

# 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

Spring! Cayce is always a wonderful place to be, but its beauty shines through so brightly in the spring! With all of our parks and Riverwalk and upcoming events, there are plenty of ways to enjoy the natural beauty of our City! In this edition of the newsletter, see the great news about our Riverwalk park enhancements and the Thomas Newman Boat Landing repairs. Checkout the calendar for all the great events and important dates for the spring.

Spring also brings growth – in our beautiful plants and trees – and in our infrastructure. Because we have been so careful with taxpayer dollars and have such a great credit rating, we are in a position to replace almost the entire City's waterlines. This is a proactive step that many cities wish they were in a position to take. New waterlines means better fire protection (which can translate into lower insurance rates for homeowners), better water pressure and clean drinking water for the next generation like we enjoy. We will keep you up to date in multiple ways: flyers on your roll cart, the information section of your water bill, and a new website and phone line just for this project. Construction should start in April, but we will let you know definitively closer to time. We look forward to letting you know more soon.

Also, this year spring means community rebranding for Cayce. See the article to learn about how much

talent is in our City and how your voice is being used to communicate what's great about our City.

Lastly, this spring means welcome and thanks. Thanks to SCANA and CMC Steel, two companies who invested where they are located, who have given back in a welcoming way. With the coordination of the Cayce Beautification Foundation, SCANA and CMC Steel donated a new Welcome to Cayce sign on 12th Street at I-77. This is such a warm welcome that lets everyone know when they arrive in our City that they are in a special place. Please help us thank SCANA and CMC for such an amazing investment in Cayce. Lastly, the Cayce Historical Museum is now on Facebook and Twitter (@CayceHistMuseum) so be sure to follow them. I look forward to seeing you on the Riverwalk and at our great spring events!

Warm regards,

*Elise Partin*



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## Cayce's Calendar of Events\*

### March

- 1 Museum Commission Meeting, 4pm
- 7 Meet with the Mayor, 5pm
- 7 Council Meeting, 6pm
- 9 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30pm
- 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 14 Beautification Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- 20 Zoning Board Meeting, 6pm
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30pm
- 22 Council Meeting, 5pm
- 27 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg, 5:30pm
- 28 Public Safety Foundation Mtg, 5:45pm
- 29 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 29-April 2 **Tartan Day South at the Historic Columbia Speedway**
- 30 Beautification Board Meeting, 5:30pm

### April

- 4 Meet with the Mayor, 5pm
- 4 Council Meeting, 6pm
- 5 Museum Commission Meeting, 4pm
- 8 Cayce Festival of the Arts
- 8 Guided Nature Tour with Dr. Rudy Mancke
- 13 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30pm
- 14 **Good Friday - City Hall Closed (Sanitation Pickup on April 12)**
- 17 Zoning Board Meeting, 6pm
- 17 Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30pm
- 18 Cayce Housing Authority Meeting, 5pm
- 19 Council Meeting, 5pm
- 22 Native American Lantern Tour
- 24 Neighborhood Leader's Meeting, 5:30pm
- 26 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day

- 27 Beautification Foundation Mtg, 5:30pm
- 29 **Girls on the Run 5k at the Historic Columbia Speedway**

### Cayce Festival of the Arts

A one-day arts and crafts show, the 3rd Annual Cayce Festival of the Arts will be held on Saturday, April 8 from 9am to 5pm on the grounds of the Historic Brookland Cayce High School. The show will feature artists, crafters and authors/writers from South Carolina and surrounding states. The event is family-friendly and free to the public. Organized by the Cayce Avenues Neighborhood Association, the event's net proceeds will benefit a local charity of the association's choosing.

If you would like more information, would like to submit an artist application, or would like to sponsor the event, visit <http://caycefestivalofthearts.blogspot.com>.

\*subject to change



We currently have 3,157 likes on Facebook and 3,606 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.

# City Welcomes Community Policing

The Cayce Department of Public Safety has a new community policing team. Community policing is a nationally-recognized best practice and commitment to building trust and mutual respect between police and their community. When Public Safety and residents collaborate, the full community benefits. Cayce's community policing team was funded through a three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office. The team, called the Cayce Community Initiative (CCI), is comprised of three sworn public safety officers (Jimmy Richardson, Josh Addy, and Luis Feliciano) and launched in November 2016. CCI officers work directly with residents, businesses and schools in the City of Cayce to identify problems and prevent crime. CCI officers are available to assist Cayce residents and businesses with property security assessments, provide information one-on-one or at a community meeting, and provide resources to residents seeking assistance. The officers can be contacted at [cops@cityofcayce-sc.gov](mailto:cops@cityofcayce-sc.gov).



## City Rebranding

The City's 2017 Rebranding Campaign will incorporate input from elected officials, citizens, neighborhood leaders, city committees, community leaders, business leaders and various creative partners. Cayce is one of the first to utilize the synergy of its residents – and the many professional marketing experts who are residents - to work hand-in-hand with the City to develop the new brand and convey what is uniquely Cayce. You can participate by filling out a brief survey on the City's website. The new brand will be revealed in early April along with a new spring event.

## Boat Landing Repairs

The Thomas E. Newman Boat Landing will be open soon! During the October 2015 flood event, the Thomas Newman boat landing dock sustained severe damage requiring full closure. Repairs to the boat landing are underway, including dock replacement. With FEMA assistance, the repairs are contracted to be completed no later than March 30, 2017 but follow us on social media and the City website for the official re-opening date.

