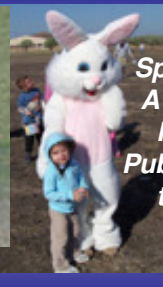


Sachse Scene



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April - June Calendar of Events:

April 4 - EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE

Easter Bunny will hide candy and prize eggs at Heritage Park at 10:00 am

DOGGIE BONE HUNT

at Heritage Park starting at 7:30 pm

FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

Easter Bunny will hide more eggs at Heritage Park at 8:15 pm

April 10 - HOLIDAY

All City Offices Closed in observance of Good Friday Holiday
Trash service WILL run as usual

April 18 - CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - Barnes and Noble, Firewheel Town Center

Entertainment, refreshments, face-painting and games from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

April 24 - MOTHER / SON ROUND-UP at Salmon Park

Moms and their 'Buckeroos' are invited to join us under the stars from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

April 25 - GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW CITY COMPLEX

3815 Sachse Road at 10:00 am

May 9 - ELECTION FOR CITY COUNCIL - Place 1 and 2

Early voting April 27 - May 5

May 16 - BIKE RODEO

Sachse Police Department Motorcycle and Bicycle Officers conduct the annual Bike Rodeo at Cheri Cox Elementary School from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

May 25 - HOLIDAY

All City offices closed in observance of Memorial Day Holiday
Trash service will NOT run - Service delayed by one day all week

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

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION MAY 9th

The City Council election will be Saturday, May 9th for two places on the ballot: Place 1 (Charles Smith, Incumbent - unopposed) and Place 2 (Hal Hinckley, Jared Patterson and Scott Whitfield). Polls will open for early voting starting Monday, April 27th through Saturday, May 2nd from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; on Sunday, May 3rd, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm; and Monday, May 4th through Tuesday, May 5th, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Polls will open Election Day, May 9th from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. You must be registered to vote 30 days prior to the election. Voter registration cards are available at City Hall.

The City Council will canvass the election at the May 18th meeting, with swearing-in of the council members at the June 1st City Council meeting.

For more information about the election, you may visit the City's website at www.cityofsachse.com or the Dallas County Elections website at www.dalcoelections.org. You may also contact the Sachse City Secretary at tsmith@cityofsachse.com or 972-495-1212, ext. 23.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

City offices will be closed Friday, April 10th for the Good Friday holiday. Trash service will NOT take a holiday and will run as usual on Friday.

City offices will be closed Monday, May 25th for the Memorial Day holiday. Trash and recycle pick-up will be delayed by one day all week. Monday's trash and recycle will be picked up on Tuesday; Tuesday's trash and recycle routes will be picked up on Wednesday; Wednesday's routes on Thursday; Thursday's routes on Friday; and Friday's routes will be picked up on Saturday. If you have questions about your trash service please contact Utility Services at 972.495.1212, ext. 29 or 30.

PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS SPECIAL EVENTS

The Easter bunny will be at Heritage Park, 4408 Hudson Drive (behind Sewell Elementary School) on Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 am hiding Easter eggs. Children ages 2 to 10 will be divided into three age groups for hunting eggs: 2 to 4 years old; 5 to 7 years old; and 8 to 10 years old. If it rains, the event will be moved to the Sachse Christian Church Family Life Center, 5005 Ben Davis Road. Later that evening, children ages 5 to 13 years old may join us for the Flashlight Egg Hunt, also at Heritage Park. Find the "golden" egg and win a special prize. So make sure you have fresh batteries in your flashlight and join us April 4th at 8:15 pm.

Also on April 4th is a fun event for dog owners and their pets. The Doggie Bone Hunt will begin at 7:30 pm at Heritage Park. Dogs will be divided based on weight and will be required to be on a leash at all times. There will be doggie treats, prizes and contests for best dressed and cutest. **There will be NO charge for any of the events on April 4th.**

Join us under the stars for the third annual Mother/Son Roundup on Friday, April 24 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Salmon Park. Moms and their special young men are invited to a night of dancing, hayrides, games and refreshments. Each little buckeroo will receive a picture with mom and a party favor. The cost is \$10.00 per couple.

Check out the exciting summer camps available for all ages. Cooking Camps for ages 5 to 12; Adventures in Art Camps for ages 5 to 13; Young Rembrandts Camps for ages 7 to 13; Keyboard Camps for ages 4 to 12; Summer Fun Camps for ages 5 to 13 and 7 and up; Performing Arts Camp for ages 4 to 9; Performance Fun for Vocalists Camp for ages 6 to 11; Abrakadoodle Camps for ages 6 to 12; and Kindermusik Camps for 18 months to 3 years old and from 3 to 5 years old. These summer camps tend to fill quickly so register online at www.cityofsachse.com or drop off your registration at the Parks offices, 3707 Sachse Road or City Hall, 5560 Highway 78. Check out the Parks Department page on the city's website or call 469.429.0275 for more information.

