

The Sachse Scene

November/December 2013

Keeping You Informed About Your City

City offices will be closed November 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving; December 24 and 25 for Christmas; and January 1 for New Year's Day. In case of a water or sewer emergency, call 972.495. 2271, option 2. Please note, trash schedules will be altered. See page 2 for calendar and schedule.

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Holiday Activities Highlighted; Mark Your Calendar



See Santa in the Parade



Register for Lighting Contest



E-books Available in December



Mayor Felix invites all schools, girl scouts, boy scouts, churches, ball teams, businesses, and any organization that wishes to participate in our annual Christmas parade on Saturday, December 14. The parade line-up starts at 8:30

Mayor Felix Invites Everyone to this Year's Christmas Parade

a.m. at Hudson Middle School, 4405 Hudson Drive. For those who want to come out and watch the parade, it will start at 9:30 a.m. from Hudson Middle School, head north on Miles Road to Sachse Road, cross Sachse Road and end at the parking lot at the municipal complex.

The parade will last about 30-40 minutes. We would love to see residents line Miles Road to catch a

glimpse of the decorated entries and that special guy in the red suit at the end of the parade!

There is no fee to register but please call Denise Vice at 469.429.4771 or Cynthia Wiseman at 469.429.6275 to register your group. They will need to know the size of your group and whether your group will ride or walk.

More information and parade guidelines are available at www.cityofsachse.com.

Kicking Off Holiday Season with the Sachse Tree Lighting

Officials will flip the switch on the city's Christmas trees Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The Hudson Middle School Choir will perform carols before Mayor Felix reads a Proclamation and then lights up the beautiful 20 foot Rockefeller pine. Spectators will be invited to join the choir as they salute the start to the holiday season with classic Christmas carols.

Following the tree lighting, we will stroll over to the Library for Story Time with Santa at 7:00 p.m. Santa will read a favorite story, will visit with each child and present them with a book. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Sachse Library and the City of Sachse.

For more info, please call Denise Vice at 469.429.4771 or visit the website.



Kick Up Your Heels at the Daddy Daughter Dance

Okay dads, put on your dancing shoes and get ready for a night of fun, games, activities, music, refreshments, and of course, dancing.

The Parks and Recreation Department invites dads and daughters to the annual Dance on Friday, December 6 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Senior Activity Center, right next to City Hall. Cost is \$15 per couple and \$5 for each additional daughter.

This event is a great way for young women to strengthen their relationships with their dads. Pictures will be taken and given to each couple to remember this occasion.



From the Mayor's Desk

Mike Felix
Mayor, City of Sachse

It is unbelievable that the holiday season is just around the corner! What a joyous time to gather with friends and family. We, as public servants, work diligently throughout the year to create opportunities for your families to be blessed as citizens of Sachse. I hope that you have had a chance to attend one of the many activities offered by your city throughout the year. It is one of the goals of Council and staff to provide as many family-oriented events for the citizens of Sachse as possible. We continue improving in order to give our citizens the best of both worlds: a small-town community feel with big city amenities. Sachse truly is a great place to call home!

We realize a lot is happening in Sachse right now. Dirt is flying at the new Walmart site as well as several other developments around the city. We have several

infrastructure projects in progress including street reconstructions, lift station upgrades, sewer and drainage projects, and lighting projects along some of our main corridors. Staff appreciates your input and patience as the work continues.

Council and staff join me in hoping that your family is able to participate in this year's wonderful holiday events. They are featured in this newsletter and on the city's website, including the details for what, when, and where. From the Veteran's Day event to the Christmas Parade and Cookies with Santa, the calendar is full of fun things to do right here in Sachse. There is also the opportunity to help those less fortunate by donating to the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Toy and Food Drive. The FOP is in its 15th year of collecting items and donating to needy families. This is a very successful and heart-warming program that depends on the generosity of our citizens. We thank you for helping us make this a success year after year.

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.

I sincerely hope that your holidays are filled with happy times spent among family and friends. The City Council joins me in wishing your family health and happiness, and safety and prosperity during this holiday season and throughout 2014.

Delays in trash pickup

are outlined in the calendar below. During the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day, trash and bulk pick up service will be delayed by one day following the holidays.

The bulk trash pick up in December will be the week of Christmas and not the normal second Wednesday week of the month. Place your bulk out that week and it will be picked up. The regular bulk pick up schedule will resume the week of January 6 - 10, if you miss the pick up in December.

