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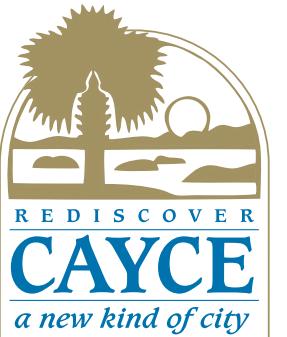


We currently have 2,484 likes on Facebook and 2,854 followers on Twitter. We also have a growing presence on Pinterest and Instagram!

If you haven't followed or liked the City of Cayce on social media, please do so. It's a great way to stay up to date on all of the latest information!

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Cayce's Calendar of Events*

February

- 2 Meet with the Mayor, 5pm
- 2 Council Meeting, 6pm
- 3 Museum Commission Meeting, 4pm
- 9 Beautification Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- 14 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30pm
- 15 President's Day, City Hall Closed
(Sanitation picked up on Feb. 17)
- 16 Cayce Housing Authority Meeting, 5pm
- 17 Holiday Garbage, Yard Trash, & Recycling Pick Up Day
- 17 Council Meeting, 5pm
- 22 Zoning Board Meeting, 6pm
- 22 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30pm
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- 24 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 25 Beautification Foundation Mtg, 5:30pm
- 29 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg, 5:30pm

March

- 1 Meet with the Mayor, 5pm
- 1 Council Meeting, 6pm
- 2 Museum Commission Meeting, 4pm
- 8 Beautification Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- 10 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30pm
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 16 Council Meeting, 5pm
- 21 Zoning Board, 6pm
- 21 Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30pm
- 22 Public Safety Foundation Mtg, 5:45pm
- 23 Holiday Garbage, Yard Trash & Recycling Pick Up Day
- 25 Good Friday - City Hall Closed
(Sanitation picked up on March 23)
- 28 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg, 5:30pm
- 30 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 31 Beautification Foundation Mtg, 5:30pm

April

- 1-2 Tartan Day South Festival
- 5 Meet with the Mayor, 5pm
- 5 Council Meeting, 6pm
- 6 Museum Commission Meeting, 4pm
- 9 Cayce Festival of the Arts at BCHS, 9am-5pm
- 12 Beautification Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- 14 Council Meeting, 5pm
- 14 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30pm
- 16 Cayce Serves Tennis Tournament, 9am-until
- 18 Zoning Board Meeting, 6pm
- 18 Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30pm
- 19 Beautification Board Meeting, 5pm
- 25 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg, 5:30pm
- 27 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 28 Beautification Foundation Mtg, 5:30 pm

*subject to change

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Rediscover Sunrise News



Mayor Elise Partin was first elected in 2008 and is the first female Mayor elected in the City of Cayce. You can meet with her during the Meet with the Mayor on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM at Cayce City Hall.

Letter from Our Mayor

Warm greetings to you! In the next several months be on the lookout for more information from us as always on the upcoming budget process. We want you to be as informed as we are. As we go through the budget process, it will continue to be our goal to stay in the top 10 SC tax friendly places to retire and live. We will also be bringing you information about options for replacing water lines in a large portion of the City. Water lines will be replaced with larger lines that will increase water flow and water pressure enhancing the showering and laundry washing capabilities in homes but more importantly enhancing safety through the fire hydrant flow and pressure.

Attention Veterans

It's a valued City of Cayce tradition to invite one of our local Veterans to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance at our regular Council Meetings. Mayor Elise Partin started this practice to recognize our Veterans for their service to this Country.

As we begin the New Year, we would like to invite our Veterans to take part in this tradition. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Kara Carmine at 550-9520.

Please note the article about the City's new Rental Registry Program. This is a program that was largely requested by our neighborhood leaders, and we are excited about this enhancing the safety and livability of our City. Thank you for partnering with us on making your City great! Similarly much success has already come out of the City of Cayce Unsafe Structures program that we've shared with you. Two structures on the top 10 most unsafe structures list have already been torn down but not by the City. The landowners took care of it themselves and that allows us to do more to keep Cayce safe and attractive.

