



City Reflections

A Letter from Mayor Elise Partin

Happy almost summer! This time last year we were unveiling the new community brand for our City. Thanks to Cayce residents and businesses and all your input, we have a new logo we are proud of. Several businesses contributed significantly to the rebranding process and include: Black Barn Designs, MPA Strategies, Big Eyed Bird, Flock and Rally, Will Bryan Design, and Midlands Anchor. The City thanks these businesses and all the residents who helped contribute to the rebranding process. Our new brand would not be as powerful without their investment!

Now you can see our new logo larger than life on the new water tank near Charleston Highway. This tank is part of the water line replacement plan for the City's oldest/neediest lines and the project will be wrapping up this fall. What an amazing impact new infrastructure will have for us in water pressure (think: great showers and strong firefighting) and for future generations! While the waterlines and thus sidewalks are torn up on Knox Abbott Drive, we are improving the sidewalks there and making them safer, saving money by

combining projects. This project will be completed by this fall as well.

We enjoyed seeing so many of you at the Soiree on State in April and are excited about what that event has done to bring new life to the original heart of our City. Just as exciting is how many of the beautiful original buildings on State Street are owned by Cayce residents and how many Cayce residents have talked about being part of the revitalization! We want you involved and can't wait to see what the near future holds for our City's downtown!

In partnership with West Columbia and Springdale we created a plan so that pedestrians and bicyclists can travel safely and conveniently for more biking and walking in our cities. We are now working on grants to implement that plan so that you have more safe ways to get around and more ways to enjoy our City. As you get outside this summer, enjoy ping pong and the beautiful creek in Guignard Park on Knox Abbott Drive, enjoy GaGa Ball with friends or your youth group in the William J. Cayce Park on State Street, and of course



enjoy the carved art on the City's Riverwalk.

Back to our logo, that idea was created by us - the collective 'us' that live in and love our city. And just like the logo, we want you involved in our City boards and commissions. We want you involved in our neighborhoods (your neighborhood leaders have a standing monthly meeting with me so that we can communicate about what's great and what we can do to be even better). We want you to use our Cayce businesses. We want your input. We look forward to seeing you around the City enjoying our community this summer! Thank you for all you do to help make our City the awesome place it is!

Warm regards,

Elise Partin

Cayce Serves

Cayce Public Safety Foundation proudly presents the 6th annual CAYCE SERVES Charity Tennis Tournament on Saturday, June 16 at the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center @ Otarre Pointe. Events such as this provide supplies and assistance to the Cayce Public Safety Department that are not available through other means. The foundation recently purchased a TI Simulator, which allows officers to train safely and effectively, giving them many life-like scenarios. The K-9 Unit also received over \$30,000 in equipment for the handlers and dogs.

The tournament will be a FUN, sanctioned doubles tournament and will include levels 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 & 4.5. All entrants will receive a T-Shirt, lunch and drinks! Prizes will be awarded! There will also be a "Clock Your Serve" contest, which is open to anyone who wishes to participate. For more information, call Kay Hutchinson at 803-550-9529.



New Traffic Safety Unit

Late last year, the Cayce Department of Public Safety (CDPS) deployed the newly formed Traffic Safety & DUI Enforcement Unit. These officers have made a significant impact in making the roads safer for everyone. CDPS formed this unit primarily to reduce the number of vehicle collisions within the City, particularly involving fatalities and injuries, as well as promote overall traffic safety on our roadways through enforcement of traffic laws in areas that have more frequent collisions. Team members are active in the 11th Circuit Law Enforcement Network, taking part in the planning and execution of traffic safety checkpoints and sobriety checkpoints. Team members also go to local schools, churches, and community meetings to provide traffic safety presentations, inform our citizens on the mission and activities of the unit, and educate young people on the dangers of drinking and driving. In 2017, there were 982 traffic fatalities in South Carolina, slightly down from 1,020 in 2016. However, the number of traffic fatalities in Lexington County rose from 42 in 2016 to 47 in 2017. Almost half of motor vehicle occupants that died on South Carolina roadways were not wearing their safety belts. The CDPS Traffic Safety & DUI Enforcement Unit have made it their mission in a statewide effort to reduce these numbers to zero.

River Safety

Spring and summer activities often find visitors near rivers and streams making it important to understand water safety. Each year, unexpected victims find themselves in water rescue situations. Consider these precautions as spring and summer rains cause rivers and streams to rise.

- When waters appear warm or slow moving, they may actually have strong and sometimes dangerous currents below the surface.
- Air temperatures may feel hot and the water may feel or appear warm, but temperatures can be extremely cold below the surface. Hypothermia can quickly set in and overwhelm even the strongest of swimmers, becoming too weak to escape.
- In as little as six inches, water that may look calm on the surface and slow-moving can have enough force to knock you off your feet and sweep you downstream. Even a slow current can take you towards hazards and leave strong swimmers unable to reach the shore.
- A slippery and uneven river bottom combined with the stream's current can suddenly sweep you off your feet. Debris and underwater features such as trees, branches and logs, and even narrow gaps between rocks can trap you under water, causing hypothermia or even death.



