

The City of Sachse

# Sachse Scene

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## Sept. '07 - Nov. '07 Calendar of Events:

### Sept. 3 - HOLIDAY

All City Offices Closed  
No trash pick-up on Monday. All trash pick-up for the entire week will be delayed one day.

### Oct. 13 - FALLFEST

22nd Annual Fallfest at Heritage Park; 10 am to 4 pm  
Contact Chamber of Commerce for more information at 972-496-1212  
[www.sachsechamber.com](http://www.sachsechamber.com)

### Oct. 20 - PUMPKIN PROWL

at Salmon Park; 6:00 pm

### Oct. 27 - FISHING DERBY

at Park Lake Estates Pond;  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### Nov. 9 - DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

at Woodbridge Pavilion;  
7:00 to 9:00 pm

### Nov. 17 - DRIVE-IN MOVIE

at Salmon Park featuring Shrek 3;  
7:30 pm

### Nov. 22 - TURKEY TROT

4th Annual Turkey Trot at Sachse High School; 8:00 am

### Nov. 22 and 23 - HOLIDAY

All City Offices Closed  
No trash pick-up on Thursday.  
Thursday and Friday trash pick-up will be delayed one day.

Information about these and other events can be found on the City's website

[www.cityofsachse.com](http://www.cityofsachse.com)



## MEET YOUR NEW CITY MANAGER



Allen Barnes began June 1st as Sachse's new City Manager and he has hit the ground running. Since Mr. Barnes started his tenure with Sachse, the City has moved to voluntary conservation with its watering schedule; began the hiring process for Police Chief; executed a contract with Ron Hobbs Architects for the Municipal Complex; began the first phase of engineering for Bunker Hill Road; and selected an alignment for the 5th Street project and an engineering firm to perform the schematic for right-of-way (these three items were bond propositions); met with TxDOT to discuss widening of Highway 78 and Sachse Road traffic issues; met with City of Garland to discuss replacement of the metering device that measures Sachse's wastewater flow to Garland's sewer plant; began the bidding process to move water/wastewater lines on Murphy Road, a step in the widening of Murphy Road; appointed a new HR Director; and presented the proposed 2007-2008 operating budget to Council.

Prior to Sachse, Mr. Barnes was the City Manager in Liberty, Texas for five years and the City Manager in Whitesboro, Texas for four years. Before he began his career in government administration he was a Deputy Sheriff in Collin County. Mr. Barnes and his wife Brenda are happy to be in Sachse and notes "Sachse staff has gone out of its way to bring me up to speed on many of the issues facing our community. Everyone welcomed us with open arms and we are happy to be in Sachse."

## APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

If you are interested in serving on a board or commission, the City Council is accepting applications until September 25. Interviews start in October and Council will make appointments in November. Positions may be available for: **Planning & Zoning Commission** - considers issues related to zoning, platting, land use, etc., meets 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7 pm at City Hall; **Zoning Board of Adjustments** - considers variances to City's zoning ordinances, meets "as called" at 7:30 pm at City Hall; **Parks and Recreation Commission** - an advisory board that considers present and future issues related to the parks system, meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 12 noon at City Hall; **Library Board** - an advisory board that considers matters pertaining to use and service of the Library, meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Library; **Animal Shelter Advisory Committee** - ensures compliance with requirements of Texas Department of Health and Safety Codes, meets quarterly the 4th Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the Animal Shelter; **Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors** - studies and promotes commercial development, meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at City Hall.

You may download an application from [www.cityofsachse.com/Forms & Applications](http://www.cityofsachse.com/Forms%20&%20Applications) or pick one up at City Hall. Fill out the application and return to City Secretary Terry Smith prior to September 25. For more info please call 972-495-1212, ext. 23.



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



**22nd ANNUAL FALLFEST PROVIDES DAY OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT**



Fallfest, sponsored by the Sachse Chamber of Commerce, will be held from 10 am to 4 pm October 13th at Heritage Park. Popular singers, local bands, and dance groups will provide the entertainment. The vendors feature commercial and non-commercial items. Food booths include turkey legs, tater swirls, kettle korn, funnel cakes, and much more.

Back by popular demand are the car show, baby and children's pageant, men's best legs contest, and pet photo contest. Applications for these contests are available at the Chamber's website or may be obtained the day of the fair.

