

The Sachse Scene



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April - June Events:

April 2 - HOLIDAY

All City Offices Closed in observance of Good Friday Holiday

Trash service WILL run as usual

April 10 - GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP / ARBOR DAY EVENT

Kickoff the events at Heritage Park at 9:00 am and end with a hot dog lunch at Joe & Patricia Stone Park at 11:30 am

April 15 - CHAMBER FOOD SAMPLER & EXPO

Local businesses and restaurants showcase their products 5:30 to 8:00 pm

April 17 - NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - Barnes and Noble

10:00 am to 4:00 pm includes storytime with Mayor Felix and Jungle Jim's bugs

April 24 - MOTHER / SON ROUND-UP at Joe & Patricia Stone Park

Moms and their 'Buckeroos' are invited to dance under the stars from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

May 8 - CITY COUNCIL ELECTION - Mayor, Place 5 and 6

Early voting April 26 - May 4

May 31 - HOLIDAY

All City offices closed in observance of Memorial Day Holiday

Trash service will NOT run on Monday

June 5 - SUMMER READING PROGRAM - KICKOFF PARTY

Sign up for the Summer Reading Program, enjoy pizza, refreshments, and face painting, 2:00 pm at the Library

June 12 - BIKE RODEO

Police Department conducts the annual Bike Rodeo at Armstrong Elementary School from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

More info about these events can be found in this newsletter and on the City's website www.cityofsachse.com

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION MAY 8th

City Council election will be Saturday, May 8 for the office of Mayor and two Council places: Place 5 - Patsy "Pat" McMillan, Incumbent and challenger Pat Covington; Place 6 - Mark Timm, Incumbent - unopposed; and office of Mayor - Incumbent Mike Felix - unopposed. Early voting begins Monday, April 26 through Saturday, May 1, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sunday, May 2, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm; and Monday, May 3 through Tuesday, May 4, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Election Day, May 8 polls open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. On election day, all Sachse residents vote at Sachse City Hall. If voting early, residents may vote at a location convenient to them within Dallas County or at Sachse City Hall. You MUST be registered to vote 30 days prior to the election. Voter registration cards are available at City Hall. For more information, you may visit the City Secretary's page on the website, the Dallas County Election website or the Collin County Election website.

The election will be canvassed at the May 17 City Council meeting, with swearing-in of the mayor and council members at the June 7 City Council meeting.

SACHSE PARTICIPATES IN RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life is a fun-filled overnight event that celebrates survivorship and raises money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. Relay events celebrate those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and empower individuals and communities to fight back against a disease that takes so much. At Relay, teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, Relays are overnight events lasting up to 24 hours. Sachse teams up with Wylie and Murphy on April 23 - 24 from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am at Shaffer Stadium in Wylie. Highlights of the event include the Opening Ceremony at 7:00 pm, the Survivor Lap at 7:15 pm, a Luminaria Ceremony at 9:00 pm, a Fight Back Ceremony at 12:00 am and the Closing Ceremony at 7:00 am. Form a team and join us for this unique and worthwhile experience. For more information or to find a team, contact the Chamber of Commerce office at 972.496.1212.



TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTED BY SACHSE CHAMBER

Each year at the Chamber's Awards Banquet, Teacher of the Year honors are presented to a teacher at the elementary and secondary levels. Elementary nominees for 2010 were Natalie Fritsche, Cox Elementary; Kathy Hartung, Armstrong Elementary; Veronica Murphey, Luna Elementary; Virginia Rodriguez, Sewell Elementary; and Cindy Stephens, Whitt Elementary. Nominees at the secondary level were Gye Kraemer, Hudson Middle School; and Joshua McGuire, Sachse High School. Dolores Greenwald, Teacher of the Year Committee Chairman and committee members Brenda Barnes, Anita Collins, Sherri Overby, Sonal Pauddar, and Stephen Stanley are proud to announce that Cindy Stephens and Joshua McGuire were selected as Teachers of the Year. Congratulations to all the nominees. Being nominated for this award is truly an honor.



CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

City offices will be closed Friday, April 2 for Good Friday. Trash service WILL run as usual. City offices will also be closed Monday, May 31 for the Memorial Day holiday. Trash and recycle service will be delayed by one day all week. Monday's trash and recycle routes will be picked up on Tuesday; Tuesday's trash and recycle routes will be picked up on Wednesday; Wednesday's routes on Thursday; Thursday's routes on Friday; and Friday's routes will be picked up on Saturday. If you have questions or problems with your trash service please contact Utility Services at 972.495.1212, ext. 29 or 30.

