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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

We have so much to celebrate in this new year. Did you know that Cayce is the only full service City in Lexington County? Did you also know that we are a full service City but with lower taxes than other Lexington County cities that offer less? We have a great quality of life in Cayce at a lower cost to taxpayers and Council is proud of that. We have intentionally made decisions that keep costs low for our citizens while still providing some of the best municipal services in the state.

Did you know that we post the dates for council meetings so that you know when we are making decisions? We also post the agendas for each meeting at www.cityofcayce-sc.gov and in hard copy at City Hall, but we don't stop there. We are the only Lexington County municipality that also posts the information that we use to make decisions so that you have the same information we do. Transparency is important to each of our Council members and we prioritize communication. Having this foundation of transparency and efficient government allows us to work on some exciting endeavors for the City.

We recently had the ribbon cutting for the last phase of the Riverwalk (starting at the Boat Landing) and connecting to the Timmerman Trail (near the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center), which is the path that SCANA constructed, paid for and donated to the City. We now have over eight miles of continuous trails in the City and those connect seamlessly to the West Columbia and Columbia trails.

We are working on options for replacing water lines in a large portion of the City. Called the Avenues, Broad Acres and North Frink Street Project, this will include replacing the Glenn Street Water Tank. It will replace and increase the size of the lines, which will increase water flow and water pressure in the residential and commercial areas. We will keep you posted on the progress of implementing this project.

The City has also purchased a new Fire Truck. Did you know it takes seven months to build a new fire truck? Our new one will be ready soon. This new fire truck not only keeps you safer, but the age of the City's fire trucks is a component of the city rating (ISO), which factors directly into the cost of your homeowner's insurance. Keeping current with safety equipment means lower costs and better safety for you.

I look forward to seeing you in one of our wonderful local businesses, on the Riverwalk or at any of the great functions coming up in our City (Tartan Day South, Beautification Board Plant Exchange, The Avenues Neighborhood Association Festival of the Arts and more).

Warmest Regards,

Mayor Elise Partin
City of Cayce

Current Resident Or

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Cayce's Calendar of Events

February

- 3 Meet with the Mayor, 5pm
- 3 Council Meeting, 6pm
- 4 Museum Commission, 4pm
- 10 Beautification Board, 5:30pm
- 12 Events Committee, 5:45pm
- 16 City Hall Closed* (President's Day)
- *Garbage, yard trash & recyclables will be picked up Wed., Feb. 18
- 17 Cayce Housing Authority, 5pm
- 18 Special Council Meeting, 5pm
- 21 March for Meals Wild Run
- 23 Zoning Board, 6pm
- 23 Planning Commission, 6:30pm
- 23 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg, 5:30pm
- 25 Bulk/White Goods Collection
- 26 Beautification Foundation, 5:30pm

March

- 3 Meet with the Mayor, 5:00pm
- 3 Council Meeting, 6:00pm
- 4 Museum Commission, 4pm
- 10 Beautification Board, 5:30pm
- 12 Events Committee, 5:45pm
- 16 Zoning Board, 6:00pm
- 16 Planning Commission, 6:30pm
- 18 Special Council Meeting, 5pm
- 24 Public Safety Foundation, 5:45pm
- 25 Bulk/White Goods Collection
- 26 Beautification Foundation, 5:30 pm
- 30 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg, 5:30pm

April

- 3 City Hall Closed* (Good Friday)
- *Garbage, yard trash and recyclables will be picked up Wed., April 1
- 4 Cayce Family Easter
- 7 Meet with the Mayor, 5pm
- 7 Council Meeting, 6:00pm
- 8 Museum Commission, 4pm
- 9 Events Committee, 5:45pm
- 14 Beautification Board, 5:30pm
- 20 Zoning Board, 6:00pm
- 20 Planning Commission, 6:30pm
- 21 Cayce Housing Authority, 5pm
- 22 Special Council Meeting, 5pm
- 25 Guided Nature Tour with Dr. Rudy Mancke (Call 550-9520 for details)
- 27 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg, 5:30pm
- 29 Bulk/White Goods Collection
- 30 Beautification Foundation, 5:30 pm



Did you know that the greater Columbia area entertains 4 million visitors each year, making tourism a \$1 billion industry for the community while providing 65,000 jobs?

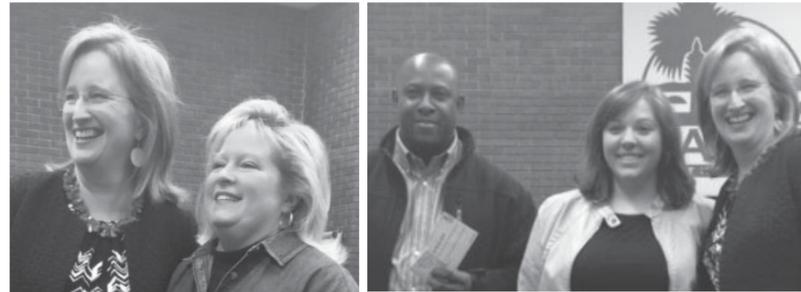
The Cayce Historical Museum is proud to be a part of South Carolina's thriving tourism industry. The Museum staff has already entertained visitors from all 50 states and international visitors from more than 48 countries in its 23-year history, with more and more visitors stopping by every year.

If you have not found the time to visit the Museum, stop by. You'll be glad you did!

