

# Sachse Scene



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Starting July 12th,  
5th Street at Highway 78  
will be closed due to  
construction. See  
website for more info.

## July - September Calendar of Events:

### July 3 - INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION

*Celebrate Independence Day with the annual parade followed by our spectacular fireworks show. The parade starts at 6:00 pm, the AnnaGrey band starts performing at 7:30 pm, followed by the fireworks show at 9:30 pm.*

### July 5 - HOLIDAY

*ALL CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED  
Trash service WILL NOT run on Monday.  
Service is delayed by one day all week.*

### July 15 - COMMUNITY PUBLIC SAFETY MEMORIAL SERVICE

*Honoring Public Safety personnel who  
lost their lives in the line of duty in 2008  
Starts at 7:00 pm on the steps of the new  
Public Safety Building.*

### July 31 - CHAMBER'S CARS UNDER THE STARS SHOW

*From 6:00 to 11:00 pm in the Kroger  
Center parking lot, 5190 Highway 78.*

### August 21 - CHAMBER'S MEN WHO COOK DINNER

*From 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Swingin' D  
Ranch in Parker.*

### September 6 - HOLIDAY

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More info about these events can  
be found in this newsletter and on  
the City's website  
[www.cityofsachse.com](http://www.cityofsachse.com)

## MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE



Mayor Mike Felix

Councilman Mark Timm

Councilwoman Pat McMillan

The City Council election in May saw only one contested race in Place 5. Incumbent Patsy "Pat" McMillan was challenged by Patsy Covington. Ms. Covington received 168 votes to Ms. McMillan's 181 votes. Even though Mayor Felix and Councilman Timm (Place 6) were both unopposed in this election, Mayor Felix received 287 votes and Mr. Timm received 273 votes. This is the third term for Mayor Felix and Ms. McMillan and the fourth term for Mr. Timm.

The successful candidates were sworn in at the June 7 City Council meeting. Mayor Felix was sworn in by City Secretary Terry Smith. Mayor Felix then conducted the swearing in of Councilman Mark Timm and Councilwoman Pat McMillan.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE WILL KICK OFF FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR JULY 3rd

The City will host its 3rd Annual Red, White and Blue Blast on Saturday, July 3 beginning with the Independence Day parade at 6:00 pm and ending with the fireworks show at 9:30 pm.

Parks and Recreation Director Lance Whitworth announces this year's parade will be held the same day as a "lead-in" to the activities. If you want to enter a float for judging, be in the Park Lake Church parking lot at 5:00 pm. The parade begins at 6:00 pm and proceeds south on Miles Road, ending at Heritage Park, where prizes will be awarded and the Fire Department will provide Splash Down. Plan on the kids getting wet!! To pre-register your float, please call 469.429.0275.

At 7:30 pm the AnnaGrey Band takes the stage. One of the best bands in Texas, the AnnaGrey Band has an extensive song list from every genre of music. AnnaGrey has been featured on the Oprah Winfrey show and has toured with LeAnn Rimes. We are very excited to have this band perform for us this year. The band will play until 9:30 pm when Mayor Felix will lead the official count down to the fireworks. For safety reasons, spectators will not be allowed too close to the firing location. We encourage families to bring picnics, lawn chairs, and blankets and come out early to enjoy the band. (NO alcohol is allowed at the park or on school property.) 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. Handicap parking is available in the front lot of Sewell Elementary School. General public parking will be at Sachse High School, with shuttles running to Heritage starting at 7 pm. There is a map of the area with information outlined on the website at [www.cityofsachse.com/General Information/City Events](http://www.cityofsachse.com/General%20Information/City%20Events). 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.

