

The Sachse Scene

Quarterly Newsletter - Spring 2011



MAY - JULY EVENTS

May 12 - SAMPLER & EXPO

Chamber's annual event - 5:30 to 8:00 pm
at 1st United Methodist Church

May 14 - BICYCLE RODEO

Sachse Police Department hosts event at
Whitt Elementary from 10:00 am to Noon

May 14 - MOTHER / SON ROUNDUP

At Salmon Park from 6 to 7:30 pm; cost is
\$10 per couple

May 21 - SENIOR'S PROM

Senior Center hosting Prom at 3:00 pm

May 30 - HOLIDAY

All City offices closed in observance of
Memorial Day holiday
Trash service will NOT run on Monday and
will be delayed by one day all week

June 4 - SUMMER READING PROGRAM - KICKOFF PARTY

Sign up for the Summer Reading Program,
enjoy free pizza at 2:00 pm at the Library

June 25 - SENIOR PAGEANT

The Senior Center is hosting its first senior
pageant at 1:00 pm

July 2 - INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION

Annual parade and Splash Down followed
by spectacular fireworks. Parade starts at
6:00 pm, the band ZuZu Peddals takes the
stage at 7:30 pm and fireworks at 9:30 pm

July 4 - HOLIDAY

All City offices closed - Trash service will
NOT run on Monday and will be delayed by
one day all week

July 30 - ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Join the Chamber from 6:00 to 11:00 pm in
the Kroger parking lot

More info about these events on
City's website www.cityofsachse.com



2011 CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

Because the candidates were unopposed, the City Council election for May 14 was cancelled. As provided by the Texas Election Code, Todd Ronnau in Place 3 and Incumbent Bill Adams in Place 4 were declared winners and the May 14 election cancelled at a Special Meeting of the City Council on March 28. Mr. Ronnau and Mr. Adams will take the Oath of Office at the City Council meeting on June 6. If you have questions about the election process, please contact City Secretary Terry Smith at 469.429.4775.

ANNUAL BICYCLE RODEO

Sachse Police Department and sponsors Sachse FOP Lodge 76, Wylie ISD and Kroger, are hosting this year's bicycle rodeo on Saturday, May 14, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at Whitt Elementary School, 7520 Woodcreek Way. Officers will be on hand to conduct bicycle inspections and registrations, child safety seat inspection, and answer questions on bicycle and scooter safety. An obstacle course will be set up and free bicycle helmets available as long as supplies last. Officers will also be on hand with child fingerprint cards. There is no charge for this event.

Special thanks to Dallas County Sheriff Reserves, Sachse Fire Department and Sachse FOP members for their help. For more information please contact Officer Holland at 972.495.2271, ext. 1231.

MOTHER / SON ROUNDUP KICKS OFF SUMMER FUN

Moms round up those little buckaroos in your life, put on your boots and get ready for a night of dancing, hayrides, refreshments and fun under the stars. Each couple will receive a picture and party favor. The fun starts May 14 at 6:00 pm at Salmon Park, 4302 Williford Road. Cost for this event is \$10 per couple.

Check out the summer camps being offered this year: Adventures in Art, Keyboarding, Cooking, Cartoon Clinic, Super Flights, Just Add Water, Wholly Cow! Working with Leather, Performing Arts, Guitar, and Green Creations Camp. Various dates and times for different age ranges. Check out the spring/summer brochure and register online at www.cityofsachse.com or call the Parks Department at 469.429.0275 for more information.

SENIORS STEPPING IT UP FOR PROM, PAGEANT AND LINE DANCING

Are you a senior citizen in Sachse? Have you visited our Senior Center? If not, you are certainly missing out.

Line dancing is perfect for seniors to shake it up and get in shape. Instructor Richard Rogers takes the seniors through the paces, teaching them the latest line dances including waltz, an Irish jig, and Cuban shuffle. The dancers take the floor for the hour class on Tuesdays at 10:30 am and Thursdays at 3:00 pm.

On May 21, the Center will be decorated like a high school

gymnasium as the seniors hold their first Senior Prom from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. This is a formal affair with Gene Clowe on the keyboard playing the best hits from the 50's. There will be dancing, refreshments and a king and queen will be crowned before the night is over.

Seniors Program Manager Dixie Dickson is looking for contestants for the Ms. Lake Cities Senior Classic Pageant being hosted at the Center on June 25 at 1:00 pm. Contestants must be 60+ years of age and will be judged in four categories: philosophy of life, interview, evening wear, and talent. Deadline for entry is May 25. If you would like more information, contact Dixie at 972.495.6282.

