected new, unwrapped toys, non-perishable food items, and monetary donations for needy Sachse families each Christmas since. The first year they received a few arm loads of toys. Last year, the training room at the police station was filled with toys and canned goods. When children attend Cookies with Santa on December 13th, they are asked to bring a non-perishable food item. These food items go to the FOP food drive. This year's drive will start on Nov. 24 and end Dec. 19. Residents may bring donations to the Police Station at 3815 Sachse Road or to City Hall, 5560 Highway 78. If you have any questions, or if you know of a family in need, please contact either Officer Ronnie Davis or Sergeant Richard Oliver at 972.495.2271, ext. 154.



CITY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS PARADE SET TO BECOME A TRADITION

Calling all school bands, cheer groups, choirs, dance groups, scout troops, all organizations in Sachse who want to join us and march in Sachse's first ever Christmas Parade on Dec. 13. We will meet in the Hudson Middle School parking lot and line up starting at 8:30 am with the parade starting at 9:00 a.m. The parade route is approximately one mile and will travel up Miles Road to Sachse Road, ending in the Library parking lot. The parade will feature the Sachse High School band, drill team, cheerleaders, mascot and other school clubs, as well as a big guy in a red suit. Those that want to meet with Santa after the parade can join us a City Hall for Cookies with Santa. See below for further details.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sachse Firefighters' Association invites you to Pancakes with Santa at Fire Station No. 2, 3012 Ranch Road. The date has not been confirmed at press time but please watch the city's website and the electronic message board at City Hall for more information. The breakfast will include all you can eat pancakes, sausage, beverage and a picture with Santa. Proceeds go to the Sachse Firefighters' Association. For more info, please call 972.495.0975.



COOKIES WITH SANTA

Santa Claus is coming to City Hall Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10:00 to 11:30 am. We invite all Sachse children 10 years old and younger to drop by for a visit with Santa, share your wish list, and receive a special gift. Donate a canned good or other non-perishable food item and receive a raffle ticket for the prize drawings held throughout the event (you **MUST BE PRESENT** to win.) The food items are donated to the FOP Food Drive. Hope to see you at City Hall for Cookies with Santa.



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS TO AVOID CRIME

The holiday season is a time when busy people can become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. Sachse Police Department offers these holiday tips:

When shopping, be alert and aware of your surroundings. If you must shop at night, walk with others to and from the shopping center. Dress casually, comfortably and avoid wearing expensive jewelry. Keep your cell phone available for quick use and report any suspicious activity to a Public Safety Officer. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash and do not count cash in an open area, especially after leaving an ATM machine. If you must carry a purse or wallet, be extra careful. They provide prime targets for criminals in crowded shopping areas. Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, con artists may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings. Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps. Do not leave packages in plain view in your car or at home. Lock them in the trunk or away from the windows. Also, do not leave purses, cell phones, laptop computers or any other valuables in your car overnight, not even while parked in your driveway.

Safety measures at home are especially important during the holiday season. Make sure all doors and windows are locked even if you leave your house for a few minutes. When leaving for an extended time, have a neighbor or family friend pick up your newspapers and mail. Place your indoor and outdoor lights on a timer and/or leave a radio or television on so that the house looks and sounds occupied. Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home. Taking a few extra prevention measures can keep your holiday season joyous for your family.

DECORATION SAFETY

Holiday decorations provide beauty and joy but can create deadly hazards if safety measures are not followed. Sachse Fire Rescue offers the following: If you purchase an artificial tree, make sure it is fire resistant. If you purchase a live tree, make sure the branches are trimmed back and the trunk stays moist. Place the tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Make sure the tree placement does not block doorways and is out of the way of foot traffic. Artificial snow sprays can irritate lungs if inhaled. Be sure to use precaution when using artificial snow. Before placing lights, check each set for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets or repair them before using. Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord. Turn off all lights on trees and other decorations when you go to bed or leave your house. Never place lighted candles near evergreens and never leave candles burning when going to bed or leaving the house. Do not burn wrapping paper in the fireplace. It ignites suddenly and may cause flash fires. Happy and safe holidays!!



23rd ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST GUIDELINES

All residents and businesses are invited to participate in this annual tradition.

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Family	Most artistic and plentiful use of lights/decorations for an individual home. (First, second, and third place awards for large lot (1/2 acre and up) and regular lot (less than 1/2 acre))
Street	Most artistic and plentiful use of lights/decorations for an entire street. (First, second, and third place awards)
Business	Most artistic and plentiful use of lights/decorations for a business. (First, second, and third place awards)
Judges'	This award may be in any one of the categories above and represents a winner whose artistic use of lights/decorations is worthy of more than an honorable mention. (Single award)
Special Award	

Contest Entry: Those wishing to participate must complete the registration form below and return it to Sachse City Hall.

Judging: The Mayor shall appoint non-Sachse residents as judges. Judging will occur Sunday, Dec. 14 between 6 and 9 p.m. **Only entries submitting a registration form will be judged.** *In the event of inclement weather, judging will occur the first clear night following Dec. 14*

Awards: All first place winners will receive a plaque. Second and third place winners will receive a certificate. A yard sign, delivered by a Sachse City Councilmember, will designate the winners. The winners will also be published in the quarterly newsletter and the local newspaper.

(Cut along dashed line and submit to City Hall.)

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM

I am submitting my registration under the following category (check one below):

- Family Regular Lot (lot size below 1/2 acre)
- Family Large Lot (lot size 1/2 acre and larger)
- Street
- Business

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Completed registration forms must be received no later than Thursday, Dec. 11. Forms can be mailed or dropped off at Sachse City Hall, 5560 Highway 78, Sachse, TX, 75048 (Attn: Cathy Cade) or placed in the Utility Payment Drop Box adjacent to City Hall.



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