Children of all ages can play on the giant slide, in the jump house, on the huge obstacle course or try their luck at the games. "With such a variety of acts, we'll be able to please everyone," said chairman Dr. Jim Moebius of Murphy Road Animal Hospital.

For more information or for available booth space, please call the Chamber office at 972-496-1212 or visit their website at [www.sachsechamber.com](http://www.sachsechamber.com).



**CITY OFFICES**

closed Monday,  
September 3 for

Labor Day. The City Council

meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 4.

**TRASH SERVICE DELAYED**

**Labor Day - NO TRASH OR RECYCLE SERVICE:** Trash and recycle routes delayed one day all week: Monday's trash and recycle routes will be picked up on Tuesday; Tuesday's trash and recycle routes will be picked up on Wednesday; Wednesday's trash route on Thursday; Thursday's trash route on Friday; and Friday's trash route on Saturday.

If you have any questions or need information about trash, recycle or bulk trash pick-up service, you may check out the city's website under General Information or call Customer Service at 972-495-1212, ext. 29 or 30.

**JOIN US AT THE PUMPKIN PROWL AND FISHING DERBY**

The Parks and Recreation Department invites the entire family to the 2nd Annual Pumpkin Prowl on October 20 at Salmon Park, 4302 Williford Road, and the Fishing Derby on October 27 at Park Lake Estates Community Lake.

Picture an Easter egg hunt with pumpkins and that's the Pumpkin Prowl. Kids scramble to find the prize pumpkin. There will be hayrides and refreshments for everyone. The fun starts at 6 pm and there is no charge for the event.

The Fishing Derby starts at 9 am and lasts to 1 pm. Each two-person team pays an entry fee of \$5.00. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided for lunch as the teams try to "land the big one" and take home the prize for biggest fish caught.

For more information on either of these events, check out the city's website.

**4th ANNUAL TURKEY TROT**

Join the Sachse High School Class of 2011 for the 4th Annual SHS Turkey Trot on Thursday, November 22 (Thanksgiving Day)



beginning at 8 am. There will be a one-mile and three-mile walk/run, a live DJ, door prizes and presentation of trophies. Sponsorships for the event are available for any individual or company.

Entry forms are available on the SHS website at [www.garlandidschools.net/sachse/index.asp](http://www.garlandidschools.net/sachse/index.asp), in the SHS office or by emailing [sallyemert@aol.com](mailto:sallyemert@aol.com).

Join us Thanksgiving Day for a morning of fun and exercise while helping a good cause. All proceeds from the event benefit the Sachse High School Class of 2011 senior activities.



**LIBRARY ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:** Friends of the Sachse Library will host a fundraising event at the Barnes & Noble Book Store at Firewheel Mall September 8th from 11 am to 3 pm. If you obtain a coupon before checking out, a percentage of your purchase will go to the Friends. On September 22 from 12 noon until 4 pm the Friends will hold a book sale of new and slightly used books at the Library. There will also be a teen talent show during the book sale. Proceeds from both events support the Library. More information is available on the city's website or by calling the Library at 972-530-8966.

Also in September, the Library, Chamber of Commerce, and Sachse Economic Development Corporation will sponsor two small business workshops. On September 6 at 8 am, How to Develop a Business Plan, and on September 27 at 12 noon, How to Market

Your Business will be presented by Bill Medina, SBA Program Manager of the North Texas Small Business Development Center Network. Both workshops will be in the Sachse Library Meeting Room.

The summer reading program was extremely successful this year. The Library staff would like to congratulate all those who participated in the reading clubs. This year's winners were: preschool - Kami Wortham, Andrew Dougherty, Sara Lynn Dougherty and Clayton Padden; 1st to 3rd grade - Avery Padden, Kaeson Wortham and Alyssa Cigainero; 4th grade and up - Kyler Wortham, Kennedy Ikechuhew, and Austin Snodgrass. Their combined total was over 50,000 minutes. Way to go!!

**Remember, the Library has GISD textbooks available for your use.**





### SAFE DRIVING CLASS OFFERED FOR SENIORS



A "55 Alive" Safe Driving Class for senior citizens will be September 11 and 12 from 9 am to 1 pm in the Community Room of the Library, 3815-C Sachse Road. Cost is \$10 per person and you must attend both days to receive the insurance discount. For more information or to sign up,

### SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR REPRESENTED SACHSE

Dixie Dickson participated in the Ms. Texas Senior Classic Pageant in August and brought home first place in the evening gown competition. The pageant is a recognition program for senior ladies. Contestants are role models for their peers, encouraging all senior ladies to try something new, be adventurous and live life to the fullest.



