



A Holiday Message from Mayor Felix

We sure have a lot going on in Sachse with all the road construction and municipal complex building as a result of the 2006 bond program and we certainly appreciate the patience our citizens have shown during the inconvenience. This time next year, construction along 190 and Highway 78 should be in full swing as well, presenting us with new challenges.

I would like to thank all the citizens who volunteer their time and efforts to Sachse by serving on boards, commissions or committees. I also want to express my heartfelt thanks to our city staff for their continued success in 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 Tree Lighting Ceremony, Story Times at the Library, Cookies with Santa, and our annual Christmas Parade, just to name a few. And let's remember those less fortunate by giving to the FOP Toy and Food Drive. Details for all the events can be found in this newsletter.

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 many happy times spent with family and friends. The City Council joins me in wishing your family health, happiness, and prosperity during the holiday season and throughout the new year.

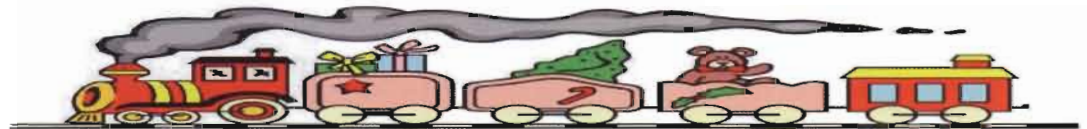
Sincerely, Mike J. Felix, Mayor

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR CITY OF SACHSE OFFICES

All City offices will be closed **November 26 and 27** for Thanksgiving holidays; **December 24 and 25** for Christmas holidays; and **January 1, 2010** 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 Friday, Dec. 25. Friday's route will be picked up on Saturday. Bulk trash pickup for the month of December will be Dec. 28 - 31 and January 2. 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. 11 thru 15. You may place Christmas trees out for bulk pick up or discard them at Salmon Park on Williford Road from Dec. 28 to Jan. 8. 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.



TOY AND FOOD DRIVE ASSISTS SACHSE FAMILIES IN NEED



The Fraternal Order of Police Toy and Food Drive 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 Dec. 12, 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. 23 and end Dec. 18. Residents may bring donations to the Police Station, 3815 Sachse Road or City Hall, 5560 Highway 78. If you have questions, or if you know of a family in need, please contact Officer Ronnie Davis or Officer Richard Oliver at 972.495.2271, ext. 154.



TURKEY TROT AT SHS

Join the Sachse High School Class of 2011 and event organizer "Run On" for the 6th Annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 8:00 am at Sachse High School. There will be a one-mile and three-mile certified walk/fun run, a live DJ, and presentation of trophies. All proceeds benefit the Class of 2011 senior activities. See you bright and early Thanksgiving morning.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The Sachse Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to the 11th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec. 1 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. More information is available by calling the Chamber at 972.496.1212.

MADRIGAL SINGERS AND STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY

Join us at the Library Thursday, Dec. 3 for a special evening filled with holiday spirit as Santa Claus presents a Christmas story time at 6:30 pm and the Sachse High School Madrigal Singers perform at 7:30 pm.

At 6:30 pm, Santa Claus will join us for snacks as he reads holiday stories. Santa will also hand out special gifts from the Library. At 7:30 pm, the very talented Madrigal Singers present holiday-themed music for our enjoyment. There is no charge for this event, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more info, please call the Library at 972.530.8966.

SANTA PANCAKES CANCELLED

Unfortunately the Sachse Firefighters' Association will NOT be able to host the Pancakes with Santa event this year. Santa's fire engine is broken and unable to move out of the bay area at the Fire Station. Look for the event to return next year.

CHRISTMAS STORY TIMES

Library staff invites children ages 2 to 6 for two special Christmas story times featuring holiday stories, music, and crafts celebrating the Christmas season! The fun starts at 11:00 am on Thursday, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17. There is no charge for these events. For more info, please call the Library at 972.530.8966.

SPECIAL DATES FOR DECEMBER BULK TRASH PICKUP

Just a reminder, the only bulk trash pickup in December is the week **AFTER** Christmas. If you place your Christmas tree out curbside for bulk pickup, please remove all decorations. Bulk trash pickup will begin the morning of Dec. 26 and end Jan. 2. Allied Waste will work until they have picked up **all** bulk trash throughout Sachse. The regular bulk trash pickup schedule will resume Jan. 11 thru 15.

SACHSE'S SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Calling all bands, cheer groups, choirs, dance groups, scout troops, all organizations in Sachse who want to join us and march in Sachse's 2nd Annual Christmas Parade on Dec. 12. Our theme this year is "A Texas Style Christmas".

Due to the construction at the corner of Sachse Road and Bryan Street, we will change the parade route this year. We will meet in the Park Lake Church parking lot, 3702 Sachse Road, with line up starting at 8:30 am and the parade starting at 9:00 a.m. The parade route is approximately one mile and will travel up Miles Road to Sachse High School, ending in the school parking lot. The parade will feature the Sachse High School band, drill team, cheerleaders, mascot, other school clubs, and, oh yes, a big guy in a red suit. Those that want to meet with Santa after the parade can join us at City Hall for Cookies with Santa. See article below for more details.



COOKIES WITH SANTA

We invite all Sachse children 10 years old and younger to drop by City Hall, 5560 Highway 78, on Dec. 12 from 10:00 to 11:30 am for a visit with Santa, share your wish list, and receive a special gift. Bring your canned goods or other non-perishable food items to be collected and donated to Sachse families in need by the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). Every child will receive **one** raffle ticket that will be entered into the prize drawings held **throughout the event**. You **MUST BE PRESENT** at the time of the drawing to win. Hope to see you at City Hall for Cookies with Santa.



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. 17. Forms can be mailed, dropped off, or placed in the Utility Payment Drop Box at Sachse City Hall, 5560 Highway 78, Sachse, TX, 75048 (Attn: Cathy Cade). Judging will be Dec. 20 between 6 - 9 pm.

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

24th 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/
Special Award	decorations is worthy of more than an honorable mention. (Single award)

Contest Entry: Those wishing to participate must complete the registration form above and return it to Sachse City Hall, 5560 Highway 78.

Judging: The Mayor will appoint non-Sachse residents as judges. Judging will occur Sunday, Dec. 20 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. 20.

Awards: All winners will receive a certificate and a yard sign, delivered by a Sachse City Councilmember. A list of the winners will be published in the quarterly newsletter, in the local newspaper, and on the city's website.



DECORATION SAFETY

Holiday decorations are beautiful but can create deadly hazards if safety measures are not followed. Sachse Fire and Rescue offers these tips: 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 or 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 and 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 leave your house or go to bed. Keep lighted candles away from evergreens and never leave candles burning when leaving the house or going to bed. Do not burn wrapping paper in the fireplace. It ignites suddenly and may cause flash fires. Sachse Fire and Rescue wishes your family a happy and safe holiday season!!

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 carry a purse or wallet, be careful. They provide prime targets for criminals in crowded shopping areas. Beware of strangers approaching you. 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 of the car and place them away from the windows at home. 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 safe and joyous for your family.



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