

# The Sachse Scene

March / April 2013 Newsletter



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

City staff will conduct Neighborhood meetings based on Police Department AORs. Watch city's website for future meetings.

**Mar. 23, 10 a.m. - EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE** at Heritage Park for children ages 2 - 10.

**Mar. 23, 7:30 p.m. - DOGGIE BONE HUNT** at Heritage Park  
*Doggie treats, prizes and lots of fun.*

**Mar. 23, 8:15 p.m. - FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT** at Heritage Park for children ages 5 - 13.

**Mar. 29 - ALL CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY**

**Mar. 30 - SACHSE BASEBALL** Opening Day Parade and ceremonies - See website for details.

**April 6, 1:30 p.m. - MS. LAKE CITIES SENIOR PAGEANT** at Senior Center - *Open to contestants 60+*

**April 12, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and April 13, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - CITYWIDE TRASH COLLECTION AND ELECTRONIC RECYCLING** at Animal Shelter Facility for Sachse residents at no charge.

**April 13, 9:00 a.m. - ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION AND GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP**  
*Meet at City's Municipal Complex.*

**April 29, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - EARLY VOTING BEGINS**

*More info can be found here and on the City's website [www.cityofsachse.com](http://www.cityofsachse.com)*

## EASTER BUNNY HOPS INTO ACTIVITIES AT HERITAGE PARK



The Easter Bunny makes his way to Sachse on March 23 for several fun events. We start the day at 10:00 a.m. with the annual Easter Egg Scramble. Children ages 2 to 10 will hunt candy and special prize eggs in three age categories: 2 to 4 years; 5 to 7 years; and 8 to 10 years of ages. At 8:15 p.m., the Flashlight Egg Hunt presents a special challenge to children ages 5 to 13. Make sure your flashlight has new batteries and join the Easter Bunny as we search for the eggs stuffed with candy and that special Golden Egg.

And we can't forget our furry friends. The Doggie Bone Hunt will start at 7:30 p.m. Bring your canine friend out to the park for doggie treats, prizes and a picture with the Easter Bunny. Dogs will be divided based on weight and are required to be on a leash at all times. Enter your "best friend" into the best dressed or cutest contest. If you have any questions about these events, please call the Parks Department at 469.429.0275.

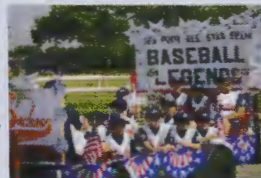
## FREE INCOME TAX SERVICE

Income tax specialists from the AARP continue to provide free income tax preparations at the Senior Activity Center, 3815 Sachse Road, Building A, every Tuesday, through Apr. 9, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Service is on a first-come, first-served basis, no appointments will be taken, and you do not have to be a senior citizen to take advantage of this service. If you need more information, please call the Center at 972.495.6282.

**City offices closed March 29 for Good Friday. If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 972.495.2271, option 2. A maintenance tech will be dispatched to your location. Trash service will run as usual.**

## Sachse Baseball's Opening Day

March 30 is the date for the 2013 baseball season opening ceremonies. The parade starts at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. Check out more details on their website at [www.leaguelineup.com/sachse](http://www.leaguelineup.com/sachse).



## CITY ELECTION MAY 11

The 2013 city election ballot will include the position of Mayor (incumbent Mike Felix), City Council Place 5 and City Council Place 6. Incumbents Pat McMillan and Mark Timm have announced they are not seeking re-election. Candidate filings as of Feb. 15 are Mayor, Mike Felix; Place 5, Cullen King; and Place 6, Jeff Bickerstaff. March 1 is the candidate filing deadline.

Also on the ballot will be City Charter amendments and a Street Maintenance Sales and Use Tax of 1/4 of 1 percent. (Informational flyer will be mailed to all residents.)

If you have questions about the election or voting, please contact the City Secretary at [tsmith@cityofsachse.com](mailto:tsmith@cityofsachse.com), or call 469.429.4775.

## SR. PAGEANT MORE THAN JUST LOOKS

The Ms. Lake Cities Senior Pageant will be held at the Sachse Senior Center on April 6 at 1:30 p.m. These ladies work diligently to perfect their performances in talent, personality and evening gown. Entrants must be 60+ and have the desire and courage to compete. If you would like more information, please contact Dixie Dickson at 972.495.6282



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## GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP / ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Volunteers will join forces on Saturday, April 13 to help clean, beautify, and plant flowers and trees throughout Sachse. Groups and individuals will meet at the Municipal Complex at 9:00 a.m. for their assignments and areas of cleanup. Prior to work starting, Mayor Felix will present an Arbor Day Proclamation as part of Sachse's participation in the Tree City USA Foundation. Volunteers return to City Hall at noon where lunch will be provided along with activities for the children and entertainment by the Daughter Judy Band.