The seniors program offers outings, day trips, games, Wii bowling competition, pool tournaments, book club, monthly pot luck with entertainment, craft classes, health fairs, monthly visits from Dallas County nurses, and much more. For more information, visit or call the Center or check the city's website under the Parks Department tab.



The Sachse Scene is written and published by City staff. If you have questions or comments, please call 469.429.4771.

54+ YEARS OF SERVICE



On April 29, the Sachse Police Department wished two of its finest the very best as they began their retirement years and life after Sachse. Officer Ronnie Davis hired on as a patrol officer on June 16, 1989. He was promoted to Warrant Officer on July 15, 2002. Marilyn Dow started as a Reserve Officer on October 8, 1982. She commuted over 100 miles for the past two years. The Police Department hosted a nice reception complete with stories, sentiments, a big THANKS and a very fond "see you later".

CHAMBER ACCOLADES AND ACTIVITIES

The Sachse Chamber of Commerce honored Sachse's best teachers and some of their own at their recent awards banquet. Teacher of the Year honors went to Kelli Mabra of Hudson Middle School and Pat White of Luna Elementary. Other nominees were Kamryn Walker, Armstrong Elementary; Jennifer Smith, Cox Elementary; Denise Campbell, Sewell Elementary; Byron Stamps, Sachse High School; and Pam Shirley, Whitt Elementary.

American National Bank and The Sachse News were co-winners of the Area Business of the Year. Stepping Stones Learning Center was the Sachse Business of the Year. The city's own Dolores Greenwald, Library Director, and Police Officer Richard Oliver received the Spirit of Sachse award. Robert Marshall received the Ambassador of the Year award and John Roberts of Kroger received a special Community Service Award.

Upcoming events include the Sachse Sampler & Expo on May 12th at First United Methodist Church, 1520 Blackburn Road, from 5:30 to 8 pm. Local restaurants and other businesses highlight their products and services. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 10 and under, and free for children under age 4.

July 30th the Chamber hosts the annual Cars Under the Stars car show in the Kroger lot, 5190 Highway 78. Registration from 6 to 7:30 pm, judging from 7:45 to 8:30 pm and winners announced at 11pm. Registration is \$20 per entry and there are NO pre-registrations. For more info contact the Chamber at 972.496.1212 or visit their website at www.sachsechamber.com.

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP/ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

What a beautiful day for spring cleaning as more than 260 individuals participated in this year's Great American Cleanup, collecting over 4,180 pounds of garbage and planting over 400 flowers at 18 different sites across the city. Regional Urban Forester Micah Pace presented the Tree City USA flag to Mayor Felix and city staff handed out 75 free trees to the volunteers. In conjunction with the event, an Arbor Day Poster Contest was held and 1st



place winner Sarah Sheffield and 2nd place winner Meagan Dumas, both from Whitt Elementary, were presented with a gift card and plaque. Sarah's poster will advance to the State level. Thanks to all who took part in this community-wide beautification program.

Following the event, volunteers were treated to live music by the band 'Daughter Judy' and a free hot dog lunch provided and prepared by city staff. This was a huge collaborative effort by the Parks and Recreation Department, the Parks and Recreation Commission, Mayor Felix and Councilman Patterson, city staff and Fire Department personnel.



OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM

With spring thunderstorms and the threat of severe weather, some of you may wonder what factors dictate sounding the emergency sirens. The North Central Texas communities have created the following recommendations:

- >> If the National Weather Service issues a Tornado Warning or Severe Thunderstorm Warning with the phrase "Destructive winds in excess of 70 mph or greater are likely with this storm" for your immediate area;
- >> If trained storm spotters have reported a tornado in the jurisdiction, or in a neighboring jurisdiction that has the potential to affect our community;
- >> If there is a report of hail 1.25" in diameter or greater, or 1" in areas or events where large numbers of people are outdoors; and
- >> In the event of other emergencies as directed by the community's elected officials, for example, a hazardous material spill, then the emergency sirens will be activated.

The emergency sirens are tested the first Saturday of the month at noon unless there is severe weather in the area. For more info, please contact Emergency Management Coordinator Robert Lafaye at 469.429.4774.

ANIMAL SHELTER AND LIBRARY TEAM UP ON PROGRAM

The neighbors read program featuring Dewey: The Small-Town Cat, kicked off April 9 when Library and Animal Shelter personnel got together to offer outdoor fun, animal education, performers and special guests. This 5-week program concludes May 14 with a pet parade at the new Wylie Library at 10 am.

