



# The Sachse Scene

May / June 2014

Keeping You Informed About Your City

City offices will be closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day and Friday, July 4 for Independence Day. If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 972.495.2271, option 2. Trash service will NOT run on these holidays. Trash service will be delayed by one day the remainder of the week. Visit Residents / Garbage Recycling Information tab on the city's website at [www.cityofsachse.com](http://www.cityofsachse.com) for schedule.

## City Council General Election May 10 for Place 3

Remember to get out and vote on May 10 for the City Council election. This year's election has a contested race in Place 3 between David E. Landis and Paul Watkins for the expired term of Councilman Todd Ronnau. Mr. Ronnau announced in February that he would not seek re-election. Mayor Pro Tem Bill Adams in Place 4 is unopposed. Once the election is canvassed, the newly-elected Councilmembers will take the oath of office and assume their duties.



Early voting starts April 28 (Monday) through May 3 (Saturday), 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; May 4 (Sunday), 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.; and May 5 (Monday) through May 6 (Tuesday), 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early voting takes place at Sachse City Hall and other Dallas County early voting locations county-wide. Polls are open on election day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Sachse City Hall.

More election information is available on the city's website or on the Dallas County website at [www.dallascountyvotes.org](http://www.dallascountyvotes.org).

## Dallas County and Sachse Prepare Early for West Nile Virus

Sachse staff and Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) prepared early for West Nile Virus (WNV) season and urge county residents to get ready as well. DCHHS deployed workers on April 1 to set up mosquito traps to collect, test and identify mosquitos at various locations throughout the county. They have set up four mosquito traps in multiple fixed areas in both counties of Sachse. The traps are monitored weekly. If a mosquito is found positive for WNV, Dallas County responds by ground spraying the area where the mosquito was found within 48 hours. City staff will issue notifications in advance of spraying.

use and safety precautions found on the label of each pack.

WNV is only spread by the bite of an infected mosquito, therefore, It is imperative that citizens practice the 4Ds in order to keep themselves and their families safe from WNV.

### West Nile Virus prevention starts with you!

The '4Ds' of West Nile Prevention

#### DEET

Use insect repellants that contain DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

#### DRESS

Avoid mosquito bites by wearing long, loose and light-colored clothing.

#### DRAIN

Remove all areas of standing water. Change water in wading pools, pet dishes and birdbaths several times a week.

#### DUSK & DAWN

Stay indoors during dusk and dawn hours when mosquitoes are most active.

There was a significant decrease in WNV cases in 2013 due in part to citizen awareness and we want that trend to continue in 2014. The fight against West Nile is a joint effort. Everyone plays a role in making sure their homes and our communities are safe.

Resident's requests to investigate an area of concern are welcome. Visit the city's website under the "Residents/Mosquito Control" tab for trap locations, an online complaint form, and more information.

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## Officers Host Bike Rodeo

The Sachse Police Department is hosting its annual Bicycle Rodeo again in 2014. Please watch the city website for the date, time and location.

Officers will conduct bicycle inspections and child safety seat inspections. They will get your bicycles registered with the department and will answer questions on bicycle and scooter safety and rules regarding scooters within the city. There will be an obstacle course to teach the children the proper way to stop and signal at intersections.



Free helmets will be available while supplies last. Be sure to enter the drawing for two bicycles. Thanks to White Tiger Tae Kwon Do for donating the bicycles and the Sachse's Fraternal Order of Police for donating the helmets.

For more information, please contact Officer Abbott at 972.495.2271, ext. 1233.

## Sign Up Now for Summer Youth Camps

Cynthia Wiseman, Activity Coordinator in Parks and Rec, says space in this summer's youth camps is filling up fast.

These camps keep the kids busy and active as they learn a new skill or polish up on one already acquired. Camps being offered include: Adventures in Art Camp, ages 5-13; Young Rembrandts Camps, ages 6-12; Cooking Camp, ages 5-12; Edustars Summer Science Camp, ages 4-6, ages 7-9, and ages 10-12, depending on the session;

Cheer Camp, ages 5-10; Keyboard Camp, ages 4-12; Performing Arts Camp, ages 4-9; and Funtastic Preschool Summer Camp, ages 3-5.

Camp dates, times and locations vary. The class brochure is available online under "Parks and Recreation Department" or call Cynthia at 469.429.0275 to check on class status or registration. You may also register online at [cityofsachse.com](http://cityofsachse.com) under the E-services, Registration/Class Fees tab.



The Sachse Chamber of Commerce presents the 6th Annual Men Who Cook. Celebrity chefs from the community share their famous recipes with the guests. There will be music, dancing, live and silent auctions, and a cash bar. Join in the fun on Friday, May 2, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Woodbridge Golf Club, 7400 Country Club Drive.

For more information, please contact the Chamber office at 972.496.1212 or visit their website at [sachsechamber.com](http://sachsechamber.com).



