



The Sachse Scene

...the holiday season approaches, it is a time to reflect on the positive changes that have taken place and realize the joy we have in our lives. We have so much to be thankful for here in Sachse. We hope that our citizens have had a chance to experience the benefits of their new municipal complex and our technological advancements, whether by attending one of our many community events or paying water bills online. We feel the updates and changes have given the citizens of Sachse more opportunities to get the services they want and to improve the quality of life. Sachse truly is a great place to live and work!

Let me thank the many citizens who volunteer their time and efforts by serving on boards, commissions or committees. I also want to thank our city staff who continue to take pride in their work and provide outstanding service to our citizens throughout the year.

Staff joins me in hoping that your family is able to participate in some of the wonderful holiday events we have planned this year. You can find all the details in this newsletter or on the city's website for the tree lighting, Pancakes with Santa, story times at the Library, the Daddy/Daughter Dance, the Christmas lighting contest, the Christmas parade, and Cookies with Santa, which will include a new, exciting event in our amphitheater. And let's remember those less fortunate by giving to the FOP Toy and Food Drive.

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 2012.

Sincerely, Mike J. Felix, Mayor

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR CITY OF SACHSE OFFICES

All City offices will be closed **November 24 and 25** for Thanksgiving holidays; **December 23 and 26** for Christmas holidays; and **January 2, 2012** for New Year's holiday. If you experience a water or sewer emergency while city offices are closed, please call 972.495.2271 and press 2. A technician will be dispatched to assist you.

TRASH PICK-UP AND CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Trash and recycle will **NOT** be picked up on Thursday, Nov. 24. Thursday and Friday service will be delayed one day. Trash service will run as usual in December except that the bulk trash pick up week will move to Dec. 26 thru 30 to allow for pick up of Christmas trees, boxes, wrappings, etc. 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. 9 thru 13. You may place Christmas trees out for bulk pick up or discard them at Salmon Park, 4302 Williford Road, from Dec. 26 to Jan. 6. 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, press 1 or check the city's website for a complete calendar.

TOY AND FOOD DRIVE ASSISTS SACHSE FAMILIES IN NEED

The Fraternal Order of Police Toy and Food Drive has collected new, unwrapped toys, non-perishable food items, and monetary donations for needy Sachse families for the past 12 years. With Officer Richard Oliver at the helm since the beginning, and now the help of the Sachse High School Beta Club, this volunteer organization is able to fulfill many requests for help. Children who attend Cookies with Santa on Dec. 10 are asked to bring a non-perishable food item. These food items go to the FOP food drive. This year's toy and food drive starts on Nov. 15 and ends Dec. 16. Residents may bring donations, toys or non-perishable food items to the Public Safety Building, 3815 Sachse Road, Building D. If you have questions or know of a family in need, please contact Officer Oliver at 972.495.2271, ext. 1222.



ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

The Sachse High School Class of 2015 invites you to participate in the 8th Annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 8:00 am at Sachse High School. There will be a one-mile and three-mile walk/fun run and proceeds benefit the Class of 2015 senior activities. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information, please email shsclassof2015@verizon.net. See you bright and early Thanksgiving morning.



PANCAKES WITH SANTA

The Sachse Firefighters Association hosts Pancakes with Santa on Dec. 3. Drop by Fire Station No. 1 at 5805 Bryan Street between 8:00 and 11:00 am. The firemen will cook all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, plus orange juice, milk and coffee for \$5.00 per person. Drop by and have breakfast with Santa. Parents are welcome to bring your camera and take pictures with Santa or pictures with the fire truck. Please contact Chris Hall at 469.429.9810 with any questions.

HOLIDAY EVENTS AT CITY COMPLEX

City Council and staff invite you to the annual Christmas tree lighting in the City Hall rotunda on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 6:00 pm. The Sachse High School Madrigal Singers will perform songs of the holiday season.



At 6:30 pm, following the tree lighting, join us at the Library for a special story time with Santa. Sponsored by Friends of the Library, Santa will read a special story and then visit with the children. There is no charge for this event. For more info, please call the Library at 972.530.8966 or Denise Vice at 469.429.4771.

