



The Sachse Scene

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Keeping You Informed About Your City

City offices will be closed Friday, April 18 for Good Friday. If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 972.495.2271, option 2. Trash service will NOT run. Friday's trash routes will be picked up on Saturday.

Great American Clean-up and Arbor Day Celebration

April 5 at City Hall Amphitheater
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join your friends, neighbors, scout groups, school clubs, church groups, corporate teams, and families as they volunteer to "clean up Sachse". Mayor Felix will present an Arbor Day Proclamation, free gift trees will be handed out by the Parks Department while supplies last, and groups will be dispatched to their designated area of Sachse to clean up or beautify by planting flowers. Groups will return to City Hall for a free lunch, bounce houses for the kids, and entertainment by the Daughter Judy Band. To register your group call the Parks Department at 469.429.0275.

Citywide Trash Collection and Recycling Event

April 4, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
April 5, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Animal Shelter, 6436 Sachse Road
Clean out the garage and safely get rid of the old, outdated electronics! Items will be reused, recycled, or safely disposed of at this citywide collection event. Residents may drop off trash, debris, brush, and appliances on Friday. On Saturday, Allied Waste is providing e-waste, hazardous waste, and document shredding. Residents may dispose of electronics, old paint, household chemicals, and participate in on-site document shredding. Watch the city's website for a complete list of items.

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Groups from 2013 Clean-up Event take time out afterwards for a group photo.

General Election for City Council May 10th

The 2014 city election ballot will include the position of City Council Place 3 (incumbent Todd Ronnau) and City Council Place 4 (incumbent Bill Adams). Incumbent Todd Ronnau has announced he will not seek re-election.

February 28 was the last day to file to run for office. Check the city's website for election information and to preview the ballot.

Early voting starts April 28, ends May 6 and will be at City Hall as well as other



locations. Election Day voting will be at City Hall. Dates, times and locations are listed on the city's website at www.cityofsachse.com / Residents / Vote Election Information.

You must be registered to vote 30 days prior to election day. Voter registration cards are available at City Hall. If you have questions, please visit the city's website or contact the City Secretary at tsmith@cityofsachse.com.

City Renames Park Lake Park



By Resolution No. 3336, City Council established a policy for the naming of public facilities, including parks and recreation facilities. An application

to rename Park Lake Park was approved by the Sachse Parks and Recreation Board and submitted to City Council. Council voted unanimously to rename the park after the late David Sanford, a resident for 12 years who was very active in the community, especially at Park Lake Park.

Mr. Sanford worked to get the park on the Adopt-a-Spot program. He formed Park Lake Partners, a group of citizens interested in the beautification and cleanliness of the park, and raised funds to help supplement the landscape materials around the park. He was instrumental in working with the City to get a security light installed, a playground cover installed, obtaining trash cans and painting distance markers around the trail, and helping with pruning and landscaping of trees, shrubbery, and plantings in and around the park area.

Join Mayor Felix, council members, city staff, family and friends on March 1 at 10 a.m. to dedicate Dave Sanford Park.

Senior Center Gears Up for Spring Activities

Slowing down is not an option at the Sachse Senior Center. The AARP Free Taxaide Service continues through April 7, each Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. No registration and you do not have to be a senior citizen to participate in this service.

Join us March 28 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. for our Sock Hop. Dress up in your cutest poodle skirt, rolled up jeans and tee shirts and stroll

down memory lane as we “bee-bop” to the oldies.

On May 17 at 1:30 p.m. the Center plays host to the Ms. Lake Cities Senior Pageant. Open to ladies 60+, the pageant features talent, personality, and evening gown competitions. Entrants only need the desire, confidence, and courage to compete. Contact Dixie for more info.

The Center offers classes in jewelry making, paper craft, computer skills, line dancing, and metal detectors. You can join the book club, the Wii bowling team, or stay fit in the balance and exercise classes. If games are your thing, grab a seat at the bridge, mahjong, or card table, or shoot a game of 8-ball at the pool table.

A monthly pot luck lunch, birthday party, and informative “lunch and learns” are

well attended.

The Dallas County nurse visits the fourth Friday of the month from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. for blood pressure checks, blood sugar readings, and cholesterol checks.

If you are 50+ and interested in joining, visit us Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Or call 972.495.6282 for information.



