

The Sachse Scene

Quarterly Newsletter - Fall 2011



September - November Calendar of Events:

September 5 - HOLIDAY

ALL CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
Trash service will NOT run Labor Day
City Council meets Tuesday, September 6

September 10 - LOW COST PET SHOT AND MICROCHIP CLINIC

Animal Shelter from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

September 17 - SENIOR TRIP / HAYRIDE/CIVIL WAR CEMETERY

Depart the Senior Center at 3:30 pm for
hayride, tour, dinner and sing-a-long.

October 4 - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

From 7 to 10 pm, flip on the porch
light and spend the evening outdoors with
your neighbors.

October 8 - FALLFEST

Chamber of Commerce sponsors annual
Fallfest at Heritage Park, 10 am to 4 pm.

October 22 - PUMPKIN PROWL

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

November 5 - HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S VETERAN'S EVENT

11 am to 2 pm at Sachse Museum
Public is invited to this celebration in honor
of our Veterans.

November 24 - TURKEY TROT

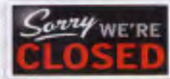
Join Sachse High School for their 8th Annual
Turkey Trot starting at 8 am.

November 24 and 25 - HOLIDAY

ALL CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
Trash service will NOT run on Thursday,
November 25 (Thanksgiving Day)
Trash service WILL run on Friday
November 26.

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

HOLIDAY CLOSURES AND TRASH SERVICE DELAYS



City offices will be closed Sept. 5, Nov. 24 and 25. The trash pick up schedule will change as follows: Monday, Sept. 5 there will be NO trash or recycle service. Trash and recycle routes are delayed by one day all week. Thursday, Nov. 25 there will be NO trash or recycle service. Thursday and Friday routes are delayed by one day. (Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day are scheduled holidays for Allied Waste.) If you have a water or sewer emergency during the holidays, please call 972.495.2271, option 2 to report the problem. A maintenance technician will be dispatched to your residence to assist you.

Low Cost Pet Shot Clinic

Sachse's Animal Control hosts a low cost pet shot clinic on Saturday, September 10 at the Animal Shelter, 6436 Sachse Road, from 10 am to 2 pm. **DOGS MUST BE ON LEASHES AND CATS MUST BE IN CARRIERS.** Animal Allies will also be at the clinic offering low cost microchips and Animal Control staff will be happy 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. In order to receive the lower cost registration, please bring proof of spay / neuter. For more information about the clinic or to inquire about adopting 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 or call 972.495.2271, option 1.



TIME TO PLAN AND PREPARE

September is National Preparedness Month. With natural disasters from earthquakes to tornados affecting more and more people, it is important to be prepared with a game plan. You may need to survive on your own after an emergency. This means having enough food, water, and other supplies to last for three days. Local officials and relief workers will be on scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. In addition, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment, and telephones may be cut off for days or longer. Taking simple steps in advance can minimize the impact on the lives of you and your family. Being prepared means putting together an emergency supply kit, making a family emergency plan that everyone understands, being informed about how emergency situations are handled in your community, and getting involved in community efforts. To learn more about how to prepare yourself and your family, visit www.ready.gov or www.KnoWhat2Do.com.

VOLUNTEERS COMPLEMENT CITY SERVICES

City boards and commissions would not exist without dedicated citizens donating their time and service. If you are interested in becoming a member of a city board or commission, Council is accepting applications until September 26. Interviews start in October and appointments are made in November. City boards/commissions include: **Planning & Zoning Commission** - considers issues related to zoning, platting, land use, etc., meets 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 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 issues related to the parks system, meets the 2nd Thursday of the month, 7 pm at City Hall; **Library Board** - advisory board that considers Library use and services, meets the 2nd Monday of the month, 7 pm at the Library; **Animal Shelter Board** - advisory board that considers matters related to the operation of the Animal Shelter, meets the 4th Thursday of the month, 7 pm at City Hall; **Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors** - studies and promotes commercial development, meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7 pm at City Hall.

Applications available online at www.cityofsachse.com/OnlineForms or at City Hall. Complete and return to City Secretary by September 26. For more info please call 469.429.4775.

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If you have questions or comments, please call 469-429-4771.

PUMPKIN PROWL OCTOBER 22

The entire family is invited to the 7th Annual Pumpkin Prowl October 22 at 6 pm at Salmon Park, 4302 Williford Road.

The Great Pumpkin will hide miniature and prize pumpkins for children ages 10 and under. The fun will continue with hayrides, games and refreshments. There is NO charge for this event.



Children hunt for the prize pumpkin.

For more information, visit the city's website at www.cityofsachse.com or call the Parks Department at 469.429.6275.

LIBRARY NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

This year's Summer Reading Program theme was Dig Up a Good Book, and that's just what our participants did. We celebrated the end of the program with presentation of certificates and awards to those who read the most minutes by category: Preschool thru K - Ava Staten, Olivia Okafor and Joshua Okafor, and Mollie Landis; 1st thru 3rd grades - Kami Wortham, Jeremy Tucker, and Charlie Chung; 4th grade up - Kaesen Wortham, Dillan Tucker and Gennah Tucker. Thanks to all who participated this year.



