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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

Cayce is an amazing City. Our residents know it, our city staff know it and now others know it too. Our location is at but not in downtown Columbia. We have easy access to all the major interstates and the Columbia Metropolitan Airport. Our low taxes and fees, our beauty, the Riverwalk and abundant recreational opportunities on the Congaree River are just a few of the reasons that have caused others to recognize what we have known all along. The new Neighborhood Walmart Market Grocery opened in June and the Courtyard by Marriott will open this winter. These are just two examples of the businesses that decided to make Cayce home. While the City doesn't own property for development, nor do we develop property, we do work closely with businesses wanting to come into our City to make sure we keep our small town feel in the middle of this bustling region. We are working with the Courtyard by Marriott to showcase our local art and artists so that when guests stay there, they get a sense of the beauty, talent, and pride that is inherent in our City. (Don't forget to go by City Hall to get your free Cayce calendar with a few of these artists' beautiful photographs).

which keeps us safer and makes our community richer. Guignard Park on Knox Abbott Drive is set to re-open this fall. Thanks to a large Land and Water Conservation Grant the root damaged sidewalks were repaired and the creek bed was shored up for the next generation. The City is also adding in small touches like a concrete ping pong table for recreation. Riverland Park Playground, along the Riverwalk, is also set to open this fall thanks to a Public/Private Partnership. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and Twitter for re-opening dates. As always, thanks to a number of our churches in Cayce, there are Little Free Libraries throughout the City for everyone to enjoy and have easy access to books. We look forward to welcoming again this fall, the USTA Jr. National Championships to our internationally awarded Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center.

Council continues to make wise decisions regarding tax payer dollars that keep our residents and staff safe and save you money as well. See the article on the ISO rating for more on that. We also continue the huge success of the Unsafe Structure Program that is cleaning up blight around the City, without yet having to spend any tax payer dollars.

Thank you for all you do to be partners with us in taking care of our City, for helping us to know the needs in our community, and for showing kindness to each other and our staff. As we share that kindness, please join me in welcoming our new Director of Public Safety, Chief Byron Snellgrove. Please see the next page for more information about Chief Snellgrove. We look forward to seeing you at the Congaree Bluegrass Festival and in one of our many parks soon.

Warm Regards,

Elise Partin

We worked with the developers of the Tremont Apartments to complete that section of our Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety plan for Knox Abbott Drive and are working on the next phase of that now. We are sprucing up our parks to ensure that they are ideal places to get to know our neighbors,

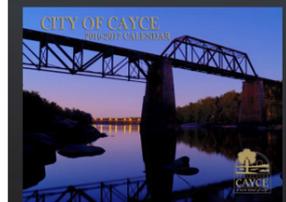
City Announcements

Heat Advisory

South Carolina summers are hot! Heat is one of the leading weather-related killers in the United States, resulting in hundreds of fatalities each year and even more heat-related illnesses. During extremely hot and humid weather, your body's ability to cool itself is challenged. When the body heats too rapidly to cool itself properly, or when too much fluid or salt is lost through dehydration or sweating, body temperature rises and you or someone you care about may experience a heat-related illness. Take precautions to protect yourself and drink plenty of water (before you feel thirsty). Also, remember that extreme heat can have even more of an impact on the elderly, the very young and pets so it's important to check on elderly family or neighbors and bring your pets in out of the extreme heat.

City Calendar

Come on by Cayce City Hall to get your free copy of our amazing 2016-2017 City Calendar!



www.cityofcayce-sc.gov

Cayce's Calendar of Events*

August

- 2 Meet with the Mayor, 5pm
- 2 Council Meeting, 6pm
- 9 Beautification Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- 11 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30pm
- 15 Zoning Board Meeting, 6pm
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30pm
- 16 Housing Authority Meeting, 5pm
- 17 Council Meeting, 5pm
- 18 Lexington II School Begins
- 25 Beautification Foundation Mtg, 5:30pm
- 29 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg, 5:30pm
- 31 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day

September

- 5 City Hall Closed/Labor Day, Sanitation Pick Up Sep. 7
- 6 Meet with the Mayor, 5pm
- 6 Council Meeting, 6pm
- 7 Museum Commission Meeting, 4pm
- 8 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30pm
- 13 Beautification Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- 19 Zoning Board Meeting, 6pm
- 19 Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30pm
- 21 Council Meeting, 5pm
- 26 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg, 5:30pm
- 27 Public Safety Foundation Mtg, 5:45pm
- 28 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 29 Beautification Foundation Mtg, 5:30pm

