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Spring 2023

Calendar of Events

Please Note

Sanitation:

For Spring clean ups, please keep in mind all yard debris (limbs and leaves) need to be separated before sanitation will pick them up. Please keep leaves in one pile and limbs in another and out from under the trees.

Parks:

As there may still be a few cold days ahead please be careful and aware of bridges and wooden surfaces at the Riverwalk and Timmerman Trail that may be icy and slippery due to freezing temperatures.

February	March	April
1 Museum Commission Mtg, 4 p.m.	1 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.	1 Tartan Day South - Historic Columbia Speedway, 8:30 a.m.
7 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.	7 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.	4 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
7 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.	7 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.	4 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
9 Events Committee Mtg, 5:30 p.m.	9 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	7 City Offices Closed/Good Friday
13 Beautification Foundation Mtg, 5:30 p.m.	11 Spring Plant Exchange, 10 a.m.	10 Beautification Foundation Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
20 City Offices Closed/President's Day	13 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.	13 Events Committee Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
21 Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.	20 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	17 Zoning Board Mtg, 6 p.m.
22 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.	20 Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.	17 Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.
22 Bulk/White Goods Collection	22 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.	18 Housing Authority Mtg, 5 p.m.
27 Neighborhood Leader's Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	25 Soiree on State, 3-8 p.m.	19 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
27 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	27 Neighborhood Leaders Mtg, 5:30 p.m.	24 Neighborhood Leader's Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
27 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	28 Public Safety Foundation Meeting, 5:45 p.m.	26 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
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*February 20 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recycling will be picked up Wednesday, February 22.

*April 7 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recycling will be picked up Wednesday, April 5.

City Reflections

A Letter from Mayor Elise Partin



I recently had the pleasure of visiting with a 99-year-old Cayce resident. She is beautiful inside and out and has a memory that blew me away. I was so amazed by the details she remembered from her childhood growing up in Cayce. She told me stories from when she was in elementary school and even remembered her teacher's name! She told me about how at the beginning of World War II, soldiers would be on the train going into Columbia to get processed to join the fight and if there was a backup of trains, the train would stop on the tracks by State Street. She would talk with the soldiers while they waited and reminisced about the man who owned the corner restaurant and how happy he was when the trains stopped there because he knew he would sell a lot of hamburgers. I learned so much about the businesses and residents from long ago.

Cayce is blessed to have many residents who have spent most of their lives here. And we are so grateful that so many new people recognize that this is a

great place to move to. Keeping a city great doesn't happen by accident. Focusing on quality of life is Cayce City Council's goal – and it's something we've done well – so much so that when we had our city rebranding a few years ago, the overwhelming community input was that there is Time for Life here in Cayce.

From our small businesses to our murals, our neighborhood parks and the Riverwalk, all work together to give Cayce a sense of community. A sense of connection. A great example is Vella's Restaurant and Tavern that has been in Cayce since 1951! This is part of the charm of Cayce, going somewhere where you get to know the staff throughout your life, and they get to know you, has real value.

We are continuously working in unique ways to bring more small businesses to our city. We have a lot of Cayce residents that have opened businesses here and we would love even more. Living here and having your business here adds an investment in our community

and opportunities for those deeper, lifelong connections.

Cayce is one of the few cities that is fortunate enough to have its own Museum. Visit with our team there and learn about the rich history that makes Cayce so unique or share your own stories about Cayce - whether from 100 years ago or more recent.

In the meantime, Council will continue our meaningful, measurable track record of success to work together to make sure our city is one that every person in every neighborhood can enjoy, be involved in and make memories for this and the next generation.

Elise Partin

Stay Safe This Spring

Get ahead of the criminals by doing some spring landscaping that will reduce hiding spots and increase visibility. All trees should be trimmed above the 8 foot level and all bushes below the 3 foot level with 3 inches off the ground. Additionally, make sure you keep lawn equipment secured. You can be an extra set of eyes and ears for law enforcement; if you see something suspicious, say something about it; call us immediately. Do not leave valuables of any kind in your vehicles and LOCK your car doors. Make sure your alarm system is in good working order, use deadbolts and please look out for your neighbors.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) to keep up with recent crime trends, Wanted Wednesdays and community events. Cayce is the best place to live, work and play because our citizens are the most involved in reducing the chance of becoming the victim of a crime.



Calendar Contest

The 2024 Cayce Calendar Contest is open, and this year we want to feature your furry friends. Submit your best picture/s of your cats, dogs, bunnies...you name it, we want to see it. You do not have to be a Cayce resident to submit a picture. Pictures must be horizontal and at least 3MB. Submissions will be accepted from February 1 - May 31. For a full list of rules and a photography release form, email arowan@caycesc.gov.