Pet Waste Pick Up

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rainwater flows over the ground. Surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. Stormwater collects pollutants on the ground that eventually end up downstream in our waterways. We can keep common pollutants off the ground and out of stormwater by practicing some healthy habits. For instance, pet waste can be a major source of bacteria in our waterways and there are a few things we can do as pet owners to reduce the amount of pet waste. When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. You can bag it and throw it in the garbage, flush it down the toilet or install a pet waste disposal unit in your yard. When walking your pet in one of our parks, every City park has a pet waste station equipped with bags for easy disposal of pet waste. Adopt these healthy habits and help protect lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, and coastal waters. Share the habits with your neighbors. Remember, we all live downstream.

Building Safety Month

To recognize Building Safety Month (May), Cayce's Building Official Steve Martin has a message to Cayce citizens, "Let us help you! If you have questions about building construction, permits, business licenses, code enforcement, zoning, property registration, or flood zone designation, please don't hesitate to contact us." Ken Walters, Cayce's Building Inspector, also shares these tips:

1. Beware of the contractor or laborer knocking on your door soliciting business.
2. Most roofing scams begin with a request to clean gutters or repair loose shingles.
3. Painting: if the price sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
4. Always ask to see their current City of Cayce Business License or verify with City of Cayce Planning and Development Office.
5. Always remember: we are here to help you!



Cayce students work with City officials to construct new letters that will be used during city events.

Cayce Letters

City of Cayce would like to thank the students from the Lexington School District 2 combined welding IV class from both Brookland Cayce and Airport High Schools who are led by Mr. Laird Thompson for the excellent job they did on the letters for the new sign. This sign consists of five individually constructed letters that will be used during various city sponsored events. We would also like to extend our thanks to Cayce DPS Firefighter John Howell who recommended using the students to complete this task. Firefighter Howell is a graduate from Brookland Cayce and was a student of Mr. Thompson. Last, but not least, we would like to thank Hannaty Powder coating located at 5921 Edmund Hwy, Lexington, SC 29073 for the finish coat. Again, thanks for a Job well done.

Zack Timmons (BC High)
Jonathan Jones (Airport High)

Gabe Yanik (BC High)
William Harrelson (Airport High)

Bryson Hutto (Airport High)
Brandon Rucker (Airport High)

City News

Fireworks. Fireworks are permitted until 10 p.m. on July 4! We want everyone to have fun and celebrate, but we also want to be respectful of those who feel it is disruptive.

City Budget. City staff and City Council are working diligently to prepare the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The City's fiscal year 2019 will go into effect on July 1. A Public Hearing on the draft budget will take place during the June 20 City Council Meeting. As always, we welcome your attendance at the public hearing and your input on how we can continue to make our City a great place to live, work and play.

Around Town

City Manager Update

Cayce City Council is pleased to announce Assistant to the City Manager, Rachelle Moody, has been appointed as the Interim City Manager. Ms. Moody has been employed with the City of Cayce for nearly 2 years, and has 11+ years of experience working in government and nonprofit organizations. Ms. Moody accepted this position as former City Manager, Rebecca Vance accepted a new position with Dorchester County on March 15, 2018.



Cayce Homes Good for Resell

SmartAsset, a financial advisory website, recently conducted a study

housing market and a strong influx of people wanting to purchase a home in the City of Cayce. The search for the healthiest housing markets considered several factors, including:

- Average Years Living in Home
- Average Homes with Negative Equity
- Average Days on Market
- Home Cost as % of Income
- Ease of Sale Index

using their interactive “Healthy Housing Markets” calculator to find which cities in South Carolina prove to be easiest to sell a home. The City of Cayce ranked in the top 10! The ease of selling a home is a strong indicator of a healthy

Cayce ranked #6 when compared to every city in South Carolina. Additional factors taken into consideration were stability, affordability, fluidity and risk of loss factors, all of which Cayce scored favorably.



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Calendar of Events

Join the City Online

The City of Cayce has a thriving social media presence and we want YOU to join us! Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest to stay up-to-date on what's happening in your City!

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May

- 16 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 21 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 21 Zoning Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Planning Commission Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 22 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
- 23 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 28 City Hall Closed (Memorial Day)*
- 31 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.

June

- 2 Cayce Field Days, Cayce Memorial Park, 10 a.m.-noon
- 5 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 5 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 6 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 14 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Cayce Serves Tennis Tournament
Cayce Tennis & Fitness Center
- 16 Cayce Field Days, Cayce Memorial Park
10 a.m.-noon

- 18 Zoning Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission Mtg., 6 p.m.
- 19 Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 20 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 25 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 27 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 28 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 30 Cayce Field Days, Cayce Memorial Park,
10 a.m.-noon

July

- 3 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 3 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 4 City Hall Closed (Independence Day,
sanitation pick up not affected)
- 12 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Zoning Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Planning Commission Mtg., 6 p.m.
- 18 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 24 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
- 25 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 26 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.

August

- 1 Museum Commission Mtg., 4 p.m.
- 7 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 7 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 9 Events Committee Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 20 Zoning Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission Mtg, 6 p.m.
- 21 Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 22 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 22 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 22 Beautification Foundation Mtg.
5:30 p.m.

*May 28 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recyclables will be picked up on Wednesday, May 30.