The Sachse Scene

May / June 2013 Newsletter

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 4 - MOVIE IN THE PARK
Join us in the Amphitheater at City Hall for the movie Wreck-it Ralph at 8:00 pm.

May 4 - MAD HATTER TEA PARTY
Make a date and don't be late to the Senior Center at 12:00 noon.

MAY 10 - TRI-CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT
Join the Sachse, Murphy and Wylie Chambers of Commerce at Top Golf Allen from noon to 4:00 pm.

May 11 - ELECTION DAY
Election day voting at City Hall from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

May 11 - PET SHOT CLINIC
Low-cost pet shot clinic at Animal Shelter, 6436 Sachse Road, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

May 11 - BIKE RODEO
Bike Rodeo at Armstrong Elementary, 4750 Ben Davis Road, 10:00 am to noon.

May 18 - SENIORS SOCK HOP
The Senior Center will be "hopping" with the Jitterbug and poodle skirts 3:00 to 7:00 pm.

May 27 - CITY OFFICES CLOSED
for Memorial Day Holiday.

June 8 - SUMMER READING PROGRAM STARTS
Kick-off party for the Summer Reading Program 10:00 am at Library. Programs every Thursday at 11:00 am starting June 13. Special programs by UTD. See schedule.

July 3 - PARADE AND FIREWORKS AT RED, WHITE & BLUE BLAST
The fun starts with the Independence Day Parade and concludes with fireworks. Watch your mailbox for the special flyer with all the who, when, and where details.

More info can be found here and on the City's website
www.cityofsachse.com

Mayor and City Council Unopposed - Remember to VOTE May 11 for Street Maintenance Sales Tax and Charter Amendments

Mayor Mike Felix was unopposed during this election and will start his fourth term as Sachse's mayor. Place 5 candidate Cullen King and Place 6 candidate Jeff Bickerstaff were also unopposed in this election. They will be sworn in to begin their service at the June 3 Council meeting, at which time we will recognize outgoing Councilman Mark Timm and Councilwoman Pat McMillan who both served three terms on Council.

It is important that citizens remember to vote as there are two issues on the ballot that need consideration. The street maintenance sales tax, which will set aside 1/4 of one cent for street maintenance and repairs of city streets and alleys, and 27 proposed amendments to the City Charter.

Early voting starts April 29 thru May 4, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; May 5, 1:00 to 6:00 pm; and May 6 and 7, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Polls are open on May 11 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. More election information is on the website under 'Residents', 'Voter/Election Information' or by contacting City Secretary tsmith@cityofsachse.com or 469.429.4775.

City offices closed Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day. If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 972.495.2271, option 2. A maintenance tech will be dispatched to your location.

STAGE 2 WATERING PLAN STILL IN PLACE

Sachse remains in Stage 2 water restrictions. Residents may water twice a week on designated days. If the last digit of your address is an odd number, water Saturdays and Wednesdays; if the last digit of your address is an even number, water Sundays and Thursdays. Watering is still allowed ONLY before 10 am and/or after 6 pm. Watering between 10 am and 6 pm and watering on a day other than your designated day is prohibited. More info is available on the city's website under 'Residents/Water Conservation Measures'.

SACHSE TEAMING UP WITH DALLAS COUNTY FOR MOSQUITO SEASON

Sachse and Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) are already planning strategy for attacking the mosquito season. DCHHS has set up four mosquito traps in multiple fixed areas in both counties of Sachse. The traps are monitored weekly. If a mosquito is found positive for West Nile Virus (WNV), DCHHS responds by ground spraying the area where the mosquito was found. City staff will notify citizens in advance of spraying. We will also attack any mosquito problem at its source, treating standing water with a larvicide that is environmentally safe. Resident's requests to investigate an area of concern are welcome. Visit the city's website under the 'Residents/Mosquito Control' tab for trap locations, an online complaint form, and more information.

DIG INTO READING AT YOUR LIBRARY THIS SUMMER

This year's summer reading program kicks off June 8 at 10:00 am in the Amphitheater at City Hall with games, face painting and a magic show. The weekly programs are on Thursdays at 11:00 am and last about an hour: June 13-Mister David, June 20-Critterman, June 27-Mad Science, July 11-Brett Roberts, July 18-Jungle Jim, July 25-Dino-Mania and August 1-the Awards Party featuring Rockin' with Rhett. New this year we are offering special programs for older kids thru UTD on Tuesdays: June 11-Get a Clue, June 18-Chassis Challenge, June 25-Build a Bot, July 9-Build a Bigger Bot, and July 30-Gearing Up. You must sign up for these separately and space is limited. For more information about YOUR Library, please visit the city's website or call 972.530.8966.

The Sachse Scene is written and published by City staff. If you have questions or comments, please call 469.429.4771.