Also, we have exciting news to share with you

about a fun initiative that came out of our meeting with the local pastors. Four churches are now the proud owners of Little Free Libraries. You may be familiar with this concept as the Cayce-West Columbia branch of the Lexington County Library placed one in Granby Gardens Park in front of City Hall.

Little Free Libraries can be any shape but tend to look like overgrown bird houses except they house books. Anyone can take a book, borrow a book, or leave a book to share. Little Free Libraries are for everyone but especially can be helpful to children who don't have books in the home or don't live near a library. Summer reading can make a large difference in health and in making good choices with time and activities, which makes our citizens happier and safer. So while you're hunkered down for warmth find some books from your shelves that you can put in the Little Free Libraries at Broadacres Baptist, Cayce Transfiguration Lutheran, Grace Chapel, All Saints Episcopal or Granby Gardens Park and while you're there you might find a good one you'd like to read! The libraries were built by Elijah Jordan as his Eagle Scout Project. We're so thankful for his leadership on this. Elijah also built one extra Little Free Library that he plans on offering to the City to use. If you have any suggestions where a Little Free Library is needed please call us at 550-9520 and let us know!

Warmest Regards,

Elise Partin

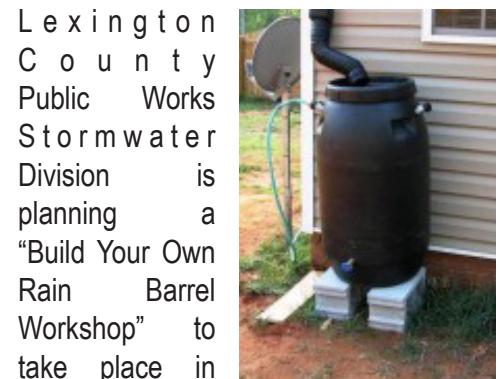
Mayor Elise Partin
City of Cayce

Whole Sole Award Winners

In January, the City of Cayce was honored to award the Whole Sole award to a group of employees who have gone the extra mile - far beyond their respective job duties. In response to the historic flooding at the end of 2015, the Cayce Parks Department removed 30 trees from the Riverwalk, over 500 tons of silt, and so much more. They have worked long hours and remained focused on our Cayce Riverwalk, parks and the citizens who enjoy these areas. We thank them for their hard work and dedication. As Mayor Elise Partin read the Whole Sole award, the citizens of the City of Cayce in the audience gave these men a much-deserved standing ovation. Thank you James Denny, Virgil Dillon, Jeff Pruitt, David Sharpe, Travis Stover, Michael Yates, Randy Tuten, Kenny Reynolds, Brandan Barnette, Joe Boyd, Camden Sheehan, Dallas Turner, Ricky Roof and Curtis Richardson.



Build a Rain Barrel



Lexington County Public Works Stormwater Division is planning a "Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop" to take place in May 2016 at the Ball Park Road facility. Anyone interested in receiving updates on details of this workshop may call the Lexington County Stormwater Office at (803) 785-8201.

Rental Registration

In December, City Council approved a Rental Registry Ordinance, at the request of our Neighborhood Leader's Group, to address properties that are rental, non-owner occupied or unoccupied properties in the City. The ordinance requires owners of these properties to register with the City and provide a local responsible party that can be contacted in the case of violations or emergencies. It also allows the City to revoke the permit for a landlord that does not comply with this ordinance or that has 3 or more code or other violations on their property within a year. Currently a business license is required for all residential and commercial rental properties. Due to this requirement, there is no additional fee for this registration. Any property found in violation of this ordinance will be assessed a \$100 late fee per year for failing to register. Any property not registered by April 15 will accrue penalties.

