



September - November Calendar of Events:

September 7 - 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

September 12 - LOW COST PET SHOT AND MICROCHIP CLINIC

From 10 am until 2 pm at the Animal Shelter,
6436 Sachse Road (next to Public Works
office)

October 10 - FALLFEST

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

October 13 - NATIONAL NIGHT

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

October 17 - PUMPKIN PROWL

Parks Department hosts the Pumpkin Prowl
at Heritage Park starting at 6 pm - there is
no fee for this event

October 24 - FISHING DERBY

Parks Department's Annual Fishing Derby
from 9 am to noon at Park Lake Pond -
there is no fee for this event

November 6 - DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

From 7 to 9 pm in the Woodbridge Pavilion
at 7400 Country Club Drive

November 26 - TURKEY TROT

Join Sachse High School for their 6th Annual
Turkey Trot starting at 8 am

November 26 and 27 - HOLIDAY

ALL CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
Trash service will NOT run on Thursday,
November 26 (Thanksgiving Day)
Trash service WILL run on Friday
November 27

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

CITY FACES TOUGH DECISIONS OVER TAX INCREASE TIED TO BONDS



In November 2006, citizens approved a \$37.5 million bond program. The bonds were sold in December 2008 and payments are scheduled to begin in the 2009-2010 budget year. The first year's payment is just over \$1.9 million. City Council and staff now face tough decisions on how to raise the funds for the payments. Usually when bonds are sold, property taxes are raised to a level that will fund the payments. Given the taxable value of the property in Sachse, that would require a tax increase of 14 cents per \$100 valuation. While 14 cents would be less than the 15 cents discussed during the bond election, financial times have changed in the past two years and Council, sensitive to the needs of the citizens, has charged staff to explore every possible avenue to reduce the tax impact or delay the implementation of some of the increase. Council and staff have been working to look at all possible alternatives. City Manager Allen Barnes said "Mayor Felix and other members of Council have taken a personal interest and challenged staff to come up with 'out of the box' ideas to reduce the impact." Mr. Barnes further stated "We will recommend any action to Council that is legal for them to take. We are bound by the laws of the state and federal governments when it comes to bond repayment." Barnes said, "We are working with our financial advisors, bond attorneys, and City attorneys to determine if there is a legal way to reduce the impact of the bonds or to stall the implementation of a portion of the taxes. We have come up with several suggestions, but each suggestion has either negative legal implications or will negatively impact our tax calculations in future years."

The bond package is responsible for most of the construction work currently happening in Sachse. Murphy Road, DeWitt Road, Fifth Street, Bryan Street, and the Municipal Complex are either under construction or will be in a matter of weeks. The construction of Bunker Hill will begin in a matter of months. We have saved significant amounts of taxpayer money and gotten "more bang for our buck" than if we would have delayed the projects. The projects are necessary for the continued advancement of Sachse.

The City's operation budget is going up slightly in response to inflation. No new programs are planned for the upcoming year and no employee pay raises will be granted next year. Barnes said, "Our employees and Department Heads have really done well in cutting their budgets." Mayor Felix notes, "We appreciate the efforts and patience of our employees in budget preparation, but there just was not enough room to cut more without cutting services. We will work until the last possible minute to determine how to best address these concerns. If there is any way we can legally reduce the impact on our citizens we are going to do it."

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION?

Interested in serving on a board or commission? The City Council is accepting applications until September 28. 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 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm 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 Board** - makes recommendations regarding the Animal Shelter and its operations; **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 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 28. For more info please call 972.495.1212, ext. 23.

NO REST FOR OUR SENIORS

Sachse Seniors have the calendar full with trips and activities. In addition to the usual events, there are plenty of opportunities to join the fun. In September and October, the Center hosts health seminars hosted by Richardson Regional and Baylor Garland. On October 7 the seniors depart for their fall "spooky" mystery trip. Dallas County nurses will be at the Center October 23 and November 23 from 9 am to 1 pm administering flu shots free of charge to seniors ages 65+. On October 24 the group takes its annual hayride for couples, complete with a tour of a Civil War Cemetery and real Texas BBQ. November 11 a group will travel to the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center. Our Sachse seniors do not sit still. For more info please visit the city's website or call 972.495.6282. We do offer transportation to those who need it. Please call the Center if you need a ride.

AARP "55 ALIVE" SAFE DRIVING CLASS OFFERED

A Safe Driving Class for senior citizens will be October 5 from 9 am to 1 pm in the Community Room of the Library. Cost is \$12 if you are an AARP member, \$14 if you are not. Completion of the class certifies and qualifies participants for a discount on auto insurance. For more information or to sign up, please call 972.495.6282.

