



# The Sachse Scene

## Holiday Greetings from Mayor Felix

Dear Sachse Citizens:

Reflecting back over the year there were some very positive things that took place in the City. As Mayor, I have been entrusted with the responsibility of working with the Council to guide the City in the direction that is most beneficial to all citizens. At a time when many surrounding cities are cutting staff and services to maintain an acceptable tax rate, Council was able to adopt a conservative budget, lowering the tax rate for the sixth consecutive year while maintaining the high quality of service throughout the City's departments. For Sachse, the most vital factor for a balanced, progressive and economically diversified community that is not dependent on residential property taxes is economic development along Highway 78 and the Eastern Extension of the President George Bush Turnpike, proposed to pass through the southern edge of Sachse. These are issues the Council will continue to work on in the upcoming year. Another issue we are working toward is the improvement of traffic flow on Highway 78. We will continue to work with TxDOT to expedite the proposed expansion. Short-term improvements will add turn lanes at the Fifth Street and Murphy Road intersections.

With the holiday season approaching, let us remember the most precious gift of all, time spent with families, friends and neighbors. The rest of the Council and City staff join me in thanking all citizens who have volunteered their time or service to the City. We wish you and yours a safe and joyous holiday season followed by a prosperous New Year. Let's continue to work together to make Sachse a wonderful place to live and raise our families.

Sincerely,

Mike Felix, Mayor

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, all City offices will be closed the following dates:

**December 24, 27 and 31**

If you experience a water or sewer emergency or other city emergency situation on these dates, please call the police department's non-emergency number at 972-495-2271 and speak to dispatch.



### SPECIAL ELECTION IN FEBRUARY

After serving over five years as Councilman in Place 2, Scott Stauffer resigned October 18th. Mr. Stauffer is moving out of the city. A Special Election will be held February 5, 2005 to fill his unexpired term thru May 2006. For more information please contact City Secretary Terry Smith at 972-495-1212, ext. 23.

### Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet - On Broadway! Feb. 19th

The Sachse Chamber of Commerce's annual awards banquet *On Broadway!* will be Saturday, February 19, 2005, at the Renaissance Hotel in Richardson. Cocktail hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner and awards to follow. There will be live entertainment and a live and silent auction. The affair is black tie optional and open to the public. Cost is \$45 per person or \$425 for a table of ten. The Banquet Committee is soliciting cash donations and gift certificates. For more information or to make a donation, contact the Chamber office at 972-496-1212.

### NeighborWoods Program

Sachse received a NeighborWoods Grant from the Texas Forest Service in the amount of \$5,000 to participate in a residential beautification program. The Parks and Recreation Commission will assist in selecting neighborhood areas for the tree plantings. Once these areas are identified, door hangers will be left at various residences indicating that they have been selected to participate. The resident will be given a list of available tree types and asked to select one. Approximately 300 five-gallon trees will be ordered and local volunteer groups will assist residents in planting the trees. Once the tree is planted, the resident is responsible for watering and nurturing. The door hangers will be distributed in February and the tree planting is scheduled for March.

### HOME IMPROVEMENTS IN YOUR FUTURE?

Before you start that remodeling job or add-on to your home, be aware that permits are usually required for addition or replacement of garages, accessory buildings, fences, decks, concrete work, pools/hot tubs, sprinkler systems, roofs (if decking is being replaced), electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems. Property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections.

The Community Development Department would like to remind citizens to contact their office at 972-675-1633 before planning any new building or remodeling projects to determine if a building permit is required. Our code officials will gladly answer any questions you may have and provide you with the resources and information needed for compliance with the applicable building codes.

## COOKIES WITH SANTA

Guess who's coming to town? Santa Claus will be at City Hall, Saturday, December 11th, 5560 Highway 78, from 2:00 until 3:30 p.m. We invite all Sachse boys and girls 10 years old and younger to drop by for a visit with Santa, give him your Christmas wish list and receive a special gift. For each canned good or other non-perishable food item a child brings, he/she will be entered in the fantastic prize drawing at 3:30 p.m. Hope to see all the boys and girls there!

## SACHSE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION HOSTING PANCAKES WITH SANTA

The Sachse Firefighters Association invites everyone to have breakfast with Santa on December 4th from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Sachse Fire Station No. 2, 3012 Ranch Road (the corner of Ranch Road and Maxwell Creek Road). Enjoy all you can eat pancakes, sausage link, your choice of milk, orange juice or coffee and a picture with Santa for \$5.00. All proceeds will be used by the Sachse Firefighters Association to fund community projects. For more information, you may call 972-495-0975.



## SACHSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MIXER AND TREE LIGHTING

The Sachse Chamber of Commerce invites you to an Ambassadors Christmas Mixer on Wednesday, Dec. 1st at Charles Smith & Son's Funeral Home. We will begin gathering at 5:45 p.m. at the Chamber office, located on the corner of 5th Street and Highway 78 for the 6th Annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. The tree lighting will take place at 6:00 p.m. sharp. Please plan on joining us at the Christmas Mixer for light refreshments immediately following the tree lighting.

A Salvation Army Angel Christmas Tree is located at First National Bank of Sachse, 6600 Murphy Road. Please stop by, pick out your special angel from the tree, and share the joy of the season.

## HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP AND CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Since Christmas and New Year's fall on Saturday, the regular trash pick up schedule will not be affected. However, the bulk trash pick up for December will be the week **AFTER** Christmas to accommodate the disposal of wrappings, boxes and Christmas trees. Please make sure your bulk trash is set out front by the curb by 7 a.m. the morning of your regular trash pick up. Please be patient as the bulk trash trucks make several trips on these busy days and may run late into the evening hours in order to complete the route.

Although discarded trees may be set out with bulk trash items, citizens are encouraged to participate in the recycling program where trees are collected for mulching. Sachse residents may take their discarded Christmas trees to Salmon Park on Williford Road between Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>. **Please remove ALL decorations. DO NOT place tree in a bag. Place the tree in the special BFI container provided at the park.** For more information, call City Hall at 972-495-1212, ext. 29 or BFI's customer service at 972-422-2341.

## SACHSE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE ACCEPTING DONATIONS

Sachse's FOP is accepting unused, unwrapped toys and/or cash donations at the police station until **December 20th**. The toys will be distributed to needy families in Sachse. The canned and non-perishable food items collected at the Cookies with Santa on December 11th will also be distributed to needy families in Sachse. All cash donations will be used to treat a family experiencing difficult times due to extenuating circumstances to a Walmart shopping spree. For more information, contact Officer Chris Holland at 972-495-2271, ext. 231.

## DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

This is a great opportunity for daughters to strengthen their bond with dad. Join us for fun, music, dancing and snacks on Friday, December 10th from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Sachse Senior Center, 3815 Sachse Road (next to the Library). A picture will be taken of each couple to remember the evening. Cost is \$15 per couple.

## 19th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

Judging will be held on Sunday, December 12th for the 19th Annual Sachse Outdoor Christmas Lighting Contest. Details can be found on the back of this newsletter and a registration form is shown below. All residents and businesses are invited to participate in this annual tradition. Submit your registration form and make sure your lights are turned on December 12th from 6 to 9 p.m.

## HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM

I am submitting my registration under the following category (check one below):

- Family Regular Lot (lot size below 1/2 acre)
- Family Larger Lot (lot size 1/2 acre and up)
- Street
- Business

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed registration forms must be received no later than Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Forms can be mailed or dropped off at Sachse City Hall, 5560 Highway 78, Sachse, TX, 75048 (Attn: Laura Wise) or placed in the Utility Payment Drop Box adjacent to City Hall.

## FATHER/SON FISHING DERBY

The Parks Department sponsored its first-ever Father/Son Fishing Derby at the Park Lake Estates pond. There was a tie for biggest fish caught between Liam Rea and Hunter Walder who both caught 15-ounce fish. The tie was broken by the second fish caught by Liam, a 7-ounce catfish.

The Parks Department is working to get the pond designated as a Texas Community Fishing Lake (CFL). A CFL is a public impoundment 75 acres or less located totally within city limits or a public park. As a CFL, the pond will be stocked annually. You may fish by pole and line only. For channel and blue catfish, there is no minimum length limit but the daily bag limit is five catfish in any combination. The pond is located on Miles Road at Trailridge Drive.



Left: Hal Hinckley and grandson Liam Rea; Right: Mike Cole with son Matthew

## SACHSE'S MUNICIPAL JUDGE RECEIVES HONOR

The Honorable Judge Robert J. Beasley was selected by the Texas Municipal Courts Association to receive the Association's Outstanding Judicial Award. The award recognized Judge Beasley for his contribution to the fair and impartial administration of justice. Judge Beasley has served as the Municipal Judge for the City of Sachse since 1984.

## SHREK 2 AT THE DRIVE-IN

About 90 people attended the special "drive-in" viewing of Shrek 2 at Salmon Park on Nov. 6th. There was popcorn, drinks and the special car contest. Shown below at right, Lindsae Walker won a copy of Shrek 2 for her car creation. This event was such a success, the Parks Department will definitely plan another "drive-in" movie. Watch for their brochure for information about this and other special events and classes.



## VERIZON UPGRADING LINES

Verizon is working on one of the most extensive upgrades ever undertaken by a telephone company. Verizon is upgrading its lines to ultrafast fiber optic lines that carry information on light pulses and, in theory, has unlimited capacity. The new wiring will replace copper wires that have been in the ground for decades. For phone customers, fiber will bring high-definition TV signals and 30 megabits-a-second data, as well as telephone service far beyond the current capacity.