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

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Friends of the Sachse Library invite you to the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Firewheel Town Center to celebrate National Library Week. Join us Saturday, April 18th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for fun storytimes, entertainment, refreshments and special guests. Plus, sign up for a library card and support the library with Barnes and Noble vouchers. Watch the city website for more information.

SAMPLER AND EXPO

The Sachse Chamber of Commerce presents the Sachse Sampler and Expo on Thursday, April 16th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at Sachse Christian Church, 5005 Ben Davis Road. Participants will showcase their products and services to hundreds of potential customers. Entry fees are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 5 to 10 (children under 4 are free). An entry fee allows sampling of generous portions of the best Sachse area restaurants have to offer.

For more information please contact the Sachse Chamber at 972.496.1212.

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX GROUNDBREAKING

On April 25th at 10:00 am, the public is invited to the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Municipal Complex at Sachse Road and Miles Road / Bryan Street. City Council and staff encourage all citizens of Sachse to help us celebrate this historic event. Watch the city's website for more information.

ANNUAL BIKE RODEO FOCUSES ON CHILD SAFETY

Sachse Police Department and the motor unit host the Annual Bicycle Rodeo on Saturday, May 16th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at Cheri Cox Elementary School, 7009 Woodbridge Parkway. The officers will conduct bicycle inspections and registrations, create ID cards, answer questions and educate children and parents on bicycle and scooter safety. An obstacle course will be set up for tips on bicycle navigation and safety helmets will be available



as long as supplies last. A drawing will be held at the end of the event for prizes.

For more information please contact Officer Holland at 972.495.2271, ext. 231 and watch the City's website for more information.

OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM SAYS "GO INDOORS"

We all know that spring can be a very volatile time in Texas. A pretty spring day can give way to high winds, damaging hail, thunderstorms, flash floods and even tornados in a matter of minutes. You are probably aware of Sachse's Outdoor Warning System, or better known as the "sirens". Unless there is bad weather in our area on the scheduled day, the Sachse Police Department tests the sirens the first Saturday of the month at 12:00 noon.

In the event of approaching bad weather, our sirens are sounded to warn people who may be outdoors to go INSIDE and learn more about the situation. The best source of information when the sirens go off is a NOAA Weather Radio (pronounced "noah"). These special radios are designed to turn themselves on and broadcast National Weather Service Watches and Warnings affecting our area. They can also be activated locally should the City need to alert residents of other disasters or emergencies. These radios are available through many local retail stores, such as Walgreens, Home Depot, Lowes, etc. A helpful website to visit for information about the NOAA Weather Radios is www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/.

Disasters can happen at any time, with or without warning. Three keys to protecting yourself and your family are: Make a Disaster Plan, Build a Disaster Kit, and Stay Informed. One step further is to Get Involved. To learn more, visit www.knowwhat2do.com or www.ready.gov.

PETS LOVE TO "ESCAPE"

Spring is in the air and pets escape from backyards every day. Few are wearing tags and fewer ever find their way home. The Sachse Animal Shelter works hard to reunite these lost pets with their owners. When stray pets are found, their photo is placed on the lost pet page of the city's website. Owners may check the website or call the shelter to see if their pet was picked up.



The adopt-a-pet page is updated weekly or as changes occur. There is no adoption fee but new owners must obtain all required vaccinations for the animal and, if the animal is not spayed or neutered, the new owner must have the procedure completed in a timely manner.

By ordinance, dogs not confined to the premises of the owner must be under control of the owner by a leash or metal chain sufficient in strength and length to control the dog. If cats are allowed to run at large, they must have valid rabies and license tags attached to their collar.

The Animal Shelter will provide a low-cost vaccination and microchip clinic in the fall. Watch the city's website and the city newsletter for more information.

Donations to the Animal Shelter are always appreciated. Items needed include bleach, mops, brooms, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, dryer sheets, cat/dog treats, wet food for cats/dogs, new/used collars and leashes (all sizes and colors) and new/used crates, carriers or dog houses.

Shelter hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. You may reach us at 972-495-2271, press #2 and leave a voice mail if we are not in the office.