Mark your calendar for these special events: Fancy Nancy Tea Party on Sept. 6 at 4 pm. Dress in your fanciest costume and join us for stories, crafts, snacks, and of course, tea. On Sept. 20 at 4 pm we play pirates at our Pirate Party. Come dressed as your favorite pirate and join us as we play games, hunt treasure and enjoy pirate stories. This year's Halloween Party is on Oct. 27 at 4 pm. Wear your scariest or cutest costume and join in as we play games, offer prizes, snacks, and lots of candy. And we will of course have a Best Costume contest.

SPECIAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PROGRAM

Three local authors will be featured at the Friends of the Library's Inspired Writing program. Mary DeMuth, Richard Mabry and Anne Mateer will be at the Library on Sept. 27 from 7 to 9 pm. They will present excerpts from their latest books, and talk about their inspiration for writing. Books will be available for purchase and you may have them autographed by the authors.

POLICE DEPARTMENT "BLOCKING" OFF OCTOBER 4 FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Sachse residents are asked to turn on their porch lights and spend the evening outside with their neighbors to celebrate National Night Out on October 4 from 7 to 10 pm. National Night Out heightens crime and drug prevention awareness, generates support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts, and strengthens neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships. It is an opportunity for neighborhoods to organize block parties, cookouts, visits from the police officers, flashlight walks, contests and youth activities.

If your neighborhood is interested in hosting an event, please contact Lieutenant Marty Cassidy at 469.429.1204 or mcassidy@cityofsachse.com. "Lt. Cassidy will coordinate events and schedule appearances by the department's officers," said Police Chief Dennis Veach. "Our department will help provide assistance and materials to make local events a success." Lt. Cassidy wants this year's event to be the best yet. "We can't wait to get out there and strengthen our partnership with the community."

The Police Department would also like to remind everyone of the Area of Responsibility and Neighborhood E-Watch programs. These two programs have been successful in notifying residents when crime is occurring in a specific area of the city. The AOR program divides Sachse into 12 separate areas which have a sergeant and two officers assigned to it. These officers are required as part of their shift duties to patrol their assigned AOR. Monthly crime reports for each AOR are available on the city's website. The E-Watch program is a "cyber" neighborhood watch that notifies individuals of crime alerts, crime prevention messages, provides community service messages, and sends out crime statistics. Sign up today for the E-Watch program at www.sachsewatch.com.



8th ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

Instead of driving into Dallas, sleep a little later, beat the crowds and join us at Sachse High School's 8th Annual Turkey Trot. This year's event begins at 8 am on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24 at Sachse High School. There will be a one-mile and three-mile certified walk/fun run, a



live DJ, and trophies for the top finishers in each category. Individual or company sponsorships for the event will be greatly appreciated.

Entry forms are available on the Sachse High School website, at the school office, and at www.runontexas.com. You may also contact Cyndi Mitchell at 972.322.2558 for more information. All proceeds from the event benefit the Sachse High School Class of 2015 senior activities.

WEBSITE REPORT CARD SHOWS HIGH MARKS

On Nov. 12, 2010, the new Sachse website went live and the improvements just keep on coming. The new site offers an online Citizen Request Tracker where citizens can report problems or issues in their neighborhood and receive feedback from the departments on the request. Online payments, online forms and now electronic billing for water payments make life much easier for our citizens. The Notify Me module allows you to register an email address to receive meeting notices, calendar events and news flash items as they are posted on the site. Things to watch for in the future, online viewing of City Council meetings.

Just so you know: Since Dec. 1, 2010, there have been 143,051 visits to the site. That's roughly 600 visits a day. On average, a visitor views three pages and the most viewed page is the online bill pay page. Repeat visitors make up 55% of the views with 45% being new visitors. Our site has been viewed by people in London, Paris, Madrid, Barcelona and Jinan, China.

FALLFEST PLANS UNDERWAY

The Sachse Chamber of Commerce hosts the 26th annual Fallfest on Oct. 8 from 10 am to 4 pm at Heritage Park, 4408 Hudson Drive. Local bands, cheer groups, dance groups and vocalists will provide entertainment on two stages throughout the day. Over 100 vendor booths showcasing arts and crafts, and food booths featuring turkey legs, tater swirls, kettle korn, funnel cakes, sausage on a stick, and much more. The men's best legs contest and pet photo contest are back by popular demand. Raffle drawings will be held throughout the day. There will be plenty of fun and games for the entire family. Admission is free. Sponsorships are available at platinum, gold, and silver levels. 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.

APPRECIATING OUR VETERANS

The public is invited to the Sachse Historical Society's Veteran's Appreciation Day on Saturday, Nov. 5. The celebration, honoring Veterans, will be at the Museum, 3033 Sixth Street (behind Smith and Sons Funeral Home), from 11 am to 2 pm. Several military vehicles and equipment from the Fubarmotorpool will be on display.

