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City Hall tree lighting officially kicks off holiday season *Mayor to flip the switch on Thursday, Dec. 1 at City Hall*

SACHSE (November 19, 2016) The Christmas season in Sachse officially kicks off on Dec. 1 when Mayor Mike Felix recites the customary holiday proclamation and flips the magical switch, lighting the large community Christmas tree.

Residents are invited to participate in the annual ceremony, taking place in the entry breezeway of the Sachse City Hall building, 3815 Sachse Road. The program starts at 6:30 p.m. with entertainment and refreshments. Attendees will enjoy Christmas carols sung by the Sachse High School Madrigal singers and the Children's Choir of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Cookies and apple cider will be served free of charge.

After the Christmas mood has been firmly put in place, the Mayor will read the proclamation and initiate the countdown for the tree lighting. Once the switch is flipped and the tree is lit, participants are welcome to stage their photos in front of the holiday decorations.

At 7 p.m., the community is then invited to participate in the annual Sachse Library Polar Express. On cue, participants will begin the short walk to the library from the Christmas tree site, all the while singing traditional Christmas songs.

The library will be decked out in the season's festive colors and will take on the form of the famed Polar Express train. Train tracks will lead youngsters from station to station, stopping at each to play a game, create a craft, eat a snack and have their train ticket punched.

The tracks take the train passengers to the ultimate destination – the North Pole – where those with fully punched tickets have the opportunity to share their gift wishes with Santa Claus.

Parents are welcome to take photos of their children as they interact with Santa Claus. There is no charge for the train journey or for the Santa Claus visit or photo-taking.

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ABOUT THE CITY OF SACHSE – Sachse is an emerging city in Collin and Dallas Counties with a population of 20,329 according to the 2010 census. Located about a mile north of the President George Bush Turnpike off State Hwy 78, the City is chartered as a Council-Manager municipality. Founded in 1845 by William Sachse, the City enjoys an eclectic mix of older, established neighborhoods and new residential and commercial developments. Proud of its history, the City is home to a strong historical restoration movement which includes an extensive history museum.