Sachse's Animal Shelter works to reunite lost pets with their owners and find adoptable pets new homes. For available pets, please check the shelter's website or visit the shelter at 6436 Sachse Road. Hours are Monday thru Friday, 8 am to 6 pm, Saturday and Sunday, 7 am to 5 pm. There is no fee to adopt but new owners must have the pet vaccinated and, if the pet is not spayed or neutered, this procedure must be done and proof returned to the Animal Shelter within 30 days in order to comply with the adoption agreement. If you would like to donate supplies or volunteer at the shelter, give them a call at 972.495.2271, option 1. If they are not available, please leave a voice mail and they will return your call.

By city ordinance, dogs not confined to the premises of their owner must be under control of the owner by a leash 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.



NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED

By City Ordinance and adoption of the International Fire Code, the possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling and use of fireworks are prohibited in the city limits of Sachse. You may view the ordinance in the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5.1, items #48 and #49. Violation of this code carries a fine of \$269.

If you have questions or need to safely dispose of fireworks, please contact Sachse Fire Rescue at 469.429.9810 or visit Fire Station No. 1 at 5805 Bryan Street.

Remember to check out the calendar on the city's website for information on meetings and other city events.

WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

- The following water conservation measures were adopted by City ordinance:
- >> No lawn or landscape irrigation watering from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm April 1 thru October 31.
 - >> Lawn and landscape irrigation limited to twice per week.
 - >> Prohibition of outdoor watering during precipitation or freeze events.
 - >> Prohibition of watering impervious surfaces (wind driven water drift will be taken into consideration).
 - >> "At home" car washing can only be done when using a water hose with a shut off nozzle.
 - >> Rain and freeze sensors or smart controllers required on all new irrigation systems.

"Do not pour grease down the sink or garbage disposal," states Billy Ho, Environment and Health Specialist. Most sewer stoppages and overflows are caused by grease poured into the sewer system from homes and restaurants. These overflows can be costly and threaten the environment. Let grease and cooking oil cool and dispose of them in the trash.

THE GRASS IS GREENER BUT

Spring is here, the trees are blooming and the grass is growing. The Code Enforcement office would like to remind everyone of Sachse's code compliance for maintaining your landscape. According to the 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.

When doing yard work and spring cleaning, remember the city's bulk trash pickup is the week containing the second Wednesday of the month on the same day as your regular trash pickup. Do not place items out prior to the week of bulk pickup. Only place four cubic yards (12' x 3' x 3' or equivalent to two large sofas) out per month. Brush should be cut and bundled for easy handling and bundles shall not weigh more than 50 pounds.

If 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 per year. By city ordinance, only two sales per year may be held at the same address. Garage sale permits may be filled out online by visiting the E-Services / Online Forms page of the website.

Please direct questions or concerns to Code Enforcement Officer Doug Angle in the Fire Marshal's office at 972.495.0975.

E-WATCH PR HELPFUL IN CRIME AWARENESS



Officers Michael Hunter and Richard Oliver assist American National Bank President Anita Collins with the Business e-Watch sticker near the bank entrance.

Sachse PD has joined the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Corporation to start Business e-Watch, a cyber-based business crime watch group that allows the quick dissemination of information about reported crime or suspicious activities to businesses in Sachse who have set up an account with the police department. When PD is aware of an event, an e-Watch alert is sent via email and/or fax to member businesses.

There is no cost to join and PD wants every business in Sachse to become a member. The ability to avoid victimization lies in having as many members as possible who share information and make it difficult to victimize businesses. Officers will contact businesses introducing the program. A free 5"x5" e-Watch Notice will be available to members and can be placed in a window near the front door of the business.

Sachse enjoys a low crime rate, but we are not crime-free. As reports of theft from vehicles continue to come in, there are preventative steps you can take. DO NOT leave any valuables in your vehicle in plain sight, lock your car doors, lower your garage doors, and keep your doors and windows locked. Stay abreast of police activity in your area by joining the Neighborhood E-Watch and the Reverse 9-1-1 programs.

To learn more about any of these programs, please contact Sachse PD at 972.495.2271, ext. 1205. You may also visit E-Watch online at <http://www.sachsewatch.com> or the city's website.



Officer Hunter places a sticker at Kroger as Co-Manager Doug Legg looks on.