Our hope is that the registration process will help prevent problems and improve communication among neighborhoods, property owners and the City. If you or one of your neighbors have rental, non-owner occupied or unoccupied property please contact Layne West at lwest@cityofcayce-sc.gov.

Mayor Pro Tem Appointed to NLC

Cayce's District Two City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem, Skip Jenkins, has been appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2016 Public Safety & Crime Prevention committee. This committee is responsible for developing NLC federal policy positions on issues involving crime prevention, corrections, substance abuse, municipal fires, juvenile justice, disaster preparedness and relief, homeland security, domestic terrorism, court systems and gun control.



As a member of the committee, Skip will play a key role in shaping NLC's policy positions and help shape federal policy that has a direct and profound impact on local government operations.



Cayce Festival of the Arts

The 2nd Annual Cayce Festival of the Arts will showcase fine artists, crafters and authors from across the state. This year's event will be held at Brookland-Cayce High School on Saturday, April 9 from 9am-5pm. Last year, the festival drew over 50 artists, crafters and authors from across South Carolina and parts of North Carolina. The event is hosted by the Avenues Neighborhood Association, a non-profit community organization that has been involved in the local community since 2008.

Park Updates

Riverwalk Update

The City is working diligently with our insurance company and FEMA to secure funding to repair portions of the Riverwalk that were damaged during the October flood. Cayce's Parks Department has done a wonderful job of clearing out some of the storm debris and making minor repairs so most phases could be back open for the public. Currently the only phase closed is Phase II due to extensive damage. We will keep our citizens informed with any updates or changes.

The City received Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds to stabilize a failing riverbank on Phase I. The project will include relocating a portion of the Riverwalk and installing gabion and rip rap to stabilize the bank. We anticipate these repairs to Phase I to be complete by the beginning of summer.

Guignard Park

Guignard Park is under construction through the spring. The City of Cayce received a Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant from SC Parks, Recreation and Tourism to redevelop Guignard Park. Upgrades to the park include updated handicap accessibility, shoring up the creek bed, new picnic amenities, and erosion control.

Riverland Park

The City's newest trailhead/neighborhood park will be complete mid-March. The park is located off Riverland Drive at the Phase II entrance to the Riverwalk. The park will have bathrooms, an open air pavilion for picnics or community gatherings, children's play equipment, benches, and plenty of green space for free play. A grant from Lowes, CSX, and a partnership with Martin Marietta helped make this park come to fruition.



Excellence Award

The City of Cayce has received the SC Area-Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) Award for the Cayce Water Treatment Plant. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) sponsors this program, which supports utilities in improving disinfection and particle removal for the benefit of public health.



Mayor Elise Partin stated, "Making sure we are doing our part to ensure that we can provide clean water for our residents is always a top priority. We are thrilled to have received this award." This is the 8th time the City has received this award in the last 10 years.

Cayce Serves Tennis Tournament

The 4th Annual Cayce Serves tennis tournament will be held on April 16, 2016 at the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center, which is nationally recognized as an Outstanding Facility by the USTA. The event is a USTA sanctioned, one day, doubles, round-robin tournament that will attract players from across South Carolina. Strategically located, the facility allows players and guests to enjoy the natural beauty of the City by walking the Riverwalk Trails.



The Cayce Public Safety Foundation hosts the event to raise funds for the Cayce Public Safety Department, which includes Police, Fire and Animal services. Past proceeds have provided funding to purchase Taser Packages, Fire hoods, Chain Saws, Smoke Detectors and Animal Service needs.

Notices for Residents

Holiday Card Contest

Congratulations to Marques Dante X-Avier Hudson, 11, of Pine Ridge Middle School for winning the City of Cayce's Holiday Card Contest in 2015.



MARQUES DANTÉ XAVIER HUDSON
PINE RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Get Involved

Several boards/committees in our City have openings. Some have specific eligibility requirements, particularly the Consolidated Board of Appeals and the Accommodations Tax Committee. For additional information visit www.cityofcayce-sc.gov/boards.asp.

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