





Winter 2019

# City Reflections

*A Letter from Mayor Elise Partin*

We are entering a special time of the year where we celebrate traditions. Often traditions change with time. It may be that we have new family members we invite into our traditions or that we build upon things we have always done.

Coffee Co., State of the Art Gallery and Pottery Studio, Steel Hands Brewing, and Southern Essence Distilling!). We have a thriving main street in Knox Abbott Drive that is being renewed with changes that make it safer for today's vehicles and for those walking and biking and, hopefully, shopping and dining. That investment in ourselves encourages more investment (can anyone say Duke's Pad Thai, Starbucks, El Jimador and more?).



residents. This investment in our City by our residents is powerful and we hope to see more of it in the near future. If you want to learn more about bringing your business to Cayce, let us know! Here's to traditions and to so much to be thankful for!

Warm regards,

*Elise Partin*

And just as traditions improve when our family comes together, our City is improving not only because of what the City is doing (see the article about the Arts District zoning that Council enacted) but because of what so many of our residents are doing. Swatch Graphics, Piecewise Coffee, Substation II, Avenues Real Estate, Sharpe Creations Studio and Gallery... are all Cayce businesses owned by Cayce

That's so reflective of what we are doing in our City. We have such an amazing foundation and anchor in our history and in our natural resources (how many cities our size have almost 20 miles of trail and river access and over 10 parks?). We have an original downtown at State Street and Frink Street that we are honoring as we change and adapt to help it have new life that we all can enjoy (Piecewise

There's something beautiful about letting the traditions or foundations anchor us, while we honor them as we change and adapt.

## Calendar of Events

### November

- 18 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 25 Neighborhood Leaders Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 26 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
- 27 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 27 City Hall Closes at 1 p.m. - Thanksgiving
- 28 City Hall Closed - Thanksgiving
- 29 City Hall Closed - Thanksgiving
- 9 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Holiday Parade of Lights, Beginning at Cayce City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 16 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 18 Bulk/White Good Collection Day
- 18 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 24 City Hall Closed - Happy Holidays
- 25 City Hall Closed - Happy Holidays
- 26 City Hall Closed - Happy Holidays
- 22 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 27 Neighborhood Leaders Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 27 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 27 Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
- 29 Bulk/White Goods Collection
- 29 Stroll on State, 6-8 p.m.

### December

- 3 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 3 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 4 Museum Commission Mtg., 4 p.m.
- 5 Tree Lighting Ceremony at City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 6 Carols Along the Riverwalk, Cayce Riverwalk Park N. Ave. Entrance, 6-8 p.m.
- 7 Christmas Traditions, Cayce Historical Museum, 6-9 p.m.

### January

- 1 City Hall Closed - Happy New Year
- 7 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 7 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 8 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 9 Events Committee Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 20 City Hall Closed - MLK Day

Nov. 11 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recyclables will be picked up Wednesday, Nov. 13.  
Nov. 28 and 29 Garbage Only will be picked up Wednesday, Nov. 27.  
Dec. 24 Garbage and Recyclables Only will be picked up Monday, Dec. 23.  
Dec. 26 Garbage and Recyclables Only will be picked up Friday, Dec. 27.  
Jan. 20 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recyclables will be picked up Wednesday, Jan. 22.

### 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 our City!

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### Recycle Your Tree

From Jan. 6 - 13, the Sanitation Department will pick up Christmas Trees for recycling. Place your tree at the curb any day during this time for free pick up. Trees must be bare, with no lights or decorations.

### Stroll on State

Exciting news! Mark your calendars for Stroll on State, Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 6-8 p.m. EngenuitySC is a Columbia-based nonprofit focused on enhancing the Midlands' competitiveness and prosperity. In late January, EngenuitySC is hosting its third annual Midlands Regional Competitiveness Week and has picked State Street in Cayce as one of the places to highlight! State Street is undergoing exciting pre-vitalization and several of the new businesses will be opening their doors for this event. Come join us on Jan. 29 and stroll along the original heart of the City.