October

- 1-2 Congaree Bluegrass Festival at Historic Columbia Speedway
- 4 Meet with the Mayor, 5pm
- 4 Council Meeting, 6pm
- 5 Museum Commission Meeting, 4pm
- 11 Beautification Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- 13 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30pm
- 17 Zoning Board Mtg, 6pm
- 17 Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30pm
- 18 Housing Authority Meeting, 5pm
- 19 Council Meeting, 5pm
- 24 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg, 5:30pm
- 26 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 27 Beautification Foundation Mtg, 5:30pm

*subject to change



We currently have 2,776 likes on Facebook and 3,227 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 the latest information!

Use hashtag #CaycePride when posting about the City.

Snellgrove Hired as Director of Public Safety

The City of Cayce welcomes Byron Snellgrove to the position of Director of Public Safety. Chief Snellgrove is not new to Cayce. Prior to being appointed as the Director of Public Safety, he was the Patrol and Training Division Commander for the Cayce Department of Public Safety. Chief Snellgrove is also a longtime resident of the City of Cayce.

Chief Snellgrove began his career in Beaufort County SC in 1985 as a volunteer Firefighter with the Beaufort Fire Department and in 1986 began working with the Beaufort County Sheriff's Department. He has worked in various positions in both Law Enforcement and Firefighting for the past thirty years. Chief Snellgrove has worked deep cover narcotics and has supervised and trained numerous Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Units and Tactical Teams around the State of South Carolina. He is a certified instructor and has taught classes on Gangs, Defensive Tactics, SWAT, Hazardous Materials, Incident Command, Firearms, NCIC and Terrorism.



We are delighted and honored to have such an outstanding officer of the law as our Director of Public Safety to protect and serve the residents of our city. Please join us in welcoming him when you see him at our events and meetings! We look forward to many years of his leadership.

Steinbring Promoted

The Cayce Department of Public Safety is pleased to announce the promotion of Lieutenant Thomas Steinbring to Captain over Fire Suppression and Special Operations. Capt. Steinbring has been with the Cayce Department of Public Safety since 1997 and has served in the capacity of Public Safety Officer, Investigative Sergeant and Public Safety Lieutenant in both Patrol Operations and Fire Suppression.



Combined Bills

As of July 1, customers who receive *both* a water/sewer bill and an irrigation bill from the City of Cayce will no longer have separate bills; they will be combined. As a result, there will only be *one* base charge for water. For inside City customers, this change reflects a savings of \$11.01 on a bi-monthly bill. For outside City customers, this reflects a savings of \$22.02 on a bi-monthly bill.

For homeowners with sprinkler systems, we encourage the use of an irrigation meter, especially those with high usage. This will save money in the long run, since the account will not incur sewer charges for the portion used for irrigation. For more information, contact Customer Service at (803)796-9020, option 1.

Public Safety Grant

The Department of Public Safety received a \$2,000 grant from FM Global for the purchase of computer tablets for our Fire Department. FM Global is a worldwide insurance company providing coverage since the early 1800's and they've long been a huge supporter of the fire service industry.

These computer tablets will be used by the City's Fire Marshal to conduct fire inspections in the community and to allow firefighters to draw pre-plans of our local businesses. Additionally, these devices will give our firefighters access to important information at the scene of an emergency. The City of Cayce Public Safety Department is looking forward to having this technology on hand to better serve our community.

Backflow Prevention

Water Customers who have Backflow Prevention Devices that are installed on their plumbing system or on newly installed devices such as irrigation lines are required by our Backflow Prevention Program and the SC Department of Environmental Control to have devices tested annually. Backflow devices are required on the customer-side of the meter whenever there is the potential for contaminated water to flow back into the city's drinking water system.

On July 1, new fees were adopted for FY 2016-2017. Account holders now have 30 days from the date they receive their annual backflow test letter to have the devices tested and report forms returned to the City of Cayce Cross Connection Department. If proof of compliance is not received, the City will test the Backflow devices at the account holder's expense; and \$90.00, per device will be added to the account holder's water bill. Questions? Contact our Cross Connection Department by calling 803-550-9542.