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BE A PART OF THE FIRST GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP IN SACHSE

On April 10, join other Sachse citizens to help with our local cleanup and beautification program, the Great American Cleanup, a fun, educational, outdoor, spring-time activity brought to you by the City of Sachse, Keep America Beautiful, Inc., the State of Texas, and national, state and local sponsors. Groups will gather at Heritage Park, 4405 Hudson Drive at 9:00 am where Mayor Felix will kick off the event with Proclamations for the Great American Cleanup as well as Arbor Day. Parks and Recreation Commission members and Council liaison Jared Patterson will assist with the assignments and distribution of supplies as individuals and groups are sent to their designated area for cleanup.

Following the cleanup work, participants are invited to the Joe and Patricia Stone Park Pavilion, 6000 Laurel Crest Drive from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm for a free hot dog lunch provided by the City of Sachse. City staff members will grill up lunch and serve the volunteers. This is the first of what we hope will become an annual tradition in Sachse. Please join us as we work to keep our community clean and beautiful.

CITY PROMOTES PARTICIPATION IN RECYCLING EFFORTS



The City's green recycling carts have made a significant impact on the amount of recyclables disposed of by our residents. While using the blue recycle bins from March to December of 2008, Sachse residents disposed of 684 tons of recyclables, a participation rate of 33% and an average of 13 pounds per collection. From March to December 2009, following implementation of the green polycarts, Sachse residents disposed of 1,517 tons of recyclables, a participation rate of 60% and an average of 28 pounds per collection.

The bi-weekly service limits the amount of time the large trucks are traveling on the roadways, saving wear and tear of our streets, cutting down on road repairs, improving air quality due to lower air emissions and lowers fuel consumption.

The new carts hold all recyclables, no sorting required, no rinsing of cans or bottles, and no lifting to carry it. By 7:00 am on your collection day, simply roll the cart to the alley/curb at least three feet from your trash cart and within two feet of the edge of the alley/curb. Acceptable recyclables are school/office paper, shredded paper, magazines, junk mail, newspapers, telephone books, cardboard/boxes, aluminum cans, metal and tin cans, glass, and plastic containers with the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 on the bottom. Things you CANNOT place in the cart include kitchen, yard, and/or solid waste, car tires, batteries of any kind, cardboard with food waste on it such as pizza boxes, styrofoam containers or plastic grocery bags.

If you are not utilizing the green recycling cart, city officials encourage you to give it a try. The more we can recycle, the less we send to our landfills for decomposition.



SPRING IS A TIME TO "RUN"

When pets escape from their yards, few are wearing tags and fewer ever find their way home. Sachse's Animal Shelter works to reunite lost pets with their owners and find adoptable pets new homes. For lost or adoptable pets, please check the website or call the shelter. There is no fee to adopt but new owners must obtain all required vaccinations for their new pet and, if the pet is not spayed or neutered, this procedure must be done and receipts turned in to the Animal Shelter within 30 days as proof of the procedure and to comply with the adoption agreement.

By city ordinance, dogs not confined to the premises of their owner must be under control of the owner by a leash or metal chain sufficient in strength and length to control the dog. If cats are allowed to run at large, they must have valid rabies and license tags attached to their collar.

Shelter hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. If you are interested in donating supplies or volunteering at the Shelter, give them a call at 972.495.2271, press #2. If the attendants do not answer, please leave a voice mail. They will return your call as soon as possible.

SACHSE SENIORS ON THE GO AND IN THE KNOW

On April 19 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, AARP is offering its "55 Alive" Seniors Safe Driving class. After completion of the class, attendees will receive a certificate and be qualified to receive a discount on their auto insurance. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Call the Center at 972.495.6282 for more information or to sign up for the class.

Being a senior in Sachse is a good thing, especially if you participate in the programs. This spring they have trips planned to Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, Clark Gardens, the Grapevine Train, and a pontoon boat ride on Lake Lavon, just to name a few. So come join us as we offer enough seminars, trips, luncheons and craft classes to keep even a young person busy.

BICYCLE RODEO FOCUSES ON SAFETY

Sachse Police Department's Motorcycle and Bicycle units host the Bicycle Rodeo on Saturday, June 12 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at Armstrong Elementary, 4750 Ben Davis Road. Officers will conduct bicycle inspections and registrations, answer questions and educate children and parents on bicycle and scooter safety. An obstacle course will be set up for tips on bicycle navigation and safety helmets will be available as long as supplies last. For more information contact Officer Holland at 972.495.2271, ext. 231 and watch the City's website.



CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Friends of the Sachse Library invite you to celebrate National Library Week at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Firewheel Town Center on Saturday, April 17 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for storytime with Mayor Felix, refreshments, entertainment and at 1:00 pm, Jungle Jim's live bug show. Plus, sign up for a library card and learn how you can support the Sachse library with Barnes and Noble purchase vouchers.

CHAMBER FOOD SAMPLER AND EXPO

The Sachse Chamber of Commerce presents the Sachse Sampler and Expo on Thursday, April 15 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at Sachse Christian Church, 5005 Ben Davis Road. Local restaurants and businesses will showcase their products. There will be a small entry fee to attend.

Also, please mark your calendars for upcoming Chamber events: July 31, Cars Under the Stars Car Show; August 21, Men Who Cook Dinner; and October 9, the Annual Sachse Fallfest. If you would like more information about these events or the Sachse Sampler and Expo, please contact the Chamber office at 972.496.1212.

PARKS AND RECREATION SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Kick up your heels at the fourth annual Mother/Son Roundup on Saturday, April 24 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at Joe & Patricia Stone Park, 6000 Laurel Crest Drive. Moms and their little buckeroos are invited to an evening of dancing, hayrides, games and refreshments. Each couple will receive a picture and a party favor. The cost is \$10.00 per couple.

Check out the exciting summer camps available for all ages. Cooking Camps for ages 5 to 12; Adventures in Art Camps for ages 5 to 13; Keyboard Camps for ages 4 to 12; Summer Fun Camps for ages 5 to 13 and 7 and up including 3-D, 2-D and Cartoon Clinic; Performing Arts Camp for ages 4 to 9; and Kindermusik Camps for 18 months to 3 years old and from 3 to 5 years old. These summer camps tend to fill quickly so register online at www.cityofsachse.com or drop off your registration at the Parks offices, 3707 Sachse Road. Check out the Parks Department page on the city's website or call 469.429.0275 for more information.

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE STRESSES CODE COMPLIANCE

Spring is a welcome sight, especially after the winter we have had here in Texas. But with the warmer weather comes the new growth of grass, weeds, trees and other vegetation that requires mowing and trimming. According to Sachse's Code, it is unlawful for any person or business within the city limits of Sachse to permit grass, weeds or other vegetation to grow to a height greater than 12 inches. It is the duty of the property owner to keep the area from the line of his property to the concrete curb, alley, easement and/or right-of-way free and clear of these growths. Such vegetation must be cut and removed at least once every 30 days.

As you do yard work and spring cleaning, remember the city's bulk trash pickup is the second Wednesday week of the month on the same day as your regular trash pickup. You may only place four cubic yards (12' x 3' x 3') or equivalent to two large sofas out per monthly pickup. Brush should be cut and bundled in 4' to 5' lengths and bundles shall NOT weigh more than 50 pounds. You may NOT place items out by the curb prior to the week of bulk pickup.

Swimming pools must be kept clean and free of stagnant water. When draining pool water, including backflush, it must be drained into the sanitary sewer system. In areas not served by sanitary sewer, pool discharge, including backflush, shall be drained onto the owner's property, flood drainage ditches or easements.

If you do some spring cleaning and decide a garage sale is in order, you must obtain a garage sale permit from the Fire Marshal's office. There is no fee for the permit; it is the method used to track how many sales are held at an address. By city ordinance, only two sales per year may be held at an address. Garage sale permits may be filled out online. Visit the Fire Department page on the city's website for the online permit or for more information.

If owners do not comply with city ordinances, the City may take action necessary to correct the violations. Questions or concerns may be directed to Code Enforcement Officer Doug Angle in the Fire Marshal's office at 972.495.0975.

PARADE LEADS TO RED, WHITE AND BLUE BLAST

This year's annual 4th of July Parade will be held on Saturday, July 3. Line up begins in the Sachse Library parking lot at 5:00 pm. The parade starts at 6:00 pm and ends at Heritage Park, where prizes will be awarded and the Fire Department will provide the "Splash Down".

The fun continues with the city's annual fireworks show, Red, White and Blue Blast. Back by popular demand will be the designated tailgating areas for those who want to picnic. These spaces are on a first-come, first-served basis. You will need to call 469.429.4771 to reserve your space. A live band will begin playing at 7:30 pm and lead us right up to the spectacular fireworks show at 9:30 pm. There is plenty of room for families to bring their lawn chairs or blankets, sit out on the grass and enjoy the band and fireworks. Shuttle buses will run from the public parking areas at Sachse High School to Heritage Park and back once the fireworks show is over. A special flyer will be sent out with more information as the event approaches. Also watch the website and check the next newsletter for more information.



