



# The Sachse Scene

March/April 2015

Keeping You Informed About Your City

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**March 8** - Daylight Savings Time

**March 17** - Saint Patrick's Day

**March 20** - First Day of Spring

**April 3** - Good Friday  
City Offices **CLOSED**

**April 5** - Easter

**April 22** - Earth Day

**April 24** - Arbor Day



Spring is upon us. There are so many fun activities for Sachse families to take part in this spring. Some of those include the Great American Clean-Up and Arbor Day Celebration, the Citywide Trash and Recycling Event, and the various Easter events that will be taking place in the upcoming months. All of these and more are highlighted in this edition.



These great events continue to grow each year. The council and I are excited to see such events continue to be successful and make an even bigger impact than the previous year. We cannot thank enough the volunteers who come out along with the city staff who plans and prepares for such great events each year.

The Easter events are always a fun time for the families. There are events for all age groups and you can even include your favorite pooches by entering them into the Doggie Bone Hunt. You don't want to miss out on all the fun activities with the Easter Bunny.

The Library will also be hosting activities, programs, and contests for patrons of all ages. Stay on the lookout for these by visiting their Facebook page and/or the city's website.

The City Council is very proud that Sachse continues to provide quality activities for the entire family. They get bigger and better each year. The Council and I look forward to participating and seeing you out at one of these many upcoming spring events.

~ Mike Felix, Mayor

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## ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE

The Sachse Public Library has recently received an award by the Texas Municipal Libraries Directors Association. A committee from this board selected the library for providing and demonstrating excellence in several categories that shows their ability to provide many levels of services and programs. Well done!

## Holiday Trash Reminder

Trash service will not run on Friday, April 3, in observance of Good Friday. Trash service will be delayed by one day with Friday's routes being picked up on Saturday, April 4.



## BEST WISHES TO THE CITY MANAGER

It's always hard to lose someone that has devoted much of their time and energy into a job they love. The City Council and staff said their fond farewells to City Manager Billy George in February.

Mr. George began his career in Sachse in 2008 as the City Engineer. Mr. George received his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Texas Tech University, and earned his Master of Business Administration from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. In 2011, he was named as City Manager.



*"Never say goodbye because goodbye means going away and going away means forgetting."*

*~ Peter Pan*

Mr. George has also been recognized and awarded as the Young Engineer of the Year in 2008 by the Texas Society of Professional Engineers Preston Trail Chapter where he also served as President.

The City Council as well as City Staff will greatly miss him. There are several other great memories we could share regarding Mr. George. However, the important and final ones are his own. "This city is made of an exceptional group of people. The community has been very supportive of me and my family, and I appreciate everyone so much. I will miss the Sachse Team when I am gone." Mr. George will certainly be missed, but not forgotten.

## POLICE CHIEF DENNIS VEACH RETIRES

The city also congratulated Chief Dennis Veach on his longtime career with his retirement in February. Chief Veach joined Sachse in 2007 as Police Chief.

Chief Veach is highly decorated and has served not only as a Chief, but as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Hostage Negotiator, Shift Captain, Investigative Commander, Deputy Chief, and Chief of Police twice.

His humor, style, and contributions amongst many will be greatly missed. He wanted to change the world, and we believe he has.

## CITY ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

### SENIOR CENTER

**AARP Tax-Aide** Take advantage of this service running every Tuesday through April 14, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. No pre-registration is required and is on a first come first serve basis.

**Sock hop**

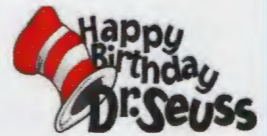
Saturday, March 21 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Dress up in your favorite outfit and come out to dance and take a stroll down memory lane for this fun event.

**Russell Stover**

On Wednesday, April 1, join us for a fun outing to the Terrell Mall and Russel Stover. It's going to be a sweet trip. **MUST** pre-register for this event.

### LIBRARY

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's 111th Birthday on Tuesday, March 3 at 4:00 p.m. for some games, crafts, and crazy snacks.



It's time to get creative! Join us on Thursday, March 19 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for card making, paper crafts and more. Supplies are provided. All ages welcome.