*The Sachse Scene is written and published by City staff. If you have questions or comments,  
please call 972-495-1212, ext. 21.*

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTS CARS UNDER THE STARS AND MEN WHO COOK DINNER EVENTS

The Chamber of Commerce will host the 6th Annual Cars Under the Stars on July 31st in the Kroger parking lot, 5190 Highway 78. Registration is from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, judging is from 7:45 to 8:30 pm, and winners will be announced at 11:00 pm. There will be door prizes, a 50/50 raffle, t-shirts, and more. Registration fee is \$20 per entry and there are NO pre-registrations.

The 2nd Annual Men Who Cook Dinner will be August 21st from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Swingin' D Ranch in Parker. In addition to the celebrity chefs and their fabulous recipes, there will be music, drinks, and dancing. Individual tickets are \$25.00 and include all the sampling. Visit the Chamber's website at [www.sachsechamber.com](http://www.sachsechamber.com) or call 972.496.1212 for more information. Proceeds benefit the Chamber's many community service programs.



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### HOT WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

Heat kills - so keep your cool during periods of excessive heat:

- ~ Slow down and avoid strenuous activity. If you must work outside, try to do it during the coolest part of the day, usually in the early morning.
- ~ Stay indoors as much as possible. If you do not have air conditioning, stay on the lowest floor of the building. Use electric fans if you have them. They do not cool the air but they do help sweat to evaporate, which cools your body.
- ~ Drink plenty of water regularly, even if you do not feel thirsty. Your body needs fluids to keep cool. Avoid beverages with caffeine such as coffee, colas, and alcohol.
- ~ Eat smaller meals but eat more often.
- ~ Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing and a hat. Light colors reflect heat and sunlight and help your body maintain normal temperatures.
- ~ Do not get too much sun. Sunburn makes the body's job of keeping cool more difficult.
- ~ Check on the elderly, children, and those who are ill; all are vulnerable to excessive heat.
- ~ Ensure that your pets are provided with shade and adequate water.

**ALL CITY OFFICES will be closed Monday, July 5th for Independence Day and Monday, September 6th for Labor Day**



**TRASH SERVICE SCHEDULE:** Due to the July 4th and Labor Day holidays, trash pick up schedule changes as follows: Monday, July 5th and Monday, September 6th - NO TRASH OR RECYCLE SERVICE - 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., with Friday's trash and recycle picked up on Saturday.

If you have a water or sewer emergency while City offices are closed, please call 972.495.2271 to report the problem. A maintenance tech will be dispatched to your residence.

### SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Date	Program
June 17	Boopsie the Clown
June 24	Zooniversity
July 1	Dan Gibson, Storyteller
July 8	Engineer Maggie
July 15	Bongo Rod
July 22	Jungle Jim
July 29	End of Program Party*

*One program at 11:00 am only*

REMEMBER, there are two times for programs this year, 11 am and 12:30 pm. Programs last about an hour. Hopefully providing two programs will help with the crowd and parking. Mark your calendars and join us for the fun and entertainment.

*The Summer Reading Program is sponsored by The Friends of the Sachse Library.*

### JUVENILE / PARK CURFEWS ARE ENFORCED

Sachse Police Department wants to remind 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 from Sunday to Thursday and 12:01 am to 6:00 am on any Saturday or Sunday.

Also by City ordinance, a park curfew states that "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 Sachse 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.

### PUBLIC SAFETY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sachse Police Department invites everyone to the Community Public Safety Memorial Service honoring those public servants who lost their lives in the line of duty during 2009. This is a very moving tribute to police, fire, and emergency medical service personnel, both paid and volunteer, who gave it all serving others.

Join us on the steps of the new Public Safety Building, 3815 Sachse Road, at 7:00 pm. The program will last about an hour as we briefly honor each individual, the final bell sounds and the bagpipes play Amazing Grace. For more information about this program please contact the Sachse Police Department at 972.495.2271, ext. 204 and speak to Lieutenant Marty Cassidy.