Courtesy Photo

Dixie as coached by Sachse resident and the 2007 Miss Texas Queen of the National American Miss Pageant, AnnTannette Richardson. AnnTannette, a Sachse resident, graduated from Sachse High School in May 2007 and plans on attending Texas A&M-Commerce as a journalism major.

The fall calendar is full of activities including movies and luncheons, health seminars, trips to the rodeo, museums, hay rides, shopping, and much more. Check out the calendar on the city's website at [www.cityofsachse.com/seniors/calendar](http://www.cityofsachse.com/seniors/calendar).

### COUNCIL CONSIDERS FISCAL YEAR 07-08 BUDGET

City Council has received the proposed 2007-2008 budget and property tax rate from staff. Public hearings will be held on September 4 and 10 to allow for citizen input. The FY 07-08 Budget is set to be voted on at the September 17 meeting.

The 07-08 budget allows for the continuation of excellent service to the citizens of Sachse with highlights focused on public safety, parks and recreation and IT service.

**\$** Finance Department is requesting an IT position. Funding for the position will be possible through the reduction of the outsourcing expenses currently incurred.

**\$** Police Department is requesting three new officer positions and two new squad cars, as well as other small equipment to perform police functions and small office equipment for the Animal Shelter.

**\$** Fire Department is requesting three Fire Rescue Specialists along with increased funds for training and uniform needs.

**\$** Library staff is requesting two part-time clerk positions be converted to full-time positions and is requesting an increase in funds for programs.

**\$** Parks Department is requesting the Seasonal Maintenance Tech be converted to a full-time position and requests a Recreation Aide position to start April 2008.

**\$** Total FY 07-08 budget is \$21,974,155.

### SACHSE MUSEUM CELEBRATES ONE YEAR

The Sachse Historical Society is planning a special event to mark the one year anniversary of the opening of the museum. The open-house celebration will be Saturday, September 8, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. These are the museum's normal hours of operation on Saturday so drop by and thank the volunteers and members for their hard work and dedication to this project.



Historical Society President Karen Reed and Treasurer Joe Stone at the Grand Opening.

Courtesy Photo

### New Classes Being Offered

The Parks and Recreation Department's fall/winter brochure has been mailed out and offers several new classes including Tots to Tumble and Rhythm, Noah's Ark "Camp Out" and Abrakadoodle for the youngsters and Noah's Ark Parent's Night Out, Just for Me, and Zumba for adults.

In addition to the Pumpkin Prowl and Fishing Derby, watch for these events:

> The Daddy/Daughter Dance will be November 9 at Woodbridge Pavilion from 7 to 9 pm. Cost is \$15 per couple.

> Movie in the Park will feature Shrek the Third on Saturday, November 17 at Salmon Park Pavilion. Cost is \$2 per person and includes the movie, popcorn, and drinks.

> Cookies with Santa is MOVING to the SACHSE LIBRARY. Coming Saturday, December 8 from 10 to 11:30 am, Santa will visit with children at the Sachse Library.

Watch the website and the special holiday newsletter for more information.

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2007



Courtesy Photo

Several neighborhoods participated in the National Night Out with block parties, good food, good fun, and getting to know the neighbors. Quail Hollow, Cottonwood, and Park Lake were the largest attended in Sachse.

The 2nd Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) completed its 10 weeks of two-hour classes and received certificates of completion on August 27. The "hands-on" instruction included fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster preparedness, terrorism and disaster simulation and follows a curriculum distributed by FEMA. CERT prepares individuals for hazards that may impact their area. Anyone interested in attending the next CERT class should watch the city's website for information.





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### Your Mayor and City Council

City Council members serve in places, not districts, therefore all Council members represent the entire city. If a citizen has a concern, they may contact the mayor or any of the six council members. Council meetings are the first and third Mondays of the month (unless it is a holiday) starting at 7:30 pm at City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.



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City Hall (City Manager, City Secretary, Finance Director, Utility Billing, Municipal Court, and Human Resources)	972.495.1212
Library	972.530.8966
Community Development (Permits, Building Inspections, Zoning)	972.675.1633
Public Works	972.495.7600
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Animal Control	972.495.2271
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*Contact any Council member from the City's website at [www.cityofsachse.com/City Council](http://www.cityofsachse.com/City_Council)*