SPRING CLEANING WITH PREPAREDNESS IN MIND

As part of your spring cleaning duties, Sachse Fire Rescue urges you to add a new item to your "to-do" list: make sure your home is prepared for emergencies. Severe weather season is upon us here in North Texas. Although severe weather and tornadoes can happen at any time, March, April and May are the most active months.

Tornadoes can present little to no warning and it is important that your family is prepared and has a plan in place before disaster strikes. There are two excellent websites to help you with preparation. Visit www.ready.gov and www.knowhat2do.com for ideas and help in formulating a plan so that your family is ready in the event of an emergency. You may also visit the city's website under 'Departments / Emergency Management' for more helpful information.

SENIOR SOCK HOP

The Sock Hop at the Sachse Senior Center May 18 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm will take us back to the days of the juke box and jitterbug. Us "kool kats" will have lots of fun dancing the night away as we enjoy a catered meal and good company. So put on your bobbie socks, roll up your tee shirt sleeves and "bop" at the Sachse Senior Sock Hop.

For those Sachse citizens 55+ come join us for hot coffee and rolls each morning, lunch and learn, monthly pot luck luncheons, games and lots of classes, including computer class, metal detector class, and line dancing. The Center has a very nice exercise room and the competition gets fierce at the bridge table or the pool table. Call Dixie at 972.495.6282 if you would like information about becoming a member.

TRI-CHAMBER GOLF TOURNEY

SACHSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chambers of Commerce from Sachse, Murphy and Wylie are teaming up for their annual Tri-Chamber Golf Tournament May 10 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at Top Golf in Allen. Visit the Chamber's website for more info.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting this year's movie in the park on Saturday, May 4 at 8:15 pm. Wreck-it Ralph is the feature film showing in the Amphitheater, 3815 Sachse Road. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Dress up as your favorite video game character and enter the costume contest at 8:00 pm. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs and join us for the "movie in the park".

SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS KEEP IDLE HANDS BUSY

Parks and Recreation Activity Coordinator Cynthia Wiseman says space in this summer's youth camps is going fast. Summer camps keep the kids busy and active while learning something new or polishing up on an already acquired talent. Several camp sessions offered:

Adventures in Art Camp - ages 5 to 13
Young Rembrandts Camp - ages 6 to 12
Keyboard Camp - ages 4 to 12
Cooking Camp - ages 5 to 12
Performing Arts Camp - ages 4 to 9
Cheer Camp - ages 5 to 10
Funtastic Preschool Summer Camp - ages 3 to 5
Edustars Summer Science Camp - Camp 1 - ages 3 to 6; Camp 2 - ages 7 to 8; and Camp 3 - ages 9 to 11

Camp dates, times and fees vary. Class brochures available on the city's website under 'Departments / Parks & Recreation / Class Brochure', or call Cynthia at 469.429.0275 to check on class status or registration.

BIKE RODEO MAY 11

The Police Department is sponsoring its Bicycle Rodeo on May 11 at Armstrong Elementary, 4750 Ben Davis Road from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Officers will conduct bike inspections and registrations, as well as child safety seat inspections. They will answer questions on bike and scooter safety and assist riders through an obstacle course. Free helmets will be available while supply lasts. Be sure to enter the prize drawing for two bicycles. Thanks to White Tiger Tae Kwon Do for donating the bicycles and the Sachse Lodge Fraternal Order of Police for donating the helmets. For more information, please contact Officer Abbott at 972.495.2271, ext. 1233.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR JULY 3 PARADE AND FIREWORKS

ENTERTAINMENT, GAMES, FOOD & FUN

City Contact Numbers

Police/Fire/Medical	911
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)	469.429.4781
Public Works	972.495.7600
Parks and Recreation	469.429.0275
Animal Control	469.429.6157
Sachse Senior Center	972.495.6282
Economic Development	469.429.4764
Chamber of Commerce	972.496.1212

City Council

Mike Felix, Mayor	214.869.1016
Jared Patterson, *Mayor Pro Tem*	214.869.1357
Bill Adams	214.869.1655
Pat McMillan	214.869.1083
Brett Franks	214.869.1288
Todd Ronnau	469.628.0041
Mark Timm	214.869.1884

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

LOW COST SHOT CLINIC

With the increase of rabid animals recently in our area, it is important that you get your pet vaccinated. Animal Control is hosting a Pet Shot Clinic on Saturday, May 11 at the Animal Shelter, 6436 Sachse Road, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ***DOGS MUST BE ON LEASHES AND CATS MUST BE IN CARRIERS.*** Animal Allies will be on hand offering dog and cat shot packages, puppy and kitten shot packages, heartworm tests, feline leukemia vaccine and tests, and microchips. By City Ordinance, pets must be registered and tags worn showing proof of registration and 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. Bring a can of dog food and receive your city registration FREE. Check the website for cost of services offered. No checks or debit/credit cards can be accepted. Payment by CASH ONLY and no bills over $20. For more info, contact the Animal Shelter during business hours, Monday thru Sunday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. or call 972.675.9662.