SACHSE CHAMBER PRESENTS TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each year at the Chamber's Awards Banquet, Teacher of the Year awards are presented. Nominees at the elementary level were Jessica Belmonte, Armstrong Elementary, Traci Mays, Cox Elementary, Janie Allman, Luna Elementary; and Helen Ragsdale, Sewell Elementary. The award was presented to Helen Ragsdale. Nominees at the secondary level were Kelly Matula, Hudson Middle School, Abby Gay Sandoval, and Patricia Callahan, both from Sachse High School. The award was presented to Patricia Callahan. Congratulations to all the teachers nominated this year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT WORKING ON NEW "PUBLIC" POLICY

In an effort to be more accessible and meet with the public, Sachse Fire Rescue will implement a community program geared to all citizens. The public can make a formal request that Sachse Fire Rescue attend public events and individual birthday gatherings. The crew will attend as many events as possible, however, the number of visits per month will be limited. For more information please contact Fire Administration at 972-495-0975. More information about this new policy will be available on the city's website as it becomes available.

CITY'S EMAIL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM KEEPS YOU INFORMED

If you are interested in receiving email notification of meeting agendas, minutes, and announcements of city activities, you may sign up online to receive notification thru your email address. Simply go to the website, scroll down on the right hand side until you see 'Sachse ENS' and follow the instructions.

“APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS”

With the onset of spring comes grass, weeds and other vegetation that may become unsightly. According to Sachse’s Code of Ordinances, it is unlawful for any person or company within the city limits of Sachse to permit grass, weeds or other vegetation to grow to a height greater than 12 inches. It is the duty of the property owner to keep the area from the line of his property to the concrete curb, alley, easement and right-of-way free and clear of these growths. Such vegetation must be cut and removed at least once every 30 days to be in compliance.

Fences must be maintained properly. They cannot be allowed to lean or become unstable, causing damage to other property; they cannot be aided in support by anything other than fence posts; and they cannot have missing pickets, broken or missing parts. A permit is required for a new fence but not for a replacement fence.

Swimming pools must be kept clean and free of stagnant water. When draining pool water, including backflush, it must be drained into the sanitary sewer system. In areas not served by sanitary sewer, pool discharge, including backflush, shall be drained onto the owner’s property, flood drainage ditches or easements.

If owners do not comply with City ordinances, the City may go onto the property and do the work or make the improvements necessary to correct the violation. Questions or concerns may be directed to Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Aldredge in the Fire Marshal’s office at 972-495-0975.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

This is the first in a series of articles focusing on boards, commissions, or committees that serve the city on a volunteer basis. Following an application and interview process that takes place in the fall, members are appointed by the City Council to serve two-year terms.

The Planning & Zoning Commission obtains information and makes recommendations to the City Council with regard to the development of public thoroughfares, buildings, platting, zoning, and development of subdivisions. When a business or industry wants to locate in Sachse and they require rezoning of property, they must present their case to the P&Z Commission prior to going before the City Council. Council takes into consideration P&Z’s recommendation to approve or deny the application. The P&Z also conducts studies and recommends improvements to the city plan for present and future movement of traffic and the health, recreation, safety and needs of the city. They review subdivision plats and plans for compliance with the City’s building codes, doing their best to make sure roadways, drainage, lot size, house size and green space within the development meet or exceed the requirements of the city. The P&Z recommendation is an important step in the process of zoning and planned development.

Barry Shelton, Director of Community Development, is the staff liaison to the Planning & Zoning Commission and is responsible for setting the meeting agendas. Councilman Bill Adams is the Council liaison to the P&Z.

RECYCLING MADE EASIER



The City of Sachse and Allied Waste introduce the new green carts on wheels. The cart holds all recyclables with no sorting required and no lifting to carry it to the curb. Collection is cut to once every two weeks on the same day as your trash polycart and at the same location. No more remembering which day is recycling pickup and which day is trash pickup. Place your recycling cart at the curb by 7:00 am at least three feet away from

your trash cart and within two feet of the edge of the street/alley. If you are unsure of your collection day, you may contact customer service at 972-422-2341 or visit the website at [www.cityofsachse.com/General Information/Garbage Recycling](http://www.cityofsachse.com/General%20Information/Garbage%20Recycling).

Acceptable recyclables are school/office paper, shredded paper, magazines, junk mail, newspapers, telephone books, aluminum cans, metal and tin cans, glass, plastic containers with the number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 on the bottom. Things you CANNOT place in the green cart include kitchen waste, yard waste, solid waste, car tires, batteries of any kind, cardboard with food waste on it such as pizza boxes, styrofoam containers or plastic grocery bags.

The old blue recycle bins may be kept for your own use. If you do not want the bin, please place it at the curb on your bulk trash pickup day. We hope you will help us keep our environment clean by giving the new recycling carts a try.

CELL PHONE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Sachse will again participate in the Cell Phones for Soldiers program. This program uses funds from recycled cell phones and accessories to purchase prepaid phone cards for active duty military members to help connect them with their families. Cell Phones for Soldiers has raised more than \$1 million and distributed more than 75 thousand phone cards to soldiers overseas.