For more information, visit www.cityofcayce-sc.gov/museum.asp

City Employees & Citizens Recognized for Service

Many awards were given out at the Annual Employee & Citizens Awards meeting including Outstanding Employee of the Year Chris Mills who is an operator at the Water Treatment Plant and Public Safety Employee of the Year Evan Antley. New employees were also recognized as well as safe drivers and those who have served the city for 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 35 years. In addition to the Awards ceremony, the City also honored several citizens at our January Council meeting. This included the winners of the Decorate Cayce contest, the Whole Sole Award and many others. We are so proud of all of the folks who go the extra mile to make our city an outstanding place to live, work and play!



Cayce Completes Final Phase of Riverwalk

With help from the South Carolina Dept of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, the City of Cayce has completed the last phase of the Riverwalk. This part connects the Thomas Newman Boat Landing to the Timmerman Trail. With this addition, there is approximately 8 miles of continuous greenway within the City.



Cayce Festival of the ARTS

A one-day arts and crafts show, the Cayce Festival of the Arts will be held on April 11 from 9am to 6pm at the Guignard Brickworks on Knox Abbot Drive in Cayce. 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'd like more information, would like to submit an artist application, or would like to sponsor the event, visit <http://caycefestivalofthearts.blogspot.com>.

City of Cayce Receives Clean and Unqualified Audit

The City of Cayce received its Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Audit Report at the January 6th City Council Meeting. The City received a clean and unqualified audit, which means the City's financial practices and accounting meet the standards of General Accepted Accounting Practices. The City continued its trend of maintaining and increasing the fund balance in both the General and Utility Funds. The City also met all of the requirements for debt coverage for the bonded indebtedness that it has in the Utility fund. This is the practice we use to save money for emergencies.

Cayce Serves Tennis Tourney

The Cayce Public Safety Foundation's annual Cayce Serves Tennis Tournament will be held Saturday, April 11th at the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center. Proceeds will benefit the City of Cayce Public Safety Department. To sign up for the tournament please visit: <http://tennislink.usta.com/Tournaments/Common/Default.aspx>

Services Approved for Knox Abbott Area

Major changes are in store for the Knox Abbott Drive area of Cayce in the coming months. City Council approved the firm that will lay out cost estimates, final designs and a timeline for construction. The city is moving forward with a traffic calming and pedestrian safety project that will include features like planted medians and improved sidewalks, crosswalks and lighting. The project is anticipated to cost \$5.6 million and will be phased in with grants and other funding sources as appropriate.

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Police Officers Honored for Heroic Efforts in Face of Dispatcher's Medical Emergency

The Whole Sole Award is given to publicly thank City of Cayce employees for dedicating time to special projects, being a good ambassador for the city, lending a hand to residents and other actions outside of their job descriptions. Sgt. Frank Ballentine, Officer Robert Baker and Officer Rhett Kelly were given the first Whole Sole Award of 2015 in recognition of their actions during a shift last September.



On September 10, Ballentine, Kelly and Baker were completing paperwork at the Cayce Department of Public Safety headquarters while Terry Burgess, a 911 operator, was working the midnight shift.

Ballentine noticed shortly before 5 a.m. that Burgess wasn't responding to a detective who was notifying him of a tow service. After trying unsuccessfully to reach Burgess himself, Ballentine walked over to the dispatch area and found Burgess unconscious.

Ballentine called for assistance, and he, Baker and Kelly worked together to administer CPR and alert EMS responders as quickly as possible. Medical personnel soon arrived on the scene and were able to shock Burgess' heart back into rhythm and help him breathe on his own.

Burgess, who has worked the midnight dispatch shift in Cayce for more than 20 years, has made a full recovery because of the speedy response of the officers.

"The immediate actions of everyone involved saved Terry Burgess' life. This is a great example of teamwork, quick thinking, a little luck and God's grace," Mayor Partin said.

Burnette Park to Re-Open

Thanks to a Public-Private partnership, Burnette Park is set to re-open soon. New playground equipment, tables, benches and open green space for play will be available at the park! Burnette Park is located at the corner of Lee and Lucas Streets.



City Ordinances

In response to complaints and feedback from the community, City Council recently adopted two new ordinances. The first Ordinance regulates how long, and under what circumstances, Portable Storage Containers and Dumpsters may be placed on residential property. Under this new Ordinance, anyone who needs to place any kind of Portable Storage Container or Dumpster on residential property is required to get a permit through the City. There is no fee for the permit. Questions regarding this new Ordinance can be directed to the City's Planning and Development Office.

The second Ordinance regulates the discharging of fireworks within the City of Cayce. Fireworks will only be allowed on July 4th from 10am to 10pm and during New Years from 10am on December 31 to 1am on January 1. City Council felt this Ordinance was the best compromise between the tradition of shooting fireworks and the numerous complaints the City receives about how they effect veterans, animals, and others.

Notices for Residents

Airport High School JROTC Drill Team is Best of the Best

The Airport High School JROTC Drill Team won the Palmetto State Best of the Best Drill Team Championship in December. The Drill Team is under the leadership of CSM® Harry S. Ferguson and Major Daniel Jones.

Civil War Coin Trail

Take a stroll back in history to see some of the city's famous historic buildings and walk in the footsteps of the Union and Confederate soldiers through the streets of Columbia. You don't want to miss this