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Mark your calendars for the annual Fallfest Saturday, October 10 at Heritage Park from 10 am until 4 pm. Hosted by the Sachse Chamber of Commerce this year's event will feature live entertainment, local bands, school bands, cheer groups, and dance groups. Various vendors showcase arts and crafts and food booths include turkey legs, tater swirls, kettle korn, funnel cakes, sausage on a stick and much more. Back by popular demand are the car show, children's pageant, men's best legs contest, pie making contest, and pet photo contest. Plenty of fun and games for the entire family. Sponsorships are available. For more information, please call the Chamber at 972.496.1212 or visit their website at www.sachsechamber.com



Shopping for crafts during Fallfest

FISHING DERBY AND PUMPKIN PROWL SCHEDULED IN OCTOBER

The entire family is invited to the 4th Annual Pumpkin Prowl on October 17 at Heritage Park, 4408 Hudson Drive, at 6 pm.

The Great Pumpkin will hide miniature and prize pumpkins for children ages 10 and under. This event is similar to the Easter Egg Scramble except with miniature pumpkins. The fun will continue with hayrides, games and refreshments featuring hot chocolate and apple cider for the entire family. There is NO charge for this event.



Children dash for the miniature pumpkins.

This year's Fishing Derby will be held at the Park Lake Park Community Pond, October 23 starting at 9 am and lasting until noon. Pro angler Jeff Kirkwood will be on hand to instruct young fishermen in the proper fishing technique and provide a prize to the first place winner. Prizes will also be awarded for biggest catch, most fish caught, and smallest catch.

The Parks Department will treat the fishermen to hot dogs and drinks while they go for the "big one". There is NO charge for this event.



Last year's winners with Jeff Kirkwood.

For more information on these and other upcoming events, check the City's website at www.cityofsachse.com or call the Parks Department at 469.429.0275.

6th ANNUAL TURKEY TROT



Join the Sachse High School Class of 2011 and event organizer "Run On" for the 6th Annual SHS Turkey Trot on Thursday, November 26 (yes, Thanksgiving Day) beginning at 8 am at Sachse High School. There will be a one-mile certified and three-mile certified walk/fun run, a live DJ, 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/page.cfm?p=1430, in the school office or by emailing Sally Emert at sallyemert@aol.com.

Join us Thanksgiving Day for a morning of fun and exercise while helping a worthy cause. All proceeds benefit the Sachse High School Class of 2011 senior activities. Please contact Sally for more information.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - OCTOBER 13th IN SACHSE

National Night Out will be October 13 in Sachse. From 7 to 10 pm, residents are asked to turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outdoors with neighbors. Many neighborhoods 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, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts, and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized against crime.

Those wanting to organize block parties or HOA events should contact Lt. Marty Cassidy at 972.495.2271, ext. 204 or at mccassidy@cityofsachse.com. The Sachse Police will help provide assistance and materials to make local events a success. "Last year was our best yet," said Lt. Cassidy, "We need to work hard and step it up to make this year even better." Shown at right, Mayor Felix presented a proclamation for National Night Out at one of the neighborhood block parties.



CLICK ON THE E-WATCH ICON TO SIGN UP - Join the Sachse PD "cyber" neighborhood watch by signing up online at www.cityofsachse.com for monthly crime reports, alerts, crime prevention messages, community service messages, and residential surveys.

DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

The Parks and Recreation Department has the call out for daughters of all ages 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 young women to strengthen their relationships with their fathers and for dads to give his special girl a night to remember. Each couple will receive a commemorative photo of the evening and a beautiful corsage and boutonniere that is theirs to keep.

Join us Friday, November 6 from 7 to 9 pm at the Woodbridge Pavilion, 7400 Country Club Drive. Cost is \$15.00 per couple. If dad has more than one daughter, the cost is \$5.00 for each additional person. For example, dad and three daughters will be \$25.00.

If you have questions or would like to sign up in advance, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 469.429.0275.

