

The City of Sachse

Sachse Scene

Quarterly Newsletter - Fall 2008



September - November Calendar of Events:

September 1 - HOLIDAY

ALL CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Trash service will NOT run - Service delayed by one day all week

City Council will meet on Tuesday

October 7 - NATIONAL NIGHT

OUT - Flip on the porch light and spend the evening outdoors with your neighbors

October 11 - FALLFEST

Chamber of Commerce sponsors the annual Fallfest at Heritage Park from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm

October 18 - PUMPKIN PROWL

Parks Department hosts the Pumpkin Prowl at Salmon Park starting at 6:00 pm. There is no fee for this event.

October 25 - FISHING DERBY

Parks Department's Annual Fishing Derby from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at Joe and Patricia Stone Park. There is no fee for this event.

October 25 - CASINO NIGHT

Chamber of Commerce presents Trick or Treat Casino Night at Swingin' D Ranch from 6:30 to 11:00 pm

November 7 - DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

From 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the gymnasium at Park Lake Church on Sachse Road

November 27 - TURKEY TROT

Join Sachse High School for their 5th Annual Turkey Trot starting at 8:00 am

November 27 and 28 - HOLIDAY

ALL CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Trash service will NOT run on Thursday,

November 27 (Thanksgiving Day)

Trash service WILL run on Friday

November 28

More info about these events can be found in this newsletter and on the City's website www.cityofsachse.com

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION?

If you are interested in serving on a board or commission, the City Council is accepting applications until September 30. Interviews start in October with 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** - 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** - advisory board that considers matters pertaining to use and services of the Library, meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 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.

Applications are available at City Hall or online at [www.cityofsachse.com/Forms & Applications](http://www.cityofsachse.com/Forms%20&%20Applications). Complete and return the application to City Secretary Terry Smith by September 30. For more info please call 972-495-1212, ext. 23.

FROM MAYOR FELIX - UPDATE ON RR CROSSING AT WOOD- BRIDGE:



The City received updated information on the railroad crossing at Woodbridge Parkway and Highway 78. We have been notified that the Federal District Court in Sherman ruled that the condemnation case against the Kansas City Southern Railroad is remanded to Collin County Court at Law No. 2. In late July the Clerk of the Court made the official notification to the Collin County Court. This means that the Federal Court has ruled that the eminent domain case filed by the City to force the opening of a crossing at Woodbridge Parkway and Highway 78 is a state issue, not a federal issue.

The County Court at Law previously appointed the three special commissioners required by state law. Once the commissioners schedule a hearing, the case will continue in state court. Determining the case by the laws of the State of Texas rather than Federal Laws is considered a victory for the City.

The city's legal team cannot estimate the length of time it will take for the case to be heard in State Court. Watch the website and these publications for updates as they become available.

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to this year's Summer Reading Program winners. Their combined total minutes read was almost 53,000. Those reading the most minutes in each category were: Preschool thru K - Kami Wortham, Joey Arnold, Emma Grant; 1st thru 3rd grade - Kaeson Wortham, Kayla Arnold, Janna Francis; 4th grade and up - Kyler Wortham, Kylun Rodriguez and Megan Woodcock. Thanks to all those participating and attending the summer reading programs.

Friends of the Library sponsors the Barnes & Noble fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 27, 11 am to 3 pm at Firewheel Town Center. Pat Lockard from Wednesday's Child will present story time and author Beth Fehlbaum will be signing her book, *Courage in Patience*. A percentage of your purchase goes to the Sachse Library when you present a Friends of the Library voucher. Also, watch for the Friends Book Sale at the Library. With over 7,000 items for sale, you are sure to find a bargain.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES; TRASH SERVICE DELAYS

City offices will close Sept. 1, Nov. 27 and 28. The trash pick up schedule will change as follows: Monday, Sept. 1st there will be NO trash or recycle service.

Trash and recycle routes are delayed one day all week. Thursday, Nov. 27 there will be NO trash service. Thursday and Friday routes are delayed by one day.

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



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

SENIORS CALENDAR FULL

The Sachse Seniors already have the rest of the 2008 calendar filled with activities. In addition to the monthly luncheons, health and financial seminars, shopping trips, craft workshops, and game days, there are plenty of opportunities to join the fun. In September and October, the Center hosts health seminars focusing on cancer awareness. Dallas County nurses will be at the Center October 21 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm administering flu shots. On October 28 the group will take a mystery trip and November 1st is the annual hayride for couples, including a tour of a Civil War Cemetery and cookout over the camp fire. Throw in a trip to the Bureau of Engraving in Ft. Worth and a tour of Dealy Plaza and the 6th Floor Museum in Dallas and you can see the seniors do not sit still long. The Senior Activity Center is located at the corner of Sachse Road and Miles Road/Bryan Street. For more information, please call 972-495-6282.