Republic/Allied Waste is offering tree mulching again this year. Please remove all decorations from your tree, do not place the tree in a bag, and dispose of it in the dumpster provided at Salmon Park, 4302 Williford Road, from December 26 through January 4. The mulch will be available to residents at no charge. Watch the city's website for more information as it becomes available.

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Nov. 24	Nov. 25 Monday routes picked up.	Nov. 26 Tuesday routes picked up.	Nov. 27 Wednesday routes picked up.	Nov. 28 <i>City offices closed.</i> NO TRASH SERVICE.	Nov. 29 <i>City offices closed.</i> Thursday routes picked up.	Nov. 30 Friday routes picked up.
Dec. 22	Dec. 23 Monday routes picked up. Bulk trash pickup.	Dec. 24 <i>City offices closed.</i> Tuesday routes picked up. Bulk trash pickup.	Dec. 25 <i>City offices closed.</i> NO TRASH SERVICE.	Dec. 26 Wednesday routes picked up. Bulk trash pickup. Tree drop off Salmon Park.	Dec. 27 Thursday routes picked up. Bulk trash pickup. Tree drop off Salmon Park.	Dec. 28 Friday routes picked up. Bulk trash pickup. Tree drop off Salmon Park.
Dec. 29	Dec. 30 Monday routes picked up. Tree drop off Salmon Park.	Dec. 31 Tuesday routes picked up. Tree drop off Salmon Park.	Jan. 1 <i>City offices closed.</i> NO TRASH SERVICE.	Jan. 2 Wednesday routes picked up. Tree drop off Salmon Park.	Jan. 3 Thursday routes picked up. Tree drop off Salmon Park.	Jan. 4 Friday routes picked up. Tree drop off Salmon Park.

Veterans Honored



Join us November 2 at 11:00 a.m. at the Sachse Historical Society Museum, 3033 Sixth Street as we honor our veterans.

Military memorabilia, men in uniforms from past wars, and military equipment will be on display. There will be a guest speaker, a 21-gun salute, and war reenactments.

Museum personnel will be at the site the week prior to the event to accept donations of military items for display. If you or your family have anything you would like to share, please contact Janis Tillerson at 214.738.8241 or Diana Smith at 972.495.7847.

Toy and Food Drive Assists Families in Need During Holidays

Sachse's Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Toy and Food Drive collects new, unwrapped toys, non-perishable food items, and monetary donations for those who have fallen on hard times and need help during the holidays.



Did You Know?

This very successful program is in its 15th year. Organizers Officer Richard Oliver and Sgt. Steven Doerr work with the Sachse High School BETA club to help with collection of the toys.

How Can You Help?

Donations are accepted at the Public Safety Building, 3815 Sachse Road, from November 18 to December 16 or you may bring toy and food donations to the Cookies with Santa event at City Hall on

December 14.

Contact Information

If you have questions or know of a family in need, please contact Officer Oliver or Sgt. Doerr at 972.495.2271, ext. 1222. Sachse officers will deliver items before December 24.

Parks Department Hosts . . . Cookies with Santa

Jolly Saint Nick will join us at City Hall, 3815 Sachse Road, on December 14 for Cookies with Santa. He will arrive around 10:00 a.m., following the end of the Christmas parade, and will visit with children ages 10 and under until 11:30 a.m.

Bring your wish list, receive a special gift, enjoy a cookie and drink, and then join us in the amphitheater for fun at the bounce houses, donated by Fun Times Party Rental, and at other vendor booths. This event is free, however, there will be a few vendors offering items for purchase.

Every child will receive a raffle ticket that will be

entered in the prize drawing. You **MUST BE PRESENT** at the time of the drawing to win. The last drawing will be called at 11:00 a.m.

Stick around for entertainment by the Park Lake Church Praise Team, Teresa Stephenson's vocal students, and Red Door Dance Academy in the amphitheater starting at 11:00 a.m. Sports Clips and Tutor Doctor will be there offering activities and handouts to the kids and the Fraternal Order of Police will collect canned goods and toys that will be donated to families in need.

Santa will leave around 11:30 a.m. but the activities in the amphitheater will not end until 1:00 p.m.

28th ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

Inviting all residents and businesses to participate.

CATEGORY

DESCRIPTION

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| 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' Special Award | 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). |

Contest Entry: Those wishing to participate must complete the registration form below and submit to City Hall by 5:00 p.m. December 12. In order to be judged, you must return a registration form.