COOKIES WITH SANTA

Sachse children 10 years old and younger are invited to Cookies with Santa on Dec. 10 from 10 am to 11:30 am. Visit Santa, share your wish list, and receive a special gift. Bring your non-perishable food items which will be collected by the Sachse FOP and donated to Sachse families in need. 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. The last drawing will be called at 11:00 am.

After visiting with Santa, join us in the amphitheater behind City Hall for cookies, hot chocolate, carolers, hair painting, crafts, and an ice skating rink. Sponsored by Yogurt-UR-Way, the synthetic ice rink will be open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Check out all the details on the city's website, www.cityof-sachse.com.



CHRISTMAS STORY TIME

Library staff invites children ages 2 to 6 for a special Christmas story time featuring holiday stories, music, and crafts celebrating the Christmas season! The fun starts at 11:00 am on Thursday, Dec. 15. There is no charge for this event. For more info, please call the Library at 972.530.8966.

SPECIAL NIGHT FOR DADS AND GALS

Girls grab that special dad by the hand and let's get 'footloose'. A night of fun, games, activities, refreshments, music, and of course, dancing awaits on Dec. 2 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Senior Activity Center, 3815 Sachse Road, Building A. Cost is \$15 per couple and \$5 for additional daughters. Couples will also receive a commemorative photo of the occasion.

SACHSE'S FOURTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE DECEMBER 10th

Calling all organizations who want to join us and march in Sachse's 4th Annual Christmas Parade on Dec. 10. Our theme this year is "My Favorite Christmas Memory". The parade line up will start at 8:30 am at Hudson Middle School, 4400 Hudson Drive. For those who want to come out and catch a glimpse of the parade, the route will proceed out Hudson Drive to Miles Road, north on Miles to Sachse Road. We will cross Sachse Road and turn in the parking lot at the municipal complex. The parade will start at 9:30 am and last about 30 minutes, ending at City Hall, where Santa invites children to join him for Cookies with Santa and other fun activities in the city's new amphitheater. To register for the parade, please call Denise Vice at 469.429.4771, or Cynthia Wiseman at 469.429.6275.



HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM

I am submitting my registration in 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. 15. Forms to the attention of Cathy Cade may be mailed or dropped off at Sachse City Hall, 3815 Sachse Road, Building B, placed in the utility payment drop box, or sent by email to ccade@cityofsachse.com. Judging will be Sunday evening, Dec. 18, between 6 and 9 pm.

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

26th ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST GUIDELINES

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

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

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, 3815 Sachse Road, Building B, by mail, place the entry form in the utility payment drop box, or email it to ccade@cityofsachse.com by 5:00 p.m. Dec. 15.

Judging: The Mayor will appoint non-Sachse residents as judges. Judging will occur Sunday, Dec. 18 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. 18.

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 newsletter, in the local newspaper, and on the city's website.

DECORATE SAFELY

Holiday decorations are beautiful but can also be dangerous. Sachse Fire and Rescue offers these tips:

- Make sure any artificial trees are fire resistant.
- If you purchase a live tree, make sure the branches are trimmed and the trunk stays moist.
- Place the tree away from all heat sources and make sure not to block doorways or foot traffic.
- Be careful if using artificial snow sprays. They can irritate lungs if inhaled.
- Check lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections.
- 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 or boxes in fireplaces. They can ignite suddenly and may cause flash fires.

Sachse Fire and Rescue wishes your family a happy and safe holiday season!!

DO NOT BECOME A VICTIM THIS HOLIDAY

The holiday season is a time when busy people can become careless and vulnerable to holiday crime. To help you be more careful, prepared and aware during the holiday season, the Sachse Police Department offers the following holiday tips:

- Shop during daylight hours when possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Dress casually, comfortably and avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- If possible, do not carry a purse or wallet and avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- If you do carry a wallet or purse, be extra careful. You are prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, bus stops, on buses or other rapid transit areas.
- Always carry your Drivers License or Identification Card along with necessary cash, checks and/or credit cards you expect to use.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- Keep any cash you are carrying in your front pockets.
- If your credit card is lost, stolen or misused, notify the credit card issuer immediately. Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- Beware of strangers approaching you. "Con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.

Taking a few extra preventive measures can keep your holiday season safe and joyous for your family.



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