From the Mayor's Desk

Mike Felix
Mayor, City of Sachse

On December 6, Sachse was hit hard by one of the worst ice storms to come through North Texas. Many of our residents were without electricity and heat for several days, creating a very difficult situation. During the storm, the city implemented emergency operations to fight the storm on the streets and keep residents warm. In the days and weeks following this unprecedented event, crews throughout the area worked to clean up tree and brush debris, and I am proud to report that the city no longer has brush piles on every block!

As the ice storm becomes more of a memory, we look forward to spring and warmer weather. There are many fun activities for Sachse families to take part in this spring. One of those events, the Great American Cleanup, has Council very excited and ready to get to work. This event started in 2009 and has grown tremendously. Last year 300+ volunteers with 23 organizations collected over 5,000 pounds of trash, planted 350 flowers and 5 trees at various city parks and facilities, and cleaned and beautified 23 cities within Sachse. This year during the collection event on Friday and Saturday, we add document shredding and hazardous waste collection in addition to the collection of trash, brush, appliances, and e-waste. After the work is done, City staff has planned lunch, activities, and entertainment in the amphitheater at the Municipal Complex. We hope you will show your community pride and join us April 5 for this community-wide event.



The Easter events span the entire day on April 12 and on May 3, the Parks Department will be hosting the premiere of the animated movie *Frozen* in the amphitheater.

The Library hosts activities, programs, and contests for patrons of all ages with its photography and poetry contests, teen tech week, and pre-school story times.

The baseball fields will be kept busy this spring as the Sachse Baseball Association kicks off its 2014 season with opening day on March 29. The Association provides opportunities for youth ages 3 to 14 to join a team.

And mark your calendar now to join us at the annual Red, White and Blue Blast on July 3 at Heritage Park.

Council is very proud that Sachse continues to provide quality activities for the entire family close to home. At little to no charge to our residents, what a great value! The Council and I look forward to participating with our citizens.



Here Comes Peter Cottontail.....

.....Hopping down the bunny trail.

The Easter Bunny will be in Sachse on April 12 at Heritage

Park at 10:00 a.m. for the annual Easter Egg Scramble. Children ages 2 through 10 are invited to hunt for candy eggs and special "prize" eggs in three age categories: 2 to 4 years of age; 5 to 7 years of age; and 8 to 10 years of age. Be sure to bring the camera for

a picture with the Easter Bunny.

If it rains, the event will be postponed until Sunday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m. at Heritage Park.



.....Hippity, Hoppity, Easter's on its way.

Bring your best friend (the furry kind) out to Heritage Park on April 12 at 7:30 p.m. for the

annual Doggie Bone Hunt. There will be doggie treats, prizes, and great fun for the four-legged friends. Dogs will be divided by weight and MUST be on a leash at all times.



There will be contests for best dressed and cutest. Bring a camera and get a photo of the Easter Bunny with your pet.



A challenge for the older kids is to hunt those Easter eggs in the dark. For children ages 5 to 13, the Flashlight Egg Hunt starts at 8:15 p.m. on April 12 at Heritage Park. Make sure the flashlight has fresh batteries and join the fun as the kids hunt for eggs stuffed with candy. Find the Golden Egg and win a special prize.



The day is filled with fun activities for everyone. Hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department, there is no charge for any of these events.

Water Rates and Sewer Averaging How Do I Calculate My Utility Bill?

Residents will notice a 1.2% rate increase on their water bills beginning with the March 1 bill.

The City Council approved an annual rate adjustment based on the consumer price index to help cover rising costs. The table below shows the new water rates by tier.

Sewer averaging takes place from November through March. The months with the highest and lowest usage of the five months are thrown out and

the three remaining are averaged to determine the monthly average usage. For example, If a resident uses an average of 9,000 gallons per month, their sewer rate will be \$8.03 plus $(\$4.47 \times 9)$ for a rate of \$48.26. This calculated volume shall apply for the next 12 months.

If you would like to know how to calculate your utility bill, visit the city's website under Residents / Utilities / Water Service / Water Sewer Fees.

Tier	Water Usage (Gallons)	Fee (Per 1000 Gallons)
Tier 1	0 - 10,000	\$2.96
Tier 2	10,001 - 15,000	\$3.69
Tier 3	15,001 - 20,000	\$4.44
Tier 4	20,001 - 30,000	\$5.18
Tier 5	30,001 and up	\$5.92

Teen Tech Week During Spring Break at Library

New E-books Arrive Monthly

The library receives new e-books each month. Check out the newest titles and download them to your readers through the Sachse Library's 3M Cloud Library app. All you need is a Sachse Library card and to owe no fines over \$5.00.