### NO FIREWORKS IN CITY LIMITS

Sachse Fire Chief Doug Kendrick would like to remind everyone that, by City Ordinance and adoption of the International Fire Code, the possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling and use of fireworks are prohibited. You may view the verbage in the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5.1, item #48 and #49. Violation of this code carries a fine of \$269. With the hot, dry weather, "we should leave the discharge of fireworks to the professionals", states Chief Kendrick.

If you have questions or need to safely dispose of fireworks, please contact Sachse Fire Rescue at 972.461.9800 or visit Fire Station No. 2 on Ranch Road.



## SUMMER CAMPS OFFER FUN ESCAPE FROM BOREDOM

The Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of camps throughout the summer. Costs vary and may include a supply fee. A course description can be found in the program brochure on the city's website. If you have any questions or would like to register, please call the Parks and Recreation offices at 469.429.0275.

Camp	Dates	Times	Ages
Cooking	July 12-15	9 am or 1 pm	5 - 12
Adventures in Art	June 28-July 1, Aug 9-12	9 am or 2 pm	5 - 13
Keyboard	June 21-25, July 19-23	*See note	4 - 12
3-D	July 19-23	1 - 3 pm	5 - 13
2-D	July 6-8	12 - 4 pm	7 and up
Carton Clinic	July 12,14,16	12 - 4 pm	7 and up
Performing Arts	July 12-16	9:30 am	4 - 9
Kindermusik			
Zoo Train	June 2-July 7	10 am	18 mos - 3 yrs
Around the World	June 2-July 7	9:15 am	3 - 5



\*Keyboard Camp has two levels: Beginners 8:45 - 10:15 am and Advanced 10:30 am - 12 noon

## ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS HINDER COMMUTERS

Public Works Director Joe Crase and City Engineer Billy George report that the street construction projects will not slow down any time soon. With Murphy Road and the first section of Highway 78 nearing completion, there is still enough going on to cause plenty of headaches. The 5th Street/Dewitt/Ingram Road project is moving very quickly but will soon hit the major snag for commuters as the 5th Street intersection with Highway 78 will be closed for six weeks starting in mid-July. Detour signs will soon be up to let the traveling public know to start planning their alternate routes. Mr. Crase and Mr. George know this will be a difficult time and a major inconvenience for some of our residents, but one that is unavoidable. The intersection has needed reconstruction for a long time and will definitely make the railroad crossing a safer trip.

As one section of Highway 78 opens, the northern section will see closures as the construction moves on. It has helped that the traffic signal at Highway 78 and Williford Road is now operational. Please be careful in the construction zone from Salmon Street to Sanden Blvd. in Wylie.

Bunker Hill Road is scheduled for a long overdue reconstruction project, widening to a four lane road connecting Miles Road to Highway 78. Right-of-way is being secured and engineering details worked out with the City of Garland. A minor street, Brookhollow, is due for an overhaul later this year. Brookhollow experiences a heavy amount of traffic because it provides an alternate route to Armstrong Elementary School.

Watch the city's website and message board for announcements regarding road closures and construction. We will post information as soon as it is available. To contact Mr. Crase or Mr. George, please call Public Works at 972.495.7600 or Engineering at 972.675.1633.

## MOVE-IN DATES AND GRAND OPENING NEAR

The Municipal Complex construction is moving right along. The Public Safety building, where the police department and fire department are housed, is farther along. Those departments anticipate moving in mid-July. Once Fire Administration moves from its offices at the current City Hall, the Parks and Recreation offices will move into their vacated offices so that the house at 3707 Sachse Road can be torn down.

The anticipated move-in date for City Hall is around September 9th. Approximately 30-45 days after that, the City will host its GRAND OPENING for the complex and we invite each and every resident of Sachse to join us.

Watch the city's website and the next city newsletter for more information regarding the relocation of City facilities and the grand opening celebration.