Seniors group on a recent "mystery" trip.

ANNUAL PUMPKIN PROWL, FISHING DERBY AND DRIVE-IN MOVIE

The Parks and Recreation Department invites the entire family to the 3rd Annual Pumpkin Prowl on October 18 at Salmon Park, 4302 Williford Road, the Fishing Derby on October 25 at Joe and Patricia Stone Park, 6000 Laurel Crest Drive, and the Drive-In Movie on November 22 at Salmon Park.

On Saturday, October 18, the Great Pumpkin is coming to Salmon Park to hide bright orange mini pumpkins, including prize pumpkins. There will also be hayrides and refreshments for everyone. The fun starts at 6 pm and there is no charge for the event.

This year's Fishing Derby starts at 9 am and lasts until noon. Fishermen will be treated to hot dogs and drinks while they go for the "big catch". Prizes will be awarded for biggest catch, most fish caught and smallest catch. There is no charge for this event.

The drive-in movie will be Saturday, November 22 at Salmon Park. Join us for popcorn, drinks and Kung Fu Panda. A kung fu costume contest "kicks" things off at 6:30 pm followed by the movie at 6:45 pm. There is no charge for this event.

As always, for more information on future events, check the city's website at www.cityofsachse.com.



5th ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

Join the Sachse High School Class of 2011 for the 5th Annual SHS Turkey Trot on Thursday, November 27 (yes, that's 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.garlandisdschools.net/sachse/index.asp, in the school office or by emailing 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. Please contact Sally Emert at the email address above for more information.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT MOVED TO OCTOBER 7th IN TEXAS

Due to the extreme heat in Texas, National Night Out has been moved to October 7th. From 7 to 10 pm, Sachse residents are asked to turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outdoors with neighbors. Many neighborhoods in Sachse will host a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, visits from police, flashlight walks, contests and youth activities. NNO is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships, and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized against crime.

"Lieutenant Marty Cassidy will be coordinating events and scheduling appearances by the department's officers," said Police Chief Dennis Veach. "Those wanting to organize block parties or HOA events should contact Lt. Cassidy." The Sachse Police will help provide assistance and materials to make local events a success. Lt. Cassidy can be reached at mcassidy@cityofsachse.com or at 972-495-2271, ext. 204. "This year is going to be our biggest year yet," says Lt. Cassidy, "We can't wait to get out there and strengthen our partnership with the community."



Mayor Felix, Councilman Mark Timm and City Manager Allen Barnes visited with neighbors at Cottonwood Park as part of last year's National Night Out.

FALLFEST IS A DAY OF FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

The annual Fallfest hosted by the Sachse Chamber of Commerce will be October 11th from 10 am to 4 pm at Heritage Park. Popular singers, local bands, school bands, cheer groups and dance groups will provide entertainment on the main stage throughout the day. The vendors feature arts and crafts, commercial and non-commercial, and food booths including turkey legs, tater swirls, kettle korn, funnel cakes, sausage on a stick 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. There will be plenty of fun and games for the entire family. Sponsorships are available at three different levels, platinum, gold and silver. 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.



Lions Club member Gary Overby serves up a turkey leg at last year's Fallfest.

Chamber's Casino Night

The Sachse Chamber is hosting a Trick or Treat Casino Night on Saturday, October 25 from 6:30 to 11 pm at the Swingin' D Ranch, 3406 Dublin Road, Parker. Dinner and drinks start at 6:30 pm; gaming starts at 7 pm and closes at 10 pm. Along with gaming tables and slots, a Texas Hold'em tournament is available for an additional buy-in amount or may be purchased the night of the event.

For those not lured by the gaming tables, a silent auction will be available until 10:30 pm. Tickets purchased by October 11 offer a discounted rate and each ticket purchased receives \$500 in chips. Additional chips may be purchased during the event.

Sponsorships for casino tables, slot machines, food and beverages, the Hold'Em tournament and adult beverages are available. Call the Chamber at 972-496-1212 for more information.

DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

The Parks Department has put the call out for all daughters, no matter your age, to put on your dancing shoes, grab your dad by the hand, and "step" out for a night of fun, games, refreshments, and, oh yea, dancing. This event is a great way for daughters to strengthen their relationships with their fathers and for dads to give that special girl a night to remember. Each couple will receive a commemorative photo of the evening and a beautiful corsage and boutonniere to take home.

So join us Friday, November 7 from 7 to 9 pm in the gymnasium at Park Lake Baptist Church, 3702 Sachse Road. Cost is \$15.00 for a couple. If dad has more than one daughter, the cost is \$5.00 each additional person. For example, dad and three daughters will be \$25.00.

If you have questions or would like to sign up, please call the Parks Department at 469-429-



SMALL BUSINESS LIBRARY OPENS

When the Chamber of Commerce moved out of the Red Caboose on Highway 78, some wondered what would become of the empty office space. Dolores Greenwald, Director of Library Services had a plan. Together with a business grant from the Sachse Economic Development Corporation, the "okay" from the Chamber of Commerce to use the facility, and a lot of hard work from library personnel and the Friends of the Library, the Sachse Small Business Library is now a reality.

Located at 5941 Highway 78, the library provides resources to help business owners with marketing and planning strategies, as well as research on demographics and statistics. The facility will be manned with the help of volunteers and hours of operation have yet to be determined. Watch the city's website or call 972-530-8966 or 972-496-1212 for more information or assistance.

Sachse Fire Rescue Sponsors Blood Drive; Hosts EMT School



Firefighter Kenneth Carpenter and Missy Knappage, wife of Lt. Robert Knappage, participate in the blood drive.

Sachse Fire Rescue recently sponsored a blood drive at Sachse Fire Station No. 2 for George Slone, the father of Sachse firefighter Brandon Slone. Ryan Stallings, a fellow Sachse fireman, coordinated the event with Carter Blood-Care.

Ryan spread the word via the Internet, scheduled the date, time and location, and recruited individuals to give blood on Mr. Slone's behalf.

Sachse Fire Rescue, in coordination with Methodist Health System, is hosting its annual EMT School from August 18 thru November 15. "The course is taught according to the National Department of Transportation standards with accreditation of the Texas Department of Health," said EMS Coordinator Lt. Robert Knappage. After completing 120 hours in the classroom and 56 hours of clinical experience, participants are eligible to test for national registry certification.

SAFE DRIVING CLASS OFFERED FOR SENIORS

A "55 Alive" Safe Driving Class for senior citizens will be Sept. 8 and 9 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, please call 972-495-6282.

FY 08-09 PROPOSED BUDGET AND TAX RATE INCREASE

Staff and Council spent many hours working on the FY 08-09 proposed budget. The city's total budgetary expenditures are estimated at \$19,690,203. A portion of the City's property tax is assigned to the debt service fund to pay for bonded indebtedness issued for construction of public infrastructure and public facilities. Projects funded with sources other than General Obligation Bond proceeds include Brookview Lane, Brookhollow Lane, Haverhill Lane, 5th Street and Highway 78 intersection, Bryan Street, the city's portion of the Highway 78 widening project and various turning lanes throughout the city. Staff will increase by six positions including four maintenance techs in streets, one maintenance tech in parks, and an Administrative Assistant in the City Secretary's office. The General Fund Budget allows for a new program for performance review of employees and a maximum 4% merit increase. The Police Department will enhance video equipment in patrol units and purchase intoxilyzer equipment. The IT budget will replace critical network servers for reliability and security and add work stations at the Library. The Water and Sewer Fund will purchase a new vacuum truck, install a looped water system in the PGBT zone, water line projects along Eastview Drive and Maxwell Creek, purchase a pickup truck for the meter readers and purchase a display sign to enhance safety and traffic flow. Special Revenue Funds will cover the cost of a new school crossing guard at Don Whitt Elementary and a protective sun guard for playground equipment at Joe and Patricia Stone Park.

The recommended tax rate is \$0.62 per \$100 of assessed valuation, an increase of \$0.066581 over last year's rate. Based on the average home value in Sachse of \$177,700 the average tax bill will increase about \$118 per year. A public hearing is scheduled for the September 2 meeting. The public is invited to attend and address City Council. A complete copy of the budget may be reviewed in the City Secretary's office at City Hall or at the Library. Council will vote to adopt the budget and tax rate at the September 15th meeting. Council meetings begin at 7:30 pm.



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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. Council encourages the public to attend the meetings.



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Fire Non-Emergency (Code Enforcement)	972.495.0975
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)	972.675.1633
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

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