You may access the app on the city's website under Library/E-books.

Activities for All Ages

Kids join us March 3 at 4:00 p.m. for Dr. Seuss's birthday party. There will be games, cake, and crafts. So don't be a Grinch, come to the party.

Native Texas plants have stories to tell. Find out more March 4 at 6:30 p.m. to find out which plant helps us sweep, which plant was needed by the Navy in World War II, which is associated with the French Legion of

Honor Medal, and which native Texas tree made its way to Patrick Henry's home.

Teen Tech Week is March 10-14. Visit the library where you can design your own video, stories, avatars, or talking pictures. Participate in a library scavenger hunt and a "techie" guessing game for prizes.

Join us March 12 at 6:30 p.m. as Jeanie Marten, Coldwell Banker Apex Realtors, will talk about the best time to sell your house, how to prepare your house for sale, what has changed in the home financing world, and much more.

Library users of all ages are invited to participate in this year's Poetry Contest. Entries are accepted April 1 through 19. Poems will be judged by age categories and winners will read their submissions April 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Check out these and more activities on the city's website or call the Library at 972.530.8966.

Sachse Baseball Opening Day Parade and Ceremony

The Sachse Baseball Association's opening day parade and ceremony will be Saturday, March 29, starting at 9:00 a.m. at Sachse Municipal Complex, the corner of Sachse Road and Miles Road. The parade will travel southbound on Miles Road and end at Heritage Park. The Association would like to invite folks out to watch the parade.

Once the parade ends at Heritage Park, the Association will conduct opening ceremonies and then PLAY BALL!!

The Association is very pleased to have 400 little athletes signed up to play this spring and looking forward to the best season ever. Catch a game at Heritage Park or Salmon Park. Schedules will be available at www.leaguelineup.com/sachse.



Sachse Historical Society Hosts 25th Annual Meeting

Are you interested in the history of your home town? If so, join the Historical Society on Sunday, March 2 at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Charles Smith and Sons Chapel, 2925 Fifth Street.

The business portion of the meeting will focus on budget, setting goals for next year, and approving new officers and directors: Bobby Tillman, President; Lloyd Henderson, Vice-President; Cyndi Mitchell, Secretary; Diana Smith, Treasurer; and Directors Sandy Baker, Kathy Cobb, Cullen King, Charles Smith, Doug Smith, Virginia Stone, and Mark Timm. Mr. Henderson is this year's keynote speaker.

Once the formalities are complete, we will stroll over to the museum for visitation and refreshments. The museum is located at 3033 Sixth Street. Hours are Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Other hours are available upon request.

Annual membership dues to join the Society are \$20 for individuals and families and \$50 for corporations. Contact any board member for more information.

Public Works Department.....

Keeping Things Moving in Sachse

If you were without power during the ice storm in December, it probably made you appreciate the electricity we take for granted. How about the water that comes out of our faucets, the toilet that flushes and carries waste from our homes, and the roadways that allow us to travel from place to place? The men who work at the Public Works Department are responsible for keeping these things flowing smoothly in Sachse.

Street Department

The city's street department not only repairs or replaces portions of asphalt and concrete streets, alleys, and curbs,



they also replace damaged or failing sidewalks, make repairs to the drainage system including repairing storm pipe, concrete headwalls, inlets and grading ditches, and install and replace street signs. When storms hit Sachse, they are there to put up barricades and detour traffic from flooded roadways or sand bridges and roads during icy weather.

Utilities Department

Whether it is 3:00 p.m. or 3:00 a.m., the utilities department makes sure water is flowing in both



directions. They are there to repair or replace water service line leaks, water



main breaks, sewer line separations, and sewer line stoppages. They monitor pump stations and lift stations, ensure drinking water is safe by collecting samples and investigating water quality complaints. They maintain a backflow prevention and cross-connection control program to protect the water system.

Monthly maintenance includes flushing dead-end water mains, operating and exercising valves, jetting sewer mains, and keeping fire hydrants operational.

Remember, if you have a water / sewer emergency, call 972.495.7600, or after hours call 972.495.2271, option 2. A maintenance tech will be there to help.

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

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Charlie Ross	214.869.1357
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