



The Sachse Scene



November/December 2015 Keeping You Informed About Your City



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Calling all school bands, choirs, dance groups, scout troops, other organizations and spectators in Sachse who want to join us for Sachse's annual Christmas Parade! To register a float call Cynthia Wiseman at 469-429-0275 or register online at www.cityofsachse.com/christmasparade. There is no fee to register. Participants will meet in the Hudson Middle School parking lot for the line-up at 8:30 a.m. and the parade will start at 9:30 a.m.

COOKIES WITH SANTA

On Saturday, December 12th, come join Santa for some cookies and other fun activities. Kids ages 10 and under are invited to visit Santa, while others enjoy the entertainment. Canned goods and non-perishable food items will be collected by the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) for those in need. Everyone will receive a raffle ticket and be entered into prize drawings held until 11:00 a.m. Santa will visit with children immediately following the parade, until 11:30 a.m. but the fun will continue until 1:00 p.m. with bounce houses and entertainment. For more information go to www.cityofsachse.com/cookieswithsanta.



City offices will be CLOSED on Thursday, November 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving; December 24th and 25th 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 delayed by one day.

Also...

Republic Services is collecting used natural Christmas trees and providing mulch again this year. 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, from December 26th through January 11th. 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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Mike Felix, Mayor, City of Sachse

It may sound a little contradictory, but the cold weather we're about to experience actually brings to mind a wonderful feeling of enveloping warmth. That nip in the air signals the start of what I call the season of family. November's customary chilly winds remind me that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. The unmistakable warmth of a house full of family and friends as the traditional turkey meal is prepared can quickly drive away even the stoutest of chills. And, those cold, wet days of December let me know that Christmas can't be too far off. Heat from the kitchen as cookies are baked and the warming atmosphere of a lit fireplace are more than enough to dispel the nasty weather outdoors.

Those memories of the season of family evoke extremely pleasing remembrances for me and my family and I'm sure it's a special time for all of you as well. Many Sachse families have shared with me and other members of the Council their long-standing traditions of participating in the holiday events around town. Some families even have photos that track the growth of their kids and their families at these events. While Santa may remain the same in these annual photos, the year-to-year difference in the kids is truly remarkable. Families have lots of fun reminiscing during this time of year. And, staff has once again worked hard to put these holiday photo opportunities in front of families. Please review the reminders in this newsletter and keep it handy throughout the season so you and your family do not miss out.

In the same way that families grow and change, the City of Sachse is experiencing some of the same changes. Significantly, we have some new managerial staff on board and positive changes are already evident. Our new City Manager is moving forward with new ideas and initiatives that we hope will translate into improvements in how we do things at City Hall. Our new Police Chief is implementing concepts in community policing that will elevate and enhance neighborhood relationships. Everyone on staff, whether new or not, is feeling a renewed sense of optimism and positivity. We are continuing to see increases in rooftops, in population and in our commercial base. Sachse is once again on the map as a community of people and neighborhoods who are working together toward the same end - a quality of life that allows us to enjoy the fruits of our labor.

On behalf of the City Council and staff, please accept our best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season. As you enjoy time during the season of family, please remember those in our community who are less fortunate, alone or in poor health. Pledge to do something to ease their discomfort. The spirit of the season is one which we should all embrace.

Veterans Day Ceremony

The Sachse Historical Society will honor our veterans on Saturday, **November 7**, at 11:00 a.m. at the Sachse Historical Society Museum located at 3033 Sixth Street. Museum personnel will be at the site a week prior to the event to accept donations of military items for display. If you or your family have anything you'd like to share, please contact the Sachse Historical Society (www.sachsehistoricalsociety.org/contact.html).

Sachse High School Turkey Trot

Join Sachse High School for its 12th annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning! Warm up begins at 7:30 a.m. and the race begins at 8:00 a.m. There will be a 1 mile and 5k walk/fun run. You can pre-register at GetMeRegistered.com/SachseHSTurkeyTrot or you can register at the event starting at 7:00 a.m. Trophies and medals will be awarded to the top finishers from each age group by gender.