## WARMER WEATHER INVITES MORE CRIME

Your telephone rings and Lt. Marty Cassidy of the Sachse Police Department begins telling you about a rash of thefts from vehicles in your area. This is the Reverse 9-1-1 system at work. It alerts residents of crimes in their neighborhoods and reminds you to lock your car door, do not leave valuables in plain sight, lower your garage doors, even if you are home, and lock your doors and windows. We live in a relatively low crime city, but we are not crime-free. If you have a land line phone, the Reverse 9-1-1 will call you automatically. If you use a cell phone as your home phone, you need to register it with PD in order to receive these alerts. Please contact Lt. Cassidy at 972.495.2271, ext. 204.

Another source for crime alerts is the Neighborhood E-Watch program. This is an online program that emails information once you are registered. To find out more, visit the site at <http://www.sachsewatch.com>. And as always, please report any suspicious activity you feel is out of the ordinary. Sachse PD would rather you report it and be wrong than not report it and something happen that could have been prevented.

## CRITERIA FOR SOUNDING THE OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM

With summer thunderstorms and the threat of a tornado looming in the Texas summer sky, some of you may wonder what factors dictate sounding the emergency sirens. Sachse's Emergency Management Coordinator notes that 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. (One inch (1") may be more appropriate for areas or events where large numbers of people are outdoors.)

+ In the event of other emergencies as directed by the community's elected officials, for example, a hazardous material spill.

For more information, please contact Emergency Management Coordinator Robert Lafaye at 469.429.4774.



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### A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR FELIX

I want to take a moment to thank all Sachse voters who cast ballots in the recent City Council election and assure everyone that your City Council and I will continue to work hard for all citizens of Sachse.

City Council and staff are excited about the 3rd annual Red, White and Blue Blast on July 3rd. Since it is on a Saturday, the Independence Day Parade will lead us into the evening events. We hope our citizens will bring their lawn chairs and picnic baskets and enjoy the live band's performance followed by the spectacular fireworks show with their families, friends and neighbors.

We realize all the construction around town is trying the patience of our citizens and we truly appreciate your understanding. Murphy Road is complete and has made a huge impact on the traffic flow in this area of our city. The 5th Street/Dewitt/Ingram Road project is approximately 50% complete. The most difficult part of this project is approaching as the 5th Street and Highway 78 intersection will be closed about six weeks beginning July 12th as the roadway and the railroad crossing will be re-worked to line up with the new alignment. Detour signs will be in place well in advance of the closure so that drivers can plan their alternate routes during this time. The new lanes of Highway 78 from Firewheel Parkway to Salmon Street will open soon. However, crews will begin work on the the next phase of the project from Salmon Street to our city limit with Wylie. Traffic will still be difficult through this area. Council and staff are very excited about moving in to the new municipal complex. Please watch the next newsletter for details about our grand opening celebration. We want all Sachse citizens to be a part of this historic event.

Council and staff are now in the beginning stages of preparing the 2010-2011 budget. Tax rolls for Dallas and Collin Counties do not look much better for the upcoming year so we will be working hard to remain good stewards of our taxpayer's money. Public hearings for the proposed budget are scheduled for August 30th and September 7th (subject to change depending on the acceptance of the certified tax rolls from each of the county's taxing entities). Watch the city's website for these dates and other important 2010-2011 budget and tax rate information.

Summer is here, the kids are out of school, and family vacations have begun. Whether you have made plans to travel or stay close to home in Sachse, please have a safe and relaxing summer.

### City Contact Numbers

Police/Fire/Medical	911
Police Non-Emergency	972.495.2271
Fire Non-Emergency	972.495.0975
(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	972.675.0562
Chamber of Commerce	972.496.1212

### City Council

Mike Felix, Mayor	214.869.1016
Cullen King, Mayor Pro Tem	214.869.1483
Bill Adams	214.869.1655
Pat McMillan	214.869.1083
Jared Patterson	214.869.1357
Charles W. Smith	214.869.1288
Mark Timm	214.869.1884

Contact any Council member from the City's  
website at [www.cityofsachse.com/City\\_Council](http://www.cityofsachse.com/City_Council)