In addition, the city offers a citywide trash collection and electronic recycling event. On April 12, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and April 13, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., residents may dump trash, debris, brush, appliances, tvs, computers, and old cell phones. Dumpsters will be available at the Animal Shelter, 6436 Sachse Road.

You may see more information on the city's website, or if you have a group interested in joining the cleanup and beautification efforts, please call 469.429.0275.



### City Contact Numbers

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| 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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| Mike Felix, Mayor | 214.869.1016 |
| Jared Patterson,  | 214.869.1357 |
| Mayor Pro Tem     |              |
| Bill Adams        | 214.869.1655 |
| Brett Franks      | 214.869.1288 |
| Pat McMillan      | 214.869.1083 |
| Todd Ronnau       | 469.628.0041 |
| Mark Timm         | 214.869.1884 |

[www.cityofsachse.com/City Council](http://www.cityofsachse.com/CityCouncil)

## MOSQUITO ACTION PLAN ALREADY A-BUZZ

City staff has met with Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) and City of Garland's health officials to develop a Mosquito Action Plan. The Plan, implemented on March 1, includes public information and education, surveillance and monitoring, and controlling the spread of West Nile. Dallas County monitors traps at three locations in Sachse. These traps will be collected, tested and results reported to Sachse by Dallas County officials each Friday. The action plan taken will depend on a positive trap test and/or the reporting of a human case of West Nile. Sachse contracts with Dallas County for ground spraying. If ground spraying is scheduled, residents will be notified by Reverse 9-1-1 calls, publication on website, and notification signs placed at entrances to the neighborhoods affected.

Residents will find current reports and results on the city's website. The Mosquito Action Plan can be found under Departments/Community Development/Health & Environment. Citizens can help protect themselves by remembering the "Four D's": DRAIN-all areas of standing water; DEET-apply insect repellents; DRESS-protectively with long sleeves and pants; and DUSK/DAWN-limit outside exposure. If you have any questions or would like to report an issue, please contact Billy Ho at [bho@cityofsachse.com](mailto:bho@cityofsachse.com) or call 469.429.4788.

**If you use a cell phone as your home phone, make sure the Police Department has your cell phone number on file. The Reverse 9-1-1 system will be used to notify residents of mosquito spraying and other important information. Send info to [mcassidy@cityofsachse.com](mailto:mcassidy@cityofsachse.com).**



### VIDEO PARTNERSHIP DETERS CRIME

A new community program offered by the Sachse Police Department, the Neighborhood Video Partnership Program, allows residents who have video recording devices on their property to share the video with the police department, should it capture video of investigative significance. How does it work? Residents who wish to participate may register on the city's website under E-Services/Online Forms. The location of registered residences is maintained on a database accessible by the officers in their squad cars. In the event of criminal activity in the area, officers may request to view a resident's video for evidence. Relevant information is used by Sachse PD only. It is not released to the public or media.

More information is available on the city's website or by contacting Lt. Cassidy at [mcassidy@cityofsachse.com](mailto:mcassidy@cityofsachse.com).

### MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

The Friends of the Sachse Library are hosting a Mad Hatter Tea Party on May 4 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Sachse Senior Center. Meet the Mad Hatter, the White Rabbit and other Alice in Wonderland characters. Enjoy a three-course tea, hair and make-over, hand massage, crafts and more. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more information, email Mary at [friendsofsachselibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsofsachselibrary@yahoo.com) or call 214.629.0522. The Friends meet the 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Library.

Library staff has reinstated the Paws and Read program. Children read to our canine friend Nicco, who will be at the Library the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 3:30 p.m. Other upcoming events at the Library: History of Sachse with Lloyd Henderson on March 5 at 6:30 p.m.; Texas Folktales at 6:30 p.m. on March 12; and a computer class on Facebook March 5 at 6:00 p.m.



### ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Chamber members gathered February 1 to recognize the service of individuals and businesses. Those honored were: Lake Point Medical Partners-Sachse, Sachse Business of the Year; Hyatt Place Garland, Area Business of the Year; Lizzie Bee's Flower Shoppe, Horizon Business of the Year; Frank Millsap, Person of the Year; Billy George, Public Servant of the Year; Vincent Montagnò, Spirit of Sachse; and David Todd, Ambassador of the Year. Teacher of the Year awards went to Gye Kraemer of Hudson Middle School and Kristi Williams of Whitt Elementary.

Congratulations to all honorees and businesses.