Congaree Bluegrass Festival

The 9th Annual Congaree Bluegrass Festival is happening the weekend of October 1 and 2 at the Historic Columbia Speedway in Cayce, SC. Due to the historic rains and flooding of last October the festival had to be cancelled. As a result, the Cayce Events Committee is doubly excited to see the festival come to life this year. As planned for last year, the festival has expanded with a new venue, more music, more exhibits and attractions, as well as a second day dedicated to Gospel Bluegrass Music. Everyone involved is thrilled about the growth of this event over the years and is looking forward to the new location and all of the opportunities that so much space entails.



In addition to some top notch bluegrass bands, Saturday's event will include an Artists' Village, made possible by some of the same folks that bring you the Cayce Festival of the Arts each year, and will feature local artists and craftsman showcasing their work. There will also be a variety of other exhibits, arts & crafts vendors, a large Jam Tent, dancing, children's interactive activities, and the always popular festival food. Sunday will bring the introduction of the Gospel Bluegrass Gathering, an afternoon of Gospel music and great food.

Headlining Saturday is Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver. With nearly 40 albums to their credit, Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver have multiple Grammy, Dove, ICM, IBMA and SPBGMA Award nominations, and are 7-time winners of IBMA's Vocal Group of the Year. The other acts sharing the stage on Saturday include the Edgar Loudermilk Band featuring Jeff Autry, Wilson Banjo Co., and Slope Valley. Sunday, the stage will feature the bands The Southern Gospel Express, Left Lane and The Thomas Family, all performing traditional gospel bluegrass music.

The Congaree Bluegrass Festival starts at 11:00 am on Saturday October 1st with admission only \$10.00 for adults (free to Cayce residents) and children 12 and under free. Sunday's Gospel show will begin at 1:00 pm and is free to all. Visit congrebluegrassfestival.org for more details.

Cayce Serves Tennis & Golf

It was another fun-filled day at the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center this year as 98 players competed in the Fourth Annual "CAYCE SERVES" Tennis Tournament. The 2016 Tournament, presented by the Cayce Public Safety Foundation, raised over \$7,000, bringing the four year total to over \$21,000. The Foundation has provided the Cayce Public Safety Department (Police, Fire and Animal Services) with much needed equipment to keep them and our City safe. Some items have included: taser packages, chain saws, smoke detectors, boots & flash hoods, and fans.

Get ready for some more fun... Coming up in October is the First Annual Cayce Drives Golf Tournament at Indian River Golf Club on Friday, October 21. There is a \$300 entry fee for a four person team. Mulligans will be 2 for \$20 and the Putting Contest will be \$10. Prizes will be awarded for Long Drive, Closest to the Pin, Hole-in-One, Putting Contest and Team Scores. For more information, contact Hubert Smoak @ 803-622-7827 or Kay Hutchinson @ 803-550-9529.

Recycle Your Fridge

The South Carolina Electric and Gas company is making it easier to recycle old, secondary refrigerators and freezers.

The company's new appliance recycling program for residential electric customers offers \$50 cash back and free pickup up to two refrigerators or freezers in working condition. They also must be 10 and 30 cubic feet.

Food Truck Explosion

Get excited for SC's Ultimate Food Truck Explosion & Beer Festival to be held Sunday, September 18 at the Historic Columbia Speedway in Cayce! Come check out a delicious array of cuisine from local food trucks. Featuring a mouth watering variety of dishes, there will be something for everyone! Not to mention beer! Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to picnic and enjoy the scene.

Take advantage of the Early bird special of \$5 by visiting the Food Truck Explosion Facebook page. The day of the event you can purchase tickets for \$10.00 (cash only). ATM's and Porta Jon's will be available onsite. Kids are free.

Unsafe Structure

Last fall, Cayce City Council approved the start of an Unsafe Structure Demolition program. The decision was made, in part, due to feedback from concerned residents regarding numerous abandoned and dilapidated buildings in the City. Since the program's approval, a team of City staff has identified and recommended 35 structures to be removed. To date, 6 of those properties have been demolished at no cost to the City or its residents. If you would like more information regarding this program, please contact Steve Martin at 550-9502.