SUMMER READING CLUB BEGINS IN JUNE

All children ages 5 to 12 are invited to join us for the 2010 Summer Reading Club. Everyone will have the chance to earn rewards and keep their reading skills up to speed as they enjoy reading great books. This year's theme is *Catch the Reading Express!!*

Join us June 5 at 2:00 pm for our "kick-off" pizza party. Programs are every Thursday, June 10 thru July 29 at 11:00 am and again at 12:30 pm. Scheduled performances are: June 10 - Snake Encounters; June 17 - Boopsie the Clown; June 24 - Zooniversity; July 1 - Dan Gibson; July 8 - Engineer Maggie; July 15 - Bongo Rod; July 22 - Jungle Jim; and July 29 is our End-of-Program Party where we celebrate with certificates, awards and door prizes.

More information will be available at the Library and on the city's website.

OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM TESTED FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

We all know that spring can be a very volatile time in Texas. A pretty spring day can give way to high winds, damaging hail, thunderstorms, flash floods and even tornados in a matter of minutes. You are probably aware of Sachse's Outdoor Warning System, or better known as the "sirens". The Sachse Police Department tests the sirens the first Saturday of the month at 12:00 noon, unless there is bad weather in our area.

In the event of approaching bad weather, our sirens are sounded to warn people who may be outdoors to go INSIDE and learn more about the situation. The best source of information when the sirens go off is a NOAA Weather Radio (pronounced "noah"). These special radios are designed to turn themselves on and broadcast National Weather Service Watches and Warnings affecting our area. They can also be activated locally should the City need to alert residents of other disasters or emergencies. These radios are available through many local retail stores, such as Walgreens, Home Depot, Lowes, etc. A helpful website to visit for information about the NOAA Weather Radios is www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/.

Disasters can happen at any time, with or without warning. Three keys to protecting yourself and your family are: Make a Disaster Plan, Build a Disaster Kit, and Stay Informed. One step further is to Get Involved. To learn more, visit www.knowhat2do.com or www.ready.gov.



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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR FELIX



I hope you have formed your cleanup team for the Great American Cleanup on April 10. We gather at Heritage Park at 9:00 am to kick off the event. See the article on page 2 for details.

Also, please consider joining myself and other Sachse dignitaries at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event on April 23 and 24 from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am at Shaffer Stadium in Wylie. The cities of Sachse, Wylie and Murphy are teaming up to raise money for research to help fight cancer, remember loved ones lost, and to celebrate cancer survivors. Join your friends and neighbors on Sachse's Relay team. Drop by or call the Chamber of Commerce office for more information. It's not too late to join us on this inspirational walk for life and hope.



What an exciting time in Sachse! On February 25 the general contractor for the Municipal Complex, Lee Lewis Construction, Inc. provided a "top out" event with a beam raising and catered lunch for city staff, dignitaries, and workers. The employees and workers who wanted to sign the beam were able to do so before it was hoisted and put in place at the City Hall building. The Municipal Complex construction is moving at a furious pace and it is anticipated that the Public Safety Building will be ready for our police and fire departments to make their move in June. The anticipated move-in date for City Hall is July/August and the Senior Center should be ready in September. As soon as the dust settles, the city will host an open house. Watch upcoming newsletters and the city's website for information as it becomes available.



This year's City election will seat Place 5, Place 6 and the Mayoral seat. Voting dates and times are noted on the front page of this newsletter and available on the website. Please exercise your right to vote on May 8th.

CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

Police/Fire/Medical	911
Police Non-Emergency	972.495.2271
Fire Non-Emergency	972.495.0975
(Code Enforcement)	
City Hall	972.495.1212
(City Manager, City Secretary, Finance, Utility Billing, Municipal Court, and Human Resources)	
Library	972.530.8966
Comm. Development	972.675.1633
(Permits, Building Inspections, Zoning)	
Public Works	972.495.7600
Parks and Recreation	469.429.0275
Animal Control	972.495.2271
Sachse Senior Center	972.495.6282
Economic Development	972.675.0562
Chamber of Commerce	972.496.1212

City Council

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Bill Adams, Mayor Pro Tem	214.869.1655
Cullen King	214.869.1483
Pat McMillan	214.869.1083
Jared Patterson	214.869.1357
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Contact any Council member from the City's website at www.cityofsachse.com/City_Council