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# 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

A city is certainly better when it has leaders who want to work together, listen to and serve their residents and businesses, and care for the future of the city; but that isn't what makes a city great. A city is not great until its own residents create, promote, and care for it. We have that in Cayce. The list is long and I'm sure there are many examples I don't know of (yet, so please tell me), but here are examples of how great Cayce is.

The Avenues Neighborhood Association created and ran the Cayce Arts Festival held on the Brickworks at the Blossom Street Bridge, which had its debut in April to amazing results for vendors and buyers alike. A major part of their impetus for creating such an event was to showcase how great Cayce is.

The Julius Felder Coalition is in their second year of a community garden and this year will even have beehives for honey!

A large number of residents volunteer on our boards and commissions, which aim to make our city even better - you should join them! The Museum Commission is but one of these. Their original members built our museum and gave it to the city because they knew the richness of the history of our city.

Neighborhood Leaders meet with me once a month to make sure they are in the know and to

share what we can do to make our neighborhoods even better.

The Edenwood Garden Club beautifies their neighborhood and the Edenwood Pool offers recreational opportunities. Moss Creek is working to beautify their entrance even more.

Even on smaller more individual levels there are residents who take food when someone has a baby or a death in the family. Many of you help your neighbor with putting out their roll carts and recycling bins or cutting an elderly neighbors grass.

You recycle, use our reusable leaf bags, tend to your yard. You call us about unusual things you see pertaining to safety or utility issues. You partner with us to make things better and you make a difference!

Speaking of great people and great cities, please see the article on Tim James. We have had a goal to be a council you are proud of, one that listens and works together to find solutions that will take care of our city now and in the future. Tim has been an integral part of making that happen and while we are excited for his opportunity, we are sad to lose an important part of our city's success and pride.

William Shakespeare wrote, "What is a city but its people." In that case, there is no doubt we are a great city!

Thank you,

*Elise Partin*

Mayor Elise Partin  
City of Cayce

## City Announcements

### Airport Receives Award

Congratulations to the Columbia Metropolitan Airport in Cayce for receiving the Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) Inclusion Champion Award, recognizing their commitment to diversity in airport business contracting, workforce inclusion and management development in the airport industry!

### Appliance Recycling Rebates

Did you know you can get cash back and free pick up for recycling your old refrigerator or freezer? Fifty dollar rebates are available for full sized refrigerators or freezers in good working condition. For more information, call 1-877-510-7234. You must be an SCE&G electric residential customer to be eligible for rebates.

### Photo Contest

The City of Cayce is looking for 12 great photos of life in Cayce for its 2015-2016 citizens' calendar. Photographs should feature locations in Cayce or Cayce residents as its subject matter. Deadline for entry is Friday, May 22. The grand prize winner will receive \$100 and have his/her photo featured on the calendar's cover. An additional 11 photographs will be selected for inclusion in the calendar. For more information, contact Kara Carmine at 550.9520 or [kcarmine@cityofcayce-sc.gov](mailto:kcarmine@cityofcayce-sc.gov).

Current Resident Or

[www.cityofcayce-sc.gov](http://www.cityofcayce-sc.gov)