## CROWDS IN RECORD NUMBERS ATTEND 19TH ANNUAL FALLFEST

The Fallfest committee was pleased to learn that an estimated 15,000 people attended this year's event. The crowd enjoyed a variety of entertainment, food, craft and game booths. There was about 100 entries in the Gasoline Alley Classic Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show. The Chamber's Choice Award was a 1969 blue Pontiac Firebird convertible owned by Dennis and Carol Russell. Bethany Weldon was crowned Little Miss Sachse and Seth Cobb received the title of Little Master Sachse. Other pageant winners in various age groups were Bailey Lobban, Anden Watson, Savannah Scott, Cade Harris, Destiny Miller and Seth Cobb. Best Personality winners were Kinley Harvey, Anden Watson, Destiny Valdez, Christopher Murrell, Georgia Morris and Seth Cobb. Most Unique Attire winners were Tanner Shubert, Kinley Harvey, Clayton Bagley, Bethany Weldon and Seth Cobb. Winners of the popular "Best Men's Legs" contest were, from first to third, Monte Bondine, David Garza and Matt Verna. The pet photo winners were, from first to third, for dogs, "Bud & Muga", owner Gene Marley, "Phoebe", owner Ronald Sum and "Ginger", owner Paul Dusza; for cats, "Noel", owner Brittany Dennis, "Noel" again, and "Wheezer", owner Sherry Lappen; "other" category, "Jenny" the donkey, owner Ada Mooney, "Grey" the lizard, owner Sierra Sparks and "Sue Ellen" the cow, owner Karissa Korinek. The Fallfest Favorite was "Tyson" the dog, owner Jaryn McSwain. Congratulations to all.

## SACHSE CEMETERY - OFFICIAL HISTORIC CEMETERY

The Texas Historical Commission held a dedication ceremony Nov. 5th naming the Sachse Cemetery on Highway 78 at Fifth Street an Official Texas Historical Cemetery. The Sachse Cemetery Foundation traced the history back to 1890 when founding father William Sachse donated the land for a church and cemetery. The cemetery is the resting place for many of Sachse's early settlers, including William Sachse, the first person buried there.



Left to right: Mayor Mike Felix, Sachse Cemetery Foundation President Joe Stone, Bryan Ligon, descendant of William Sachse, and Buddy Frazer, Dallas County Historical Commission Chairman

Thanks to The Wylie News for the photo

## FORGOT TO RETURN SOMETHING?

Due to the holidays, the Sachse Public Library is in the giving spirit. For those people who may have forgotten to return library materials, your fine will be forgiven if you return the books, videos, DVDs, or other library property by December 31, 2004.

In an effort to collect overdue items checked out but not returned, the library will waive the fine throughout the month of December. Perhaps a library book got mistakenly placed somewhere in your home. Parents, please check with your children; look under beds, in closets and in bookcases. If you find an item, it may be returned at anytime in the drop box. Thanks for helping us recover our misplaced items.

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## **19th Annual Sachse Outdoor Christmas Lighting Contest Guidelines**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>This category is based on the most artistic and plentiful use of lights/decorations for an individual home.</b> (First, second and third place awards for larger lot and regular size lot.) Regular lot is below 1/2 acre; larger lot is 1/2 acre and up.
<b>Street</b>	<b>This category is based on the most artistic and plentiful use of lights/decorations for an entire street.</b> (First, second and third place awards.)
<b>Business</b>	<b>This category is based on the most artistic and plentiful use of lights/decorations for a business.</b> (First, second and third place awards.)
<b>Judges' Special Award</b>	<b>This award may be in any one of the categories above and represents a winner whose artistic use of lights/decorations are worthy of more than an honorable mention.</b> (Single award)

**Contest Entry:** Those wishing to participate in the contest must complete a registration form. The completed form may be: 1) mailed to the City of Sachse, 5560 Highway 78, Sachse, TX, 75048 (Attention: Laura Wise); 2) dropped off at the City Hall Administration Office during normal business hours; or 3) may be deposited in the water payment drop box in the parking lot at City Hall. Registration forms must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2004 in order to be included in the judging.

**Judging:** The Mayor shall appoint non-Sachse residents as judges of the contest. Judging will occur the evening of Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> between 6 and 9 p.m. Only those that have completed a registration form will be judged. In the event of inclement weather, judging will occur the first clear night following December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Awards:** All first place winners will receive a plaque. Second and third place winners will receive a framed certificate to commemorate the event. All winners will receive a colorful yard sign delivered in person by a Sachse City Council member. The winners will also be published in the quarterly newsletter and the local newspaper.