## Energy Efficient

The City of Cayce received a \$5,000 energy efficiency grant from the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, Energy Office to purchase new LED lights for Cayce's Municipal Complex and the City's Utility Compound. With the grant, the City will purchase 60+ LED lights. The new LED lights will replace current exterior metal halide bulbs, which are known to be energy inefficient. The City maintains dozens of exterior lighting fixtures across the Municipal Complex and the Utility Compound to provide sufficient lighting for vehicle and pedestrian navigation, safety, and aesthetics. With the new LEDs, the City expects to receive both energy and cost savings. Quality LED light bulbs last longer, are more durable, and offer comparable or better light quality than other types of lighting. The LEDs will be purchased and installed this spring. This grant is made possible by the United States Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE).

## Historical Tours

Free, family-friendly guided walking tours of Congaree Creek are now offered. National Park Service trained volunteers lead you through an amazing natural, cultural, historical and archaeologically significant tour. The tours take place at the 12,000 Year History Park at 1120 Fort Congaree Trail in Cayce. The 2-mile, hour-long tours are offered throughout the year. Upcoming tours include Battle of Congaree Creek, Colonial Fort Congaree and Native American Lifeways. For details, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/guided-historical-walking-tours-12000-year-history-park-on-congaree-creek-tickets-31617416544>.

## Hospitality Tax Grantees

Congratulations to the 2017 Hospitality Tax grant recipients! On January 25, 2017 City Council approved grant awards for the following community organizations and their projects. Be sure to check out the great events they have planned!

| Organization                   | Grant    | Event   |
|--------------------------------|----------|---|
| Cayce Avenues Association      | \$9,650  | Cayce Festival of the Arts                      |
| Cayce Public Safety Foundation | \$5,325  | Cayce Serves Tennis Tournament                  |
| Cayce/West Cola Chamber        | \$7,000  | Holiday Parade of Lights                        |
| Cayce/West Cola Jaycees        | \$5,000  | Hall of Horrors                                 |
| Congaree Rapid FC              | \$5,000  | Cayce Soccer                                    |
| Girls on the Run               | \$20,000 | Girls on the Run 5K                             |
| River Alliance                 | \$24,000 | Tartan Day South                                |
| River Alliance                 | \$90,000 | 12,000 Year History Park & Interpretive Program |
| Senior Resources               | \$2,000  | March for Meals 5K                              |
| Cayce Events Committee         | \$20,000 | Congaree Bluegrass Festival                     |

## Property Registration

The City is moving into the second year of the Property Registration Program. Registration for 2017 is currently open and over 100 people have already submitted their registration forms. Last year's registration program helped to prevent problems and improve communication among neighborhoods, property owners and the City. Anyone owning a residential dwelling that they, as the owner of record, are not currently living in is required to register the property on an annual basis. This includes vacant houses, rental property and property that family or friends are living in, regardless of whether rent is being paid. Registration applications are due by April 17. A \$100 late fee shall be assessed after April 17. Questions? Please contact Monique Ocean at [mocean@cityofcayce-sc.gov](mailto:mocean@cityofcayce-sc.gov).

## Stormwater Runoff

Did you know that polluted stormwater runoff travels through storm drains and moves directly to lakes and rivers untreated? Did you know most Americans (218 million) live within 10 miles of a polluted lake, river, or stream? Did you know simple actions can be carried out to keep polluted stormwater runoff from reaching downstream waters? With over 13,000 people living in our City, we all need to be aware of what goes into the storm drains. If you see anything that looks suspicious or smells funny flowing down the street or entering into storm drains or ditches, it is called an illicit discharge. Common examples of illicit discharges are oil and grease, paint, pet waste and soap suds to name a few. So, please report illicit discharges in your neighborhood and help keep our waterways clean. If you see something that looks out of place please contact City Hall to report it. Don't get too close to a strange discharge because it could be dangerous. Remember we all live downstream.

## Riverwalk Repair Status

During the October 2015 flooding, the Cayce Riverwalk sustained extensive damage requiring closure of the section from the train trestles downriver to the Riverland Park neighborhood trailhead. Initial repair costs are estimated at close to \$1.5 million. With FEMA assistance, the repairs will begin this spring. As a reminder, the remaining portions of the Riverwalk and Timmerman Trail are open for pedestrians and bicyclists. Need to know exactly where the closure begins and ends? Follow our social media posts and checkout [www.threeriversgreenway.com](http://www.threeriversgreenway.com). The City is collaborating with the River Alliance to provide Riverwalk events and closure information that includes a detailed map with information for the full Three Rivers Greenway.

### Tartan Day South

The 7th Annual Tartan Day South Festival returns to the Historic Columbia Speedway on March 29 – April 2, 2017. This festival offers an array of unique sports, foods, exhibitions, and music. Nearly 50,000 patrons have attended Tartan Day South events since 2011! The growth of this festival has been phenomenal in just six short years. National Tartan Day was enacted by the US Congress to recognize the outstanding contributions of Americans of Celtic Decent. Cayce is quickly becoming the Southeastern home of this celebration. The organizers say "Celtic or not it's fun for all". For more information visit [tartandaysouth.com](http://tartandaysouth.com) or contact John Banks at 803-665-7620.

### Business License Renewal

With the close of 2016 comes a new year with fresh opportunities and potential for new fortunes. It also signifies the end of a business license year and the start of a new one. City of Cayce business licenses expire on December 31 every year. The deadline to obtain a new license for businesses located within the City of Cayce is April 17, 2017. After April 17, a late penalty of 5% per month will be added to any business that fails to obtain a valid business license. For any questions pertaining to business licensing, please contact Michelle Paulchel at [MLPaulchel@cityofcayce-sc.gov](mailto:MLPaulchel@cityofcayce-sc.gov).