CITY OFFICES closed May 30th and July 4th

TRASH SERVICE will NOT run Monday, May 30 or Monday, July 4
NO TRASH OR RECYCLE SERVICE May 30th or July 4th. Trash and recycle service delayed by one day the entire week. Monday's trash and recycle picked up on Tuesday, Tuesday's trash and recycle picked up on Wednesday, Wednesday's on Thursday, etc.

If you have a water or sewer emergency during office closure, please call 972.495.2271 to report the problem. A maintenance tech will be dispatched to your residence.

JUVENILE / PARK CURFEWS ARE ENFORCED

Sachse Police Department reminds everyone that the City does enforce a juvenile curfew. By City ordinance, anyone under the age of 17 commits an offense if they are "about or upon any public place or in the premises of any establishment within the city during curfew hours." Curfew hours are 11:00 pm to 6:00 am of the following day, Sunday thru Thursday, and 12:01 am to 6:00 am, Saturday or Sunday.

In addition, the City has a park curfew ordinance that states "persons shall not be allowed in, on, about or around a public park and/or facility between curfew of 11:30 pm to 6:00 am on weeknights and 12:00 midnight to 6:00 am on weekends. No exceptions allowed without written permission from the Parks and Recreation Commission". If you have questions about either of these ordinances, please call PD at 972.495.2271. For more information on park uses, regulations or ball field lighting, please call the Parks Department at 469.429.0275.

DIG UP A GOOD BOOK

Children ages 5 to 12 are invited to join the Summer Reading Program "Dig up a Good Book!". Preschoolers can join the fun as well by having their parents read to them. Everyone has a chance to earn rewards and win prizes as they keep their reading skills sharp during the summer.

Join us June 4 at 2:00 pm for our "kick-off" pizza party. The weekly programs start June 9 at 11 am and every Thursday until July 28. Scheduled performances are: June 9 - Dallas Puppet Theater; June 16 - Creature Teacher; June 23 - Polly Maynard; June 30 - Boocoos the Clown; July 7 - Debbie Day; July 14 - Wildlife on the Move; July 21 - Willy Welch; and July 28 the end-of-program party where we celebrate with certificates, awards and door prizes.

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



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FROM THE OFFICE OF MAYOR FELIX

The City will host its 4th Annual Red, White and Blue Blast on **Saturday, July 2** beginning with the Independence Day parade at 6:00 pm and ending with the fireworks show at 9:30 pm.

If you want to enter a float or just march in the Independence Day Parade, please be in the Library parking lot at 5:00 pm. The parade begins at 6:00 pm, heads south on Miles Road and ends at Heritage Park, where prizes will be awarded for those entries that were signed up for judging. The Fire Department

will provide the "Splash Down" so plan on the kids getting wet!! To pre-register your float or for more information on the parade, please call the Parks Department at 469.429.0275.

At 7:30 pm we welcome back to the stage ZuZu Peddals. This high energy variety dance band was voted Best Entertainment in North Texas on WFAA's A List. They offer a unique blend of current and vintage tunes ranging from the 60's to today's hits and will keep everyone singing and dancing. The fireworks are scheduled to begin at 9:30 pm. We encourage families to bring picnics, lawn chairs, and blankets and come out early to enjoy the band but please remember no alcohol is allowed at the park or on school property. This year the event will be broadcast on KKVI 95.9 FM for individuals at locations other than the park. There are a limited number of spots for those wanting to tailgate in the west lot of Hudson Middle School and the front lot of Sachse High School. You must request a permit to tailgate from Denise Vice at 469.429.4771 by June 30. Permits are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. General public parking will be at Sachse High School, with shuttles running to Heritage starting at 7:00 pm. There is a map of the area with information outlined on the website at www.cityofsachse.com/Departments/Parks/Special Events. Sachse police, fire, and CERT will be on hand to assist with the event. Co-sponsored by the City of Sachse and the Sachse Economic Development Corporation, the show will be designed and "fired" by Zambelli Fireworks Internationale, professionals in the art and safety of pyrotechnics.

Fire Chief Doug Kendrick reminds us that it is against City ordinance for citizens to discharge or possess fireworks within the city limits of Sachse. He encourages everyone to celebrate the holiday but please do so within the safety of the professional events in our area. We look forward to better weather than last year and a fun-filled, safe evening with family and friends.

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	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	469.429.4764
Chamber of Commerce	972.496.1212

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Contact any Council member from the City's
website at www.cityofsachse.com/City Council