For more information about the race and how to become a SPONSOR for this event, go to our website www.sachse2016.com and you can also visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/shsturkeytrot

Holiday Craft Program

On Tuesday, November 10th, at 6:00pm the Sachse Public Library will host a fun and festive craft program presented by the Stamp Maven. Supplies provided. Please follow us on Facebook and check our website for details!

Thanksgiving Story Time
Thursday, November 19th
11:00 am



Join us at the library for a special story time featuring Thanksgiving stories and a mini-feast! You'll be thankful you came!

DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE



The Parks and Recreation Dept. invites all dads and their little girls to attend this year's Daddy/Daughter Dance. All ages are welcome.

The dance will be held on Friday, December 4th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Senior Activity Center. Registration is required and can be done online at www.cityofsachse.com/classregistration. The cost is \$15 per couple and \$5 for each additional daughter. Photo opportunities are available along with games, refreshments, and dancing, of course!

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

The Senior Center will host the following events this holiday season:

Holiday Potluck Luncheon 10:00am – 12:30pm on December 16th with a visit from Santa!

New Year's Eve Party on the 31st from 10:30am – 1:30pm with a toast to the new year at noon!

Contact the Senior Center for info!



ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

Inviting all residents and businesses to participate!

Awards for Most Artistic and Plentiful Use of Lights/Decorations in several categories - even entire streets can participate!

In order to be judged, you must complete a registration form and submit it to City Hall by 5:00 p.m. December 7th. Please follow us on Facebook or check the City website for the registration form, judging date and other updates.

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING AND STORY TIME WITH SANTA



Join us on Thursday, December 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall for the annual tree lighting. Sachse High School and children's choirs will be performing carols and Mayor Felix will read a Proclamation before lighting up the wonderful tree. We will carol over to the library for story time with Santa. Photo opportunities with Santa will be available. For more information on both events, please visit the city's website.

Children's Nutcracker Ballet
Presented by
Harmonic Motion
December 14th, 6:00 p.m.

Bring the whole family and join us at the Sachse Library for a performance of this wonderful holiday classic. Fun for all ages.



HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

As you are out and about this holiday season, don't forget the following safety tips provided by the Sachse Police Department from the National Crime Prevention Council.

Do not buy more than you can carry. Plan ahead by taking a friend with you or ask a store employee to help you carry your packages to the car.

Save all receipts. Print and save all confirmations from your online purchases. Start a file folder to keep all receipts together and to help you verify credit card or bank statements as they come in.

Consider alternate options to pay for your merchandise, such as one time or multiuse disposable credit cards or money orders, at online stores and auction sites.

Wait until asked before taking out your credit card or checkbook. An enterprising thief would love to shoulder surf to get your account information.

Tell a security guard or store employee if you see an unattended bag or package. The same applies if you are using mass transit.

Deter pickpockets. Carry your purse close to your body in front and your wallet inside a coat or front trouser pocket.

Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. Check the back seat and area around the car before getting in.

Do not leave packages where they can be seen through your car windows. Lock them in the trunk or, if possible, take them directly home.

If you are shopping with children, make a plan in case you are separated from each other. Select a central meeting place, and teach them to know they can ask mall personnel or store security employees if they need help.

To find more useful shopping tips and personal safety information, visit the National Crime Prevention Council at www.ncpc.org.

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 & 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	
Mike Felix, Mayor	214.869.1010
Brett Franks, Mayor Pro Tem	214.869.1288
Jeff Bickerstaff	214.869.1884
Charlie Ross	214.869.1357
Paul Watkins	469.628.0041
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www.cityofsachse.com/CityCouncil	

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DECORATION SAFETY

Holidays can become disastrous in the blink of an eye, so this holiday season, take precaution with these few safety tips.

1. Be sure live trees are away from heat sources and make sure they have plenty of water.
2. Check lights for cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Use no more than 3 standard-size sets per single extension cord.
3. Turn off lighted decorations before leaving the house or going to bed.
4. Keep candles away from the tree and other decorations and never leave them burning when leaving the house or going to bed.