Starting April 20th, boxes will be at City Hall and the Library to collect used cell phones and accessories (chargers, batteries, etc.) regardless of age, condition, make or model. Make sure your cell phone service has been disconnected and delete any personal information stored in your device, making sure to remove the SIMS card. The collection boxes will be available until June 26th.

When you run across old cell phones during your spring cleaning, please take a minute to gather them up and bring them to a drop-off location. It keeps them out of our landfills and supports a worthy cause. If you have any questions you may contact Denise Vice, Project Coordinator, at 972.495.1212, ext. 21.

LIBRARY'S SUMMER PROGRAM BEGINS IN JUNE

All children ages 5 to 12 are invited to join us for the 2009 Summer Reading Club. Everyone will have the chance to win prizes, earn rewards and read great books over the summer. The Summer Reading Program theme is Libraries Deep in the Heart of Texas. Due to the large crowds last year, we are happy to announce there will be two performance times this year, one at 11:00 am and one at 12:30 pm.

Programs begin June 6th with a “kick-off” pizza party at 2:00 pm at the Library. Then starting Thursday, June 11th and every Thursday after that, the programs will be offered at the Library at 11:00 am and 12:30 pm. June 11th is Turtle Discovery, June 18th is Ayubu Kamau Kings and Queens, June 25th is Critterman, July 2nd is Seussology 101, July 9th is Dal Sanders Magical World, July 16th is Mister David, July 23rd is Esther Malone and July 30th is the end-of-program party.

On a special day and time, Friday, June 26th at 4:00 pm, Kelly the Clown from Ringling Brothers Circus will present *Reading with Ringling Brothers*. This is a special presentation and Sachse is privileged to be on the schedule.

The Library staff will distribute flyers and information will be on the city website as these dates approach.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR OUR FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

If you missed last year’s Fireworks Spectacular, you missed a great show. We are planning for this year’s event to be even bigger and better. Join us at Heritage Park on Friday, July 3rd. An added attraction this year is the variety dance band ZuZu Peddals. They will begin performing at 7:30 pm and lead us right up to the start of the fireworks show at 9:30 pm. Watch the website and the next city newsletter for more information as the date draws closer.



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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR FELIX



As time nears for another school year to end, with proms and graduation parties approaching, I would like to remind all young adults and our Sachse High School students to please drive within the posted speed limits, wear your seat belts at all times and be safe. It only takes an instant for an accident to happen. We want you to experience the good times but please be cautious as you do.

The 5th Street widening project is moving along. Most of the right-of-way has been obtained with the exception of a few tracts. The project is anticipated to bid this spring depending on the City obtaining remaining right-of-way needed for the roadway and the relocation of power, gas and communications infrastructure.

The city continues to work with KCS Railway and TxDOT on improvements to the intersection at 5th Street and Highway 78. KCS anticipates work to begin early summer of 2009. During the signal work, the railroad crossing will be closed for six weeks.

JRJ Paving continues to install temporary asphalt pavement and storm drains for phase 1 of construction on Murphy Road. City staff is participating with Dallas County, the project lead, to make sure the lives of our residents are disrupted as little as possible. Upon the recommendation of the City Engineer, Council authorized the City Manager to temporarily reduce the speed limit on Murphy Road to **30 mph**. With the narrow lanes and roadway detours, residents are encouraged to please adhere to the **new posted speeds along Murphy Road** for the safety of the workers and other drivers. We anticipate project completion in the 2nd quarter of 2010. Residents with questions or issues may contact the Public Works office or Dallas County.

Plans for the municipal complex are nearing completion and the project will go out for bid soon. Also out for bid is construction on Bryan Street adjacent to the municipal complex. Please join us April 25th at 10:00 am for the groundbreaking ceremony and watch the website for announcements as this project moves forward. Approved by our voters in the 2006 bond election, we are very happy that residents will soon see progress on this project.

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Lam has decided not to seek re-election in Place 2 after serving one year of an unexpired term and one full term. The election May 9th will seat a new Council member in Place 2. Please exercise your right to vote. Voting dates and times are noted on the front page of this newsletter and available on the website.

Police/Fire/Medical	911
Police Non-Emergency	972.495.2271
Fire Non-Emergency	972.495.0975
(Code Enforcement)	
City Hall	972.495.1212
(City Manager, City Secretary, Finance, Utility Billing, Municipal Court, and Human Resources)	
Library	972.530.8966
Comm. Development	972.675.1633
(Permits, Building Inspections, Zoning)	
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
City Council	
Mike Felix, Mayor	972.495.9159
Chris Lam, Mayor ProTem	214.766.1011
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Cullen King	972.672.0320
Pat McMillan	972.495.0648
Charles W. Smith	972.414.5050
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Contact any Council member from the City's website at www.cityofsachse.com/City_Council