KEEP CALM and CRAFT ON

Social Easter story time with an Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday, April 2 at 11:00 a.m.



Check the city's website to view calendars for the Senior Center and the Library for other upcoming events.



## GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP AND ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

\*\*\*\*\* APRIL 11 AT CITY HALL AMPHITHEATER AT 9:00 A.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 to volunteers by the Parks Department while supplies last; and, groups will be dispatched to their designated area of Sachse to clean up and/or beautify the area 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 and Recreation Department at 469-429-0275.



### CITYWIDE TRASH COLLECTION AND RECYCLING EVENT

APRIL 10 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. & APRIL 11 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

Clean out the garage and safely get rid of the old, outdated electronics. Items will be reused, recycled, or safely disposed of at the 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.



The Easter Bunny will be in Sachse on **March 28** 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, March 29 at Heritage Park beginning at 2:00 p.m.

The day will also include the annual **Doggie Bone Hunt** starting at 7:30 p.m. 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.

The **Flashlight Egg Hunt** starts at 8:15 p.m. for children ages 5 to 13. Join the fun while the kids hunt for eggs stuffed with candy and go in search of the Golden Eggs to win the special prize. Don't forget to check those flashlights and make sure they have fresh batteries.

All events are hosted by the city's Parks and Recreation Department and are **FREE** of charge. For more information on these events or others, visit [www.cityofsachse.com/parks](http://www.cityofsachse.com/parks).



## SACHSE BASEBALL OPENING DAY



The Sachse Baseball Association's opening day ceremony and parade will be Saturday, March 21, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The parade starts at the 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 cordially invites everyone out to enjoy the festivities and watch the parade. Once the parade ends at Heritage Park, the Association will conduct opening day ceremonies and then it's **PLAY BALL!!** Please visit the association's website at [www.sachsebaseball.org](http://www.sachsebaseball.org) to view schedules, calendar, standings, and all things related to Sachse Baseball.

## WATER RATES AND SEWER AVERAGING

Sewer averaging takes place from November through March. The highest and lowest use months of the five winter months will be deleted from the calculation, and the three remaining months averaged to determine the monthly volume.

### How Do I Calculate My Utility Bill?

For example, if a resident uses an average of 9,000 gallons per month, their residential sewer rate per month will be \$9.64 plus  $(\$5.36 \times 9)$  for a rate of \$57.88. This calculated volume shall apply for the next 12 months. If you would like additional information on how to calculate your utility bill, visit the city's website under Residents/Utilities/Water Service/Water Sewer Fees.

## EARLY VOTING FOR MAY 9 ELECTION



The May 2015 General Election will be held this year on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at City Hall. The ballot will include Place 1 (Incumbent Brett Franks) and Place 2 (Incumbent Charlie Ross). As of February 16, 2015, both incumbents have filed for office.

Early voting will begin on Monday, April 27, and run through Tuesday, May 5. To view a full listing of early voting locations, you may visit the links on the city's website and/or Dallas County's website at [www.dallascountyvotes.org](http://www.dallascountyvotes.org).

Hours for early voting will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning on Monday, April 27 through Saturday, May 2; 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 3; and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4 and Tuesday, May 5.

If you have any questions regarding the election, voting in the election or any other questions, please contact Terry Smith, City Secretary by email at: [tsmith@cityofsachse.com](mailto:tsmith@cityofsachse.com) or call 469-429-4775.

## SACHSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Sachse Historical Society will be meeting on Sunday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m. at the Charles Smith and Son's auditorium. Come check out the exhibits as well as the newly remodeled and expanded facilities.

## SACHSE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship applications are now being accepted from students currently residing in Sachse, working at a 12th grade level in public, homeschool, or private school. This scholarship will be awarded to one student in the amount of \$1,000 and must be used during the 2015/2016 academic year at an accredited education institution beyond the high school level. Applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2015. For more information go to [www.cityofsachse.com/scholarship](http://www.cityofsachse.com/scholarship).

### 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	214.869.1016
Jeff Bickerstaff, Mayor Pro Tem	214.869.1884
Brett Franks	214.869.1288
Charlie Ross	214.869.1357
Paul Watkins	469.628.0041
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Cullen King	214.869.1083

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