## From the Mayor's Desk



**Mike Felix**  
Mayor, City of Sachse

Warm weather is back again and things are heating up for another great summer full of activities for all ages here in the Great City of Sachse!

No matter your age or likes, you can find something fun that will pique your interest this summer in our community.

Have you ever wanted to play a guitar or learn calligraphy? Maybe a young person in your home would like to take a gymnastics class or hone some soccer skills?

You can sign up for these classes and many more through the City's Parks Department. Just visit the City's Parks & Recreation page on the City website to see all that is available and to get signed up.

If your interest is reading, you can sign up for the Summer Reading Program at your Sachse Public Library. Children, teens, and adults can participate and, while expanding your world through the wonder of books, you might win a prize along the way! The Summer Reading Program kickoff will take place on June 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 a.m. and will include something fun for the whole family.



If you are just into having a good time, I invite you to join us on July 3<sup>rd</sup> for the annual *Red, White & Blue Blast*: Sachse's Independence Day Celebration. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a parade to Heritage Park. Following the parade at 7 p.m., the stage warms up with live music and festivities until 9:30 p.m. when we light up the Sachse sky with fireworks!

With all the food, fun, and fireworks, there is something for everyone! I sincerely hope that you will stop by to celebrate with your community.

Please take some time to check out all your community has to offer at [www.cityofsachse.com](http://www.cityofsachse.com).

While you are there we would love to hear from you!



## Low Cost Pet Shot Clinic Hosted by Sachse Animal Control May 3

The onset of spring brings wild animals into the neighborhoods. Make sure your pet is protected from rabies and other diseases by getting their vaccinations updated.

Animal Control is hosting a low cost pet shot clinic on Saturday, May 3 from

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Shelter, 6436 Sachse Road.

Animal Allies will offer shot packages, puppy shot packages, heartworm tests, feline leukemia vaccine and tests, and microchipping.

City registration/tags are available for \$2 if your pet is

spayed or neutered, or \$7 if they are not. Please bring proof of spay/neuter. Registration is FREE with a can of pet food. No checks or debit/credit cards can be accepted. Payment is by **CASH ONLY** and no bills larger than a \$20 bill please.



Remember, **DOGS MUST BE ON LEASHES AND CATS IN CARRIERS.**

For more information, please contact the Animal Shelter during business hours, Monday through Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 972.675.9662.

## Preparing for Severe Weather

### Spring is Tornado Season

Tornadoes can be nature's most violent storms. They can cause fatalities and devastate a neighborhood in seconds. It is critical that our citizens be prepared and know what to do in the event of severe weather.

### Watch Versus Warning

The National Weather Service (NWS) issues tornado or storm warnings/watches. A watch means conditions are right for a possible event in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms. A warning means the event is occurring or has been spotted or indicated by radar in your area. If a tornado warning is issued for your area and the sky becomes dark or greenish in color, has low-lying clouds that are rotating, or you hear the warning sirens, move to your pre-designated place of safety.

### When Do the Sirens Sound

When the NWS issues a warning with the phrase "destructive winds in excess of 70 mph (or higher) are likely with this storm", if trained storm spotters see a tornado that may affect Sachse, or there is a report of 1.25" hail, the emergency sirens are sounded. Remember, the sirens are tested the first Saturday of the month at noon unless there is inclement weather in the area.

### Have a Family Plan in Place

Your family may not be together when an event occurs so it is important to plan in advance. Decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go, and what you will do in case of an emergency.

Check the website under Emergency Management for helpful information in planning for a weather-related event.

## Pet Registration a Must in Sachse

All dogs and cats are required to be registered with the city. Please bring proof of rabies vaccination and proof that the animal is spayed or neutered to the Animal Shelter at 6436 Sachse Road.

Tags	Fee
Not Spayed / Neutered	\$7
Spayed / Neutered	\$2
Replacement Tags	\$1

### Rabies Requirements

Proof of rabies vaccination is required and the animal must wear both tags (the rabies vaccination tag and the city registration tag) at all times. Dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies by four months of age and get a booster one year later. After that, Sachse allows pet owners to vaccinate their animals for rabies once every three years. Registration with the city must still be renewed annually.

## Fizz, Boom, Read! at Summer Reading Program

The theme for this year's summer reading program is "Fizz, Boom, Read!". All children ages 12 and under are invited to sign up for the reading program. Preschoolers can join by having someone read to them. When you sign up you will receive a reading log to keep track of the number of minutes read. At the end of the program, each participant is entered in the drawing for fantastic door prizes.

Adults and teens are also invited to participate. Fill out an entry slip every time you read a book between June 7 and July 24, drop it in the box at the library. At the awards party on July 31, we will draw five entries from each category to win gift cards. The more books you read, the more chances you have to win.

The summer reading program kicks off on June 7 in the amphitheater at City Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be face painting, games, and bounce houses. This is the best time to sign up for the program and learn about the awesome performers scheduled this summer.