Low Cost Pet Shot Clinic

Sachse's Animal Control will host a low cost pet shot clinic on Saturday, September 12 at the Animal Shelter, 6436 Sachse Road, from 10 am until 2 pm. Animal Allies will also be at the clinic offering low cost microchips and Animal Control officers will be there to register your pets. By City Ordinance, pets must be registered and tags must be worn to show proof of vaccination. City tags are \$2.00 if your pet is spayed or neutered; \$7.00 if they are not. Please bring proof of spay / neuter procedure in order to receive lower cost. For more information about the clinic, please call the Animal Shelter at 972.495.2271, option 2. **DURING THE PET SHOT CLINIC, DOGS MUST BE ON LEASHES AND CATS MUST BE IN CARRIERS.**



Sachse has a leash law: Dogs "not confined to the premises of the owner must be under the control of the owner by means of a leash or metal chain of sufficient strength and length to control the actions of the dog." Cats are "permitted to run at large but must have a valid rabies and license tag attached to the collar or harness." For more information or to adopt a pet, please visit the Shelter during business hours, Monday thru Friday, 8 am to 6 pm, Saturday and Sunday, 7 am to 5 pm.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE POSTPONED; BOOK FAIR IN SEPTEMBER

With all that is going on this fall, the Friends of the Sachse Library decided to postpone its annual book sale until spring. This will give them more time to collect new or gently used books, movies, videos, CDs, and books on tapes/CDs. All donations are tax deductible and may be taken to the library at any time. Be sure to ask for your tax deductible receipt.

This year's Barnes & Noble Book Fair will be co-sponsored by the Sachse Library and the Wylie Library and will run from September 21 to September 26. Join us for author signings, readings, and other great events all week. Authors include Maria Lima, author of *Matters of the Blood* and other vampire-themed romances, and Robert Rummel-Hudson, author of *Schuyler's Monster: A Father's Journey with His Wordless Daughter*. Contact the library at 972.530.8966 for more details.

Congratulations to this year's Summer Reading Program's top readers with combined total minutes over 50,000. Top readers were: Preschool thru K - Kami Wortham; 1st thru 3rd grade - Kaeson Wortham, Elizabeth Kang; 4th grade and up - Mounaim Hafid, Kyler Wortham, and Chu-Chu Ikechukwu. Thanks to all who participated and those who attended the programs. Staff certainly appreciates your patience with the parking issues and we look forward to things being much better next year.

LOCAL BUSINESS HOSTS BICYCLE RODEO



Sachse Police Department will participate in a local Bicycle Rodeo hosted by Dr. Robert Contreras and his staff at Lake Point

Medical Partners-Sachse, 5250 Highway 78, Suite 850 (in the Kroger shopping center) on Saturday, September 12 from 9 am until noon for children ages 4 to 11. The Sachse bicycle and motorcycle officers will set up an obstacle course and help participants navigate the obstacles safely by following bicycle laws. They will also conduct inspections and answer questions to educate children and parents on bicycle safety. Lake Point Medical Partners-Sachse will present helmets to those participating as long as supplies last, along with literature on bike safety and injuries due to unsafe bicycling.

For more information or questions you may contact Susie at Lake Pointe Medical Partners-Sachse at 972.530.0978.



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

What is the *Ready* Campaign? *Ready* is a national public service campaign sponsored by the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency in partnership with The Advertising Council and the City of Sachse. It educates and empowers Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks, in order to get them involved and ultimately increase our nation's level of preparedness. It also encourages citizens to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities.

The goal of the campaign is to change perceptions about emergency preparedness and help Americans understand what it truly means to be *Ready*. We want to challenge people's belief that they are adequately prepared or can improvise in a disaster or emergency, anything from an inconvenience to a devastating event. Taking simple preparedness steps in advance can minimize the impact on lives. Being *Ready* includes: getting an Emergency Supply Kit; making a Family Emergency Plan; and getting involved in community efforts. To learn more about how to prepare yourself and your family, visit www.ready.gov and/or www.KnoWhat2Do.com.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES; TRASH SERVICE DELAYS

City offices will be closed Sept. 7, Nov. 26 and 27. Trash pick up schedule: Monday, Sept. 7 - NO trash or recycle service. Trash and recycle routes are delayed one day the entire week. Thursday, Nov. 27 - NO trash service. Thursday and Friday routes are delayed by one day. Visit the General Information/Garbage page on the website for more information. If you have a water or sewer emergency during the holidays, please call 972.495.2271. A maintenance tech will be dispatched to assist you.



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK: City staff would like your feedback regarding the Independence Day celebration. Please take a few minutes for a short, online survey. Click on Red, White & Blue Blast Feedback on the city's website and follow the link to the survey.



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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 such as the upcoming Labor Day holiday) starting at 7:30 pm at City Hall. Council encourages the public to attend the meetings.



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Police/Fire/Medical	911
Police Non-Emergency	972.495.2271
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