Keynote speaker Lt. General Charles Eichelberger will address the group at 11:25 am. General Eichelberger received many awards including the Defense Service Medal, Legion of Merit with three oak-leaf clusters, both a Joint and Army Meritorious Service Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and both the Army and Air Force Unit Commendation Awards. He retired in 1991 after 36 years of service.

SENIOR CENTER A BUSY PLACE

The Sachse Senior Center offers many options for staying busy. Anyone 55+ is invited to join in the fun including Wii bowling tournaments, birthday lunches, free baked goods, book club, line dancing class, and various games including Mahjong, Bunko, dominoes, cards and Canasta. Craft classes include jewelry making classes on Sept. 22, Oct. 20 and Nov. 17. The Dallas County nurse visits the 4th Friday of the month with free blood pressure and blood sugar readings, and cholesterol screenings in November and May.

Special offerings this fall include the annual hayride on Sept. 17 in Leonard where they will tour a Civil War Cemetery and enjoy dinner and a sing-a-long at Captain Bob Lee's ranch. We depart the Center at 3:30 pm. On Oct. 5 the seniors travel to the Parr Patch in Clarksville. Both of these trips have a cost of \$5 per person. Upcoming trips to the Terrell Outlet Mall, the Christmas Store in Plano, Town East Mall and Jacob's Rewards Fiber Farm in Parker are free. Join in the fun at the Halloween party on Oct. 28 from 1 to 3 pm at the Center. Bring finger foods and wear your costume if you want, but a costume is not required to have a good time.

The Center recently hosted a Wii Bowling tournament. Teams from Allen, Garland and Sachse competed for bragging rights.



The Allen Alley Gators won first place as a team but Janet Hurley and Ana Hundley captured the gold and silver medals respectively. A team member from Allen bowled a perfect 300 game. How exciting!

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS OFFER SUPPORT

Several organizations offering support and self-improvement can be found in and around Sachse.

MOMS Club® of Sachse/Murphy is a non-profit support group for the stay-at-home mom. Being a full-time mom can sometimes feel isolating for both the mom and the little ones. This group offers a variety of activities such as monthly meetings, MOMS night out, park days, lunch bunch, field trips and playgroups. Monthly business meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month. Visitors are welcome to attend the meeting and one other public event before joining. Please contact murphy_sachse_moms@yahoo.com for times and locations.

Wylie Wisecrackers is a Toastmasters club serving the Wylie/Sachse/Murphy/Lavon area. They meet every Wednesday at 6:45 pm at American National Bank, 301 S. Highway 78 in Wylie. Toastmasters provides a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member can develop communication and leadership skills. Visit their website at <http://wylie.freetoasthost.com/>.

Sachse Lion's Club meets the third Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm at Steak Kountry, 7010 Highway 78. The Lion's Club participates in several community fundraisers that aid in their mission of fighting blindness. They also offer aid to seniors, the disabled, the hungry and children with physical or mental disabilities. Collection boxes for used eye glasses can be found at City Hall, the Sachse Library, Kroger Pharmacy, Smith and Sons Funeral Home, and Dr. Melanie Troung's office.

Breast Cancer Support Fellowship group meets at First United Methodist Church, 1520 Blackburn Road. They provide support, encouragement and resources for those who are currently dealing with breast cancer and for breast cancer survivors. Newcomers are always welcome. For more meeting days and times please contact Marilyn Fouts at 972.495.6645.

The Sachse Historical Society preserves the history of Sachse so that the community's heritage may be kept alive and available to the public. They maintain the Sachse Museum located at 3033 Sixth Street. Visit their website at www.sachsehistoricalsociety.org for information about meetings, projects, and how you can become a member.

WATCH FOR THE HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER - IT WILL OUTLINE THE DETAILS FOR EVENTS IN DECEMBER

DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE ON BUDGET AND TAX RATE

As bond projects come online, so do the payments of those bonds, making it difficult to keep the budget and tax rate down. City officials continue with a zero-based, zero growth budget this year, meaning all line items are figured from zero. Budget discussions will continue until the final budget and tax rate are approved and adopted on Sept. 12.

The only incomplete bond project is the Bunker Hill Road construction project. This project is still in right-of-way negotiations. As soon as right-of-way is obtained, engineering on the new roadway will begin.

Council and staff continue to work diligently to keep the tax rate as low as possible. There will be public hearings on Aug. 29 and Sept. 6 to discuss the budget and tax rate, and a special meeting on Sept. 12 to adopt the budget and tax rate. We encourage citizens to attend and make comments during the public hearings.

Watch the website and electronic message board for times and locations of all City Council meetings.



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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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| Police Non-Emergency | 972.495.2271 |
| Fire Non-Emergency (Code Enforcement) | 469.429.4791 |
| 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 | 469.429.4764 |
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Contact any Council member from the City's website at www.cityofsachse.com/City Council