## Cayce's Calendar of Events\*

- | May  | June                                 | July  |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| 5 Meet with the Mayor, 5pm   | 2 Meet with the Mayor, 5pm           | 1 Museum Commission, 4pm  |
| 5 Council Meeting, 6:00pm  | 2 Council Meeting, 6:00pm            | 3 CITY HALL CLOSED (Garbage, Yard Trash & recyclables pick up - July 1) |
| 6 Museum Commission, 4pm   | 3 Museum Commission, 4pm             | 7 Meet with the Mayor, 5pm  |
| 12 Beautification Board, 5:30pm  | 9 Beautification Board, 5:30pm       | 7 Council Meeting, 6:00pm   |
| 14 Events Committee, 5:45pm  | 11 Events Committee, 5:45pm          | 9 Events Committee, 5:45pm  |
| 16 Employee Yard Sale, 7:30am-Noon, City Hall Complex                    | 15 Zoning Board, 6:00pm              | 14 Beautification Board, 5:30pm   |
| 16 Guided Nature Tour with Dr. Rudy Mancke, 10am & 1pm                   | 15 Planning Commission, 6:30pm       | 20 Zoning Board, 6:00pm   |
| 18 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg, 5:30pm                                     | 16 Cayce Housing Authority, 5pm      | 20 Planning Commission, 6:30pm  |
| 18 Planning Commission, 6:30pm   | 17 Special Council Meeting, 5pm      | 22 Special Council Meeting, 5pm   |
| 20 Bulk/White Goods Collection   | 24 Bulk/White Goods Collection       | 27 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg, 5:30pm                                    |
| 20 Special Council Meeting, 5pm  | 25 Beautification Foundation, 5:30pm | 28 Public Safety Foundation Meeting, 5:45pm                             |
| 25 CITY HALL CLOSED (Garbage, Yard Trash & recyclables pick up - May 27) | 29 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg, 5:30pm | 29 Bulk/White Goods Collection  |
| 26 Public Safety Foundation, 5:45pm                                      |                                      | 30 Beautification Foundation, 5:30pm                                    |
| 28 Beautification Foundation, 5:30pm                                     |                                      |   |

\*subject to change

THANK YOU FOR 1500+ LIKES

### Thanks for friending us!

We currently have 1,498 likes on Facebook and 1,912 followers on Twitter. We also have a growing presence on Pinterest!

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!

Join us in using hashtag #CaycePride when posting about the City of Cayce.

## Tartan Day South Attracts 10,639 Patrons

On March 26-29, the City of Cayce sponsored the 5th Annual Tartan Day South Highland Games and Celtic Festival - a unique experience that gave attendees a chance to sample music, food, games and more from Celtic cultures. Proceeds from the festival supported The River Alliance, which promotes economic development, tourism and the history of the Midlands' waterways.

This year, the festival attracted 10,639 people over the course of four days, with more than 1,100 zip codes and 160 cities and towns represented. While the festival attracted a great deal of South Carolinians from 85 cities, it also saw an influx of those from other states with an estimated 1,300 tourists coming into the state for the festival. Based on SCPRT formulas, the festival made an economic impact of \$1.35 million on the local economy.



## Burnette Park Re-Opens

Burnette Park, which is located on the 2300 block of Lee Street in Cayce, has re-opened for public use. With funding from the City of Cayce, Mrs. and Dr. Rudolph Wise and the Martin Marietta Corporation, the park's revitalization has been one of the top priorities for the City. Upgrades include: greater security, a walking trail, new playground equipment and benches, and an area for picnics, family reunions and other events.



## Easter Eggstravaganza

The City of Cayce along with Con-Way Freight sponsored the City's first Easter Eggstravaganza on April 4 as a way to bring the community together and provide activities for young children. The free event featured face painting, an egg hunt, a fire truck, balloon artists, and pictures with the Easter Bunny! It was also an exciting day as the Little Free Library was dedicated. It's now located at Granby Gardens Park (1800 12th Street) for the public to enjoy.



## Construction Begins on Highway 321 Waterline

Construction on the Highway 321 waterline has begun. This project will replace and improve the City's main water trunk line. This is the line that broke two years ago that caused the City to be without water for a day.

Construction will occur along Highway 321 and Fish Hatchery Road. Expect some lane closures, but contractors will be working to minimize traffic disruptions.

## Cayce Serves Tennis Tourney

The Cayce Public Safety Foundation's annual Cayce Serves Tennis Tournament was held on April 11. With 70 players participating, the tournament raised \$6,823.50 for Police, Fire and Animal Services.