History Spotlight: The Congaree

The Congaree were early Native Americans of the Colonial Period. These hunter-gatherers ate fish, deer and other wild game, and also grew corn, beans and squash, known as the "Three Sisters Method of Farming." The Congaree were estimated to be less than 1,000 people when first encountered by the English. In 1701, John Lawson, an Englishman traveling in both the Backcountry of North and South Carolina visited the tribe. His 1709 book gives us a snapshot of the people living in the Cayce area in the early 18th century. Learn more about this tribe at the Cayce Historical Museum.

"The Town consists not of above a dozen Houses, they having other stragling Plantations up and down the Country, and are feated upon a small Branch of Santee-River. The Congerees are kind and affable to the English, the Queen being very kind, giving us what Rarities her Cabin afforded, as Loblolly made with Indian Corn, and dry'd Peaches."

Excerpts from: A New Voyage to Carolina; Containing the Exact Description and Natural History of That Country: Together with the Present State Thereof. And A Journal of a Thousand Miles, Travel'd Thro' Several Nations of Indians. Giving a Particular Account of Their Customs, Manners, &c.; John Lawson; LONDON:1709.



Christmas Magic Award

Cayce's Utility Field Operations Staff received the Greater Cayce-West Columbia Chamber's Christmas Magic Award for their float in this year's Parade of Lights. This talented crew would often dedicate their lunch breaks to building and perfecting the float because of how much they enjoy being a part of the annual parade.

Keep Cayce Clean

Are you interested in helping keep Cayce Clean and litter free? If so, drop by City Hall to borrow, free of charge, safety vests and litter pickup sticks and receive up to 3 free trash bags to collect litter in the city. Once completed, you can place the bagged litter in your own roll cart or call City Hall to request a pick-up of the collected materials. Help us keep our beautiful City clean!

City Retirements

Police Captain Jason Merrill retired from the City of Cayce on August 3 after 20 years of dedicated service. He started as a Public Safety Officer Trainee with the City. Prior to his career at the City of Cayce he was employed with The University of South Carolina. Jason enjoys camping and spending time with his family.

Jeff Lawhon retired from the City of Cayce on August 31 after 28 years of dedicated service. Jeff started working for the City in the Water Distribution Division until 2000 when he moved to the City Garage where he served as the Lead Mechanic..

Both of these employees will be greatly missed. Thank you for your years of service to our City!

Save the Date
MARCH 25
 Cayce, SC

Soiree
 ON STATE
 FREE FAMILY EVENT

LIVE MUSIC
 PRETTIER THAN MATT
 TOKYO JOE

LOCAL FOOD VENDORS
KIDS AREA
ART EVERYWHERE

Soiree on State is back with a new date!

This fun music and art festival street party will be held on March 25, 2023. The gates open at 2 p.m. with the bands beginning at 3 p.m. and will continue until 8 p.m. Admission is free and the festival will take place on State Street between Poplar Street and Railroad Street. The City is again partnering with The Avenues Neighborhood Association to combine the Cayce Festival of the Arts with Soiree on State.

We are happy to announce that Tokyo Joe is the headliner again this year! Lead singer Greg Bickley grew up in the Cayce/West Columbia area and loves to perform for his friends and fans at the Soiree. In addition to Tokyo Joe, Prettier than Matt and Mitchel Lee will be performing. There will also be food vendors, arts, and a great kid's area!

Vendor applications are still being accepted! To apply to be a food or community vendor, contact Amanda Rowan at arowan@caycesc.gov or 550-9520. To apply to be an artist, crafts or author vendor, visit caycefestivalofthearts.com.

We hope to see you March 25!

Now Hiring Water and Wastewater Operators

The City of Cayce is proud of all our employees and strives to serve them in every way possible. The City of Cayce offers State Health Insurance with the Employee Portion being paid by the City. We also participate in South Carolina State Retirement, give our staff members 14 paid Holidays and many other fun perks!

The easiest way to apply to be a Cayce team member is through the City of Cayce website, under Career Opportunities. There you will see all available positions as well as the City application. You can complete the application and then email it, mail it in or drop it off at City Hall. Come join the City of Cayce Family! See www.caycesc.gov website for more information.

Kindness Corner: Meet Luke

Every week, Luke waits for our sanitation crew to come by his house so he can say hello. His kindness has permeated the sanitation department who never pass by his house without a wave in return. During Down Syndrome Awareness Month, the crew even surprised him with messages and gifts to thank him for his hospitality and messages of inclusion that he spreads via social media.