## New Deputy Chief Selected

Major John E. "JJ" Jones, of Lexington, has been selected as the new Deputy Chief of the Cayce Department of Public Safety and has settled nicely into his role. Former Deputy Chief, James Crosland, was named Assistant City Manager. Jones began his law enforcement career at the USC Division of Law Enforcement and Safety from 1995 until 1997. In 1997, Jones began a 22-year career with the Lexington County Sheriff's Department (LCSD). He worked in Warrant Services, Community Services, the Narcotics Division, K-9 Unit, SWAT Team, Patrol Sergeant, Assistant Region Commander, Region Commander, Internal Affairs, and as Operations Commander. In his final assignment under the leadership of Sheriff Jay Koon, Jones was assigned to lead the law enforcement division as the Operations Major. While serving at the LCSD, Jones was decorated 22 times to include the Life Saving Award twice, Medal of Valor, and the 2008 South Carolina Sheriff's Association Deputy of the Year.

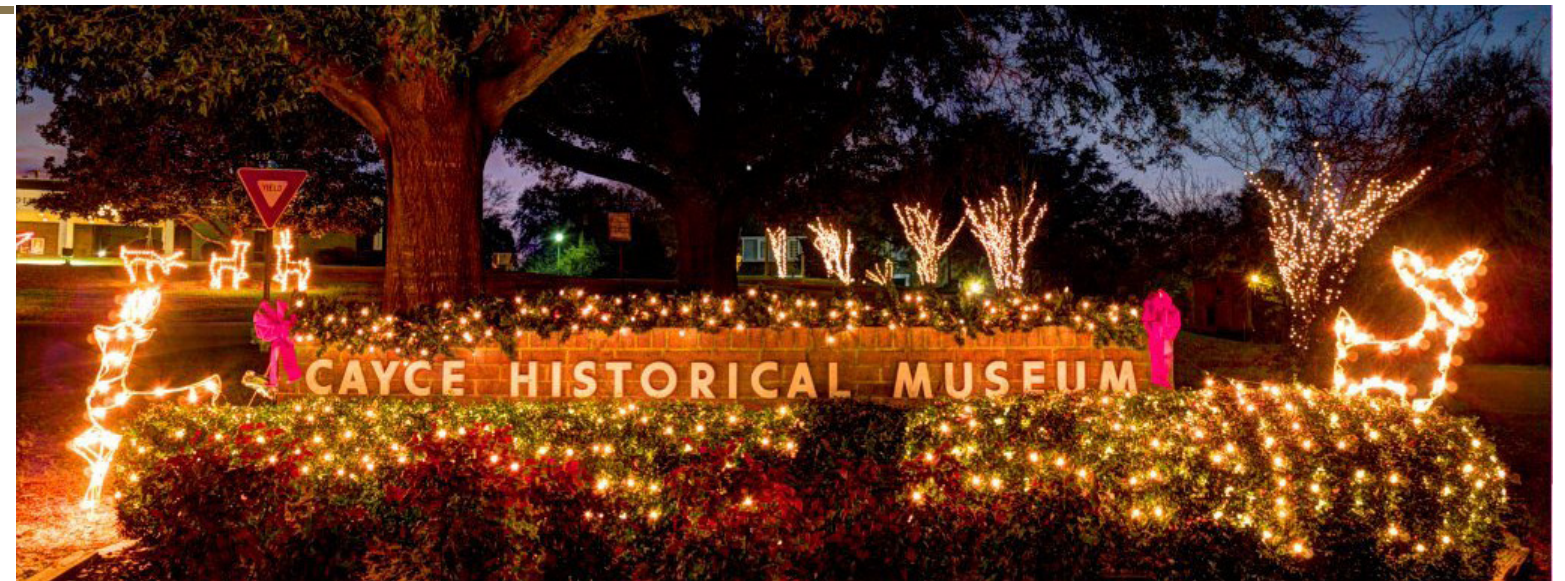


## State Street Arts District

At the September Council Meeting, Cayce City Council gave second reading to an ordinance that would create the Cayce Arts Design Overlay District on State and Frink Streets. The adoption of the Overlay District builds upon previous actions taken to develop Cayce's Arts District and to support its robust artist community. The City has been actively engaged in revitalizing State Street, specifically through "previtalization" efforts. These efforts, described as the "art of what's possible" have already led to the redevelopment of underutilized properties to becoming new and thriving businesses, such as Piecewise Coffee, Swatch Graphics, and the State of the Art of State Gallery.