## Girls on the Run

The City of Cayce was honored to be the presenting sponsor of the Girls on the Run 5k Spring Race on May 2, a first for this partnership, bringing more than 1,400 runners to the City. Girls on the Run is a national, after-school program that inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident, using a fun, experience-based curriculum that creatively integrates running. The 5k was the culminating event of the 12-week spring season of Girls on the Run, giving girls a sense of achievement and a framework for setting life goals.

## Save the Date: Congaree Bluegrass Festival Scheduled for October 3

Mark your calendars now for the 8th Annual Congaree Bluegrass Festival, scheduled for Saturday, October 3. Each year, some of the biggest names in bluegrass music travel to Cayce to take part in one of the Southeast's largest festivals of its kind.



This year's line-up of bands include The Crowe Brothers, The Flowers Family, The Drovers, The Ladies of the Pickin' Parlor, and Curtis Blackwell and The Dixie Bluegrass Boys.

As always, the festival will include food and craft vendors from around the Southeast and a children's play area. Join us for a fun-filled day for the entire family!

## Councilman James to Take New Position

Cayce City Councilman Tim James is leaving his council seat to accept a new position as vice president and director of public safety with the Ocean Reef Community Association in Florida. James, a lifelong resident of Cayce, has served as District 4 City Council representative for five years and served as Cayce's police chief before that. He is also the executive director of the Lexington Medical Center Foundation. A special election will be held to fill the District 4 position, and the date of that vote will be set once James determines what date he will vacate the seat.



## Successful Grant Submissions

The City of Cayce has received C-Fund money from Lexington County to use for a Stormwater Study in the Avenues. We are also applying for Brownfield grant funds and a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant for Phase II of the Julius Felder Sidewalk Project. The city received \$10,000 from the Eat Smart Move More Lexington County-Healthy South Carolina Initiatives Program to use for new mile-marker signage along Phase IV of the Cayce Riverwalk and Timmerman Trail as well as way-finding signage near Burnette Park and the Community Garden. Additionally, the city has received a Justice Assistance Grant to purchase new municipal court equipment. Be on the lookout for these exciting things going on around our great city!

## Leaf it on the Lawn

### Stormwater is the leading threat to water quality.

- Yard debris can be transported to stormwater pipes and waterways, causing problems for you and your community.
- Yard debris can clog stormwater pipes, causing flooding and costly maintenance, which may be passed on to homeowners.
- As yard debris decomposes, nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus are released into the water. This causes algae blooms, which are unsightly and can kill fish.

### Free Fertilizer, Anyone?

- Grass clippings and leaves return nutrients and water to the soil. Mulching mowers may be more efficient but several passes with any rotary mower will yield the same results with no impact on turf.
- Use a blower or broom to keep grass clippings and leaves in the yard instead of blowing them into the street. If you must dispose of yard waste, compost it or bag it for pick up.

### The Extra

The weekly circulars that *The State* newspaper delivers has been brought to the City's attention as unwanted and thus a litter concern. City staff has researched the issue. You may opt out of the delivery by calling 1-800-888-3566 or emailing customerservice@thestate.com. Give your address and indicate that you would no longer like "The Extra" delivered to your house.

### Potholes

Experiencing pothole problems on your road? If you see a pothole issue along a Cayce roadway, please use the following contact information to call or email DOT or Lexington County Public Works (LCPW). The roads throughout Cayce are either DOT roads or county maintained roads. The county link listed below has every roadway listed that the county maintains. Please feel free to use this guide to determine if the roadway experiencing the pothole issue is listed. If it's not in the county database, then it is a DOT road.

DOT Local Maintenance: 796-9540  
<http://dbw.scdot.org/workrequest/>

LCPW: 785-8201  
[www.lex-co.sc.gov/departments/DeptIQ/publicworks/Documents/ROADINDEXJAN2010.pdf](http://www.lex-co.sc.gov/departments/DeptIQ/publicworks/Documents/ROADINDEXJAN2010.pdf)