Judging: The Mayor will appoint non-Sachse residents as judges. Judging will take place Sunday, December 15 between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. If you have registered for the judging, please make sure your lights are on during the judging time. **Only entries submitting a registration form will be judged.** *In the event of inclement weather, judging will occur the first clear night following December 15.*

Awards: All winners will receive a certificate and a yard sign, delivered by a Sachse City Councilmember. As soon as winners have been notified, winners will be published on the city's website, and published in the next City newsletter and Sachse News.

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



HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM

Submit 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: _____

Return registration forms no later than Thursday, December 12 to Cathy Cade. Forms may be mailed or dropped in the utility payment drop box at Sachse City Hall, 3815 Sachse Road, Building B, or sent by email to ccade@cityofsachse.com. Judging will be Sunday, December 15, between 6:00 and 9:00 pm.

A shopping trip in your future? Police Department says... Don't Become a Victim

Careless and Vulnerable

That is what thieves look for when targeting their next victim. They are trying to find that distracted shopper who has left their purse unattended, their packages accessible, or their wallets in plain view.

Stay alert and aware....

A few safety measures may keep you and your belongings protected.

- Do not buy more than you can carry. Take someone with you or ask a store employee for help with carrying your packages to your vehicle.

- Save all receipts. Print and save confirmation of online purchases. This helps you verify credit card or bank statements as they come in.

- Wait until asked before taking out your credit card or checkbook. Thieves love to "shoulder surf" to get your account information.

- Deter pickpockets. Keep your purse close to your body or your wallet inside a coat or front trouser pocket.

- Have your car keys in hand and be aware of the area around your car. Check the back seat before getting in.

- Do not leave packages visible in your car. Lock them in the trunk, if possible. Report any unattended bags or packages to a security guard or store employee.
- If shopping with children, make a plan in case you are separated. Designate a meeting place and teach them how to ask and who to ask if they need help.

Taking these extra precautions can keep your holiday season safe and enjoyable.

Flipping Flapjacks With Santa

The Sachse IAFF Local 4487 Pancakes with Santa event is Saturday, December 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Fire Station No. 1, 5805 Bryan Street.

The event includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, orange juice, milk, coffee, and a photo with Santa for only \$7.00. There will also be a raffle drawing for a chance to win a Microsoft Surface Tablet



and tickets will be available for purchase until 11:00 a.m. the day of the event.

For more information about the event, visit us at www.sachsefire.com or contact Jody Krizan at jkrizan@cityofsachse.com.

Decoration Safety

- Be sure live trees are away from heat sources and the trunk stays moist.
- Check lights for broken, cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Use no more than 3 standard-size sets per single extension cord.
- Turn off lighted decorations before leaving house or going to bed.
- Keep candles away from tree and never leave them burning when leaving house or going to bed.

Holidays can become disastrous in the blink of an eye. Please decorate safely.

Library Introduces E-books

Our patrons asked for it and we will provide. The library will begin offering e-books December 9. Join us for the kickoff event from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

There will be a drawing for door prizes, including two e-readers, along with demonstrations on how to use the new website / app to download books easily to your computer or electronic device. Explore

the collection of new e-books and make requests for favorite authors and/or titles.

Special Programs

Make and Take Holiday Craft Buffet on November 18 at 6:00 p.m. For kids of all ages, we will learn how to make creative and inexpensive gifts for your friends and family. Supplies are provided.

Dr. Who Party November 23 at 2:30 p.m. Whovians of all ages, join us to honor their favorite Doctor. Doctor Who, you might ask? Precisely! Come dressed as your favorite Doctor, villain, or companion, and we will watch as the "Impossible Girl" helps discover "The Name of the Doctor".

Find more information on the Library page of the city's website.

City Contact Numbers

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 and 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

City Council

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Brett Franks	214.869.1288
Charlie Ross	214.869.1357
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SHS 10th Annual Turkey Trot



Join us

Thanksgiving morning,

November 28 at Sachse High School, 3901 Miles Road, for the annual Turkey Trot. The 1 mile and 5k walk/fun run begins at 8:00 a.m.

You may pre-register online at Sachse High School/Activities/Organizations/Class of 2015 or search 'Sachse Turkey Trot 2013'. Or register the day of the event starting at 7:00 a.m. Trophies and medals will be awarded to the top finishers from each age group by gender.

Sponsorships are available and will be greatly appreciated. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Class of 2015 senior activities. For more information you may contact Cyndi Mitchell at cyndikm@verizon.net.

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