## Christmas Traditions Open House

Join the Cayce Historical Museum as it presents the 56th annual Christmas Traditions Open House on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 6-9 p.m. Enjoy the sights, sounds, and tastes of the holiday season and a special visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus!



## Christmas in Cayce

Christmas in Cayce is sponsored by local, corporate partners, so all events are free. Beginning Dec. 5, visitors can take a ride through the grounds of Cayce City Hall and enjoy the magic of thousands of twinkling lights and music of the season. Also, don't miss these highly anticipated events:

- **Thursday, Dec. 5, 6 p.m. - 42nd Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.** Sponsored by The Woman's Club of Cayce, this event will include greetings from City officials, holiday thoughts, musical selections and a visit from Santa. In addition, The Woman's Club is collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items as part of the 17th Annual Cayce Cares project, which benefits God's Helping Hands.
- **Friday, Dec. 6, 6-8 p.m. - Carols Along the Riverwalk, N. Avenue entrance to Cayce Riverwalk.** The sounds of the holidays overflow during this reverse caroling, featuring local church choirs and musicians. Enjoy hot chocolate, coffee and cookies as you meander through the first half mile of the Riverwalk. Parking is available at Brookland Cayce High School, and a free trolley will transport everyone to the event.
- **Saturday, Dec. 7, 6 p.m. - Cayce Historical Museum Annual Holiday Open House.** The sights, sounds, and tastes of Christmas will abound at this annual event. Each room will be decorated with trees and crafts from the 18th century to present. The event will also feature live entertainment, docents dressed in period attire, and light refreshments. The lantern tours are back this year!
- **Saturday, Dec. 14, 5:30 p.m. - West Metro Holiday Parade of Lights.** The Greater Cayce West Columbia Chamber of Commerce's annual holiday parade is a highly anticipated night parade in the Midlands. This year's route will begin in front of Cayce City Hall and proceed down 12th Street ending at the corner of Hwy. 1 & 12th Street in West Columbia.

## Holiday Safety Tips

With the holiday season approaching, don't let the spirit of giving lure you into bad habits. Criminals love the holidays as much as we do. We encourage you to take these basic precautions to ensure you have a safe and injury-free holiday season:

- Keep your house and vehicle locked at all times.
- Stay alert of your surroundings if you are out shopping.
- Don't keep valuables in your vehicle.
- After opening gifts, don't place empty boxes on the curb for pick up; break down the boxes and place them in the roll cart.
- Always have a designated driver if you will be drinking at a holiday party.
- Ask for a free property check if you are headed out of town. It is designed to give you greater peace of mind while you are away from your home. Contact our Community Services' Unit for more details, 803-602-2571.

Holiday parties, sparkling lights, and a hall decked with boughs of holly will put everyone in the holiday spirit, but they all present fire risks that can quickly turn this festive time of year into a devastating one. Here are a few fire safety tips to help keep you and your family safe during the holiday season:

- When using a turkey fryer, remember to keep the cooker a safe distance from the residence, and don't over fill with oil.
- Never leave cooking equipment unattended.
- Don't place a space heater near flammable items or leave unattended.
- Inspect all decorations for frayed wires.
- Never leave burning candles unattended or sleep near a lit candle.

### City News

If you are not bagging your yard debris, please keep all leaves and pine straw piles separate from limbs and other yard waste. Unbagged piles of leaves/pine straw and limbs should be placed next to the curb for the Sanitation Department to pick up and remove. Contact the Sanitation Department at 803-550-9527 with questions.

## Around Town

### Cayce Cares

In August, the City received tremendous feedback from you at our initial input session for the City's 2020 Comprehensive Plan. Since then, the City's consultants have been busy working on the Plan. Be on the lookout for a mid-point, public input session coming in February 2020.

### Tree Light Memorial

Lights can be placed on the City of Cayce's memorial Christmas tree to honor loved ones for a \$1 per light. Names of those honored will be listed in the program at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 5. Proceeds benefit God's Helping Hands. For more information, call 550-9529. To purchase, fill out the form to the right and mail to The Woman's Club of Cayce, 901 Karlaney Ave., Cayce, SC 29033.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_