The performances for those children age 12 and under are on Thursdays starting at 11:00 a.m. Scheduled performers are: June 12 - Dazzling Dave's Science Spectacular; June 19 - Pint Size Polkas; June 26 - Nancy Worchester (Ventriloquist); July 10 - Mister David; July 17 - Cathy's Critters; and July 24 - Kidz Science.

The performances for tweens and teens are on Tuesdays and start at 2:00 p.m. Scheduled performers are: June 17 - The Art of Manga; June 24 - Guide Dogs for the Blind; July 8 - Wild About Weather; July 15 - Martial Arts; and July 22 - Fascinating Fire Science.

The awards party on July 31 at 11:00 a.m. features Rockin' with Rhett. Come celebrate with a fun and hilarious musical show, reading certificates, awards for most minutes read, and door prizes.

A free seminar with refreshments and door prizes will be presented May 29 at 7:00 p.m. Tyler Edmondson, local attorney, shares important aspects of the law to help keep your business and family secure with estate planning.

For more information about any programs offered at YOUR Library, visit the city's website or call 972.530.8966.



## May Flowers? Not Without More Showers

US Hwy 380 Facing Southeast



Does this look like a lake that could supply water to residents? This is Lavon Lake, where North Texas Municipal Water District pulls most of its water supply for Sachse residents.

NTMWD utilizes Lavon Lake for its primary supply, with additional supply from Lake Texoma and Lake Chapman. As of March 31, 2014, Lavon was 48% full, compared to 62% full a year ago, and Lake Chapman was 32% full, versus 54% full last year. This year's rainfall is the 9th driest on record. The area has received just over 2" of rain

since the first of the year, almost 6" below average. If these conditions persist, and at the current rate of usage, there is a minimal chance NTMWD will go to Stage 4. Water conservation efforts now may help prevent this move.

On April 1, the NTMWD announced the continuation of Stage 3 water restrictions through April 30, with month to month extensions depending on any changes to drought conditions. This means watering once every two weeks on the day your recycle cart is picked up. If your recycle cart is picked up on Thursday, you may only

water on that day, or once every 14 days. Also, there is NO watering allowed between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Residents may ONLY water before 10:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement officers monitor the city for compliance with the stated watering restrictions. Sachse maintains a zero tolerance policy. Citizens caught violating the watering restrictions will be issued a citation.

If you are unsure of your recycle week or the day you are scheduled to water, visit the website under 'Residents' / 'Garbage/Recycling Info' to view the map and calendar. Find your street on the map. If your area is blue, the weeks highlighted in blue on the calendar are the weeks you can water, ONLY on your pickup day during that week. If you have any questions about watering restrictions, please visit the city's website.

## Sachse's 7th Annual Red, White & Blue Blast



Mark your calendar now for the July 3 Independence Day celebration at the Red, White & Blue Blast.

The fun begins with the Independence Day Parade starting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall and ending at Heritage Park, where trophies will be awarded for best entry in several different categories.

Then hang around at the park for fun, food, entertainment and fireworks.

The live entertainment begins at 7:00 p.m. There will be bounce houses and other activities for the kids, vendor booths, food booths, and games, all ending with the fantastic fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

This event is brought to you by the City of Sachse, the Sachse EDC, and the Chamber of Commerce. This year's Title Sponsor is Tony Vigil Agency, Farmers Insurance. Watch the city's website for more information.

## City Contact Numbers

Emergency	911
Police Non-Emergency	972.495.2271
Fire Non-Emergency (Code Enforcement)	469.429.4791
City Hall (City Manager, City Secretary, Finance, Utility Billing, Municipal Court, and Human Resources)	972.495.1212
Library	972.530.8966
Community Development (Permits, Building Inspections, Zoning)	469.429.4781
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

Mike Felix, Mayor	214.869.1016
Bill Adams, Mayor Pro Tem	214.869.1655
Brett Franks	214.869.1288
Charlie Ross	214.869.1357
Todd Ronnau	214.869.1483
Cullen King	214.869.1083
Jeff Bickerstaff	214.869.1884
<a href="http://www.cityofsachse.com/CityCouncil">www.cityofsachse.com/City Council</a>	

## Movie in the Park Features Frozen

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and join us in the City Hall Amphitheater for our presentation of *Frozen* on May 3rd. As Anna sets off on an epic journey, she teams up with Kristoff and his loyal reindeer Sven to find her sister Elsa, who has trapped the kingdom of Arendelle in eternal winter. They meet mystic trolls and a funny snowman named Olaf as they battle to save the kingdom.

The Parks and Recreation Department invites you to dress up as your favorite movie character and enter the costume contest to win a prize. The costume contest starts at 8:00 p.m. followed by the movie at 8:15 p.m.

There will be popcorn and drinks available or you can bring your own favorite snack food or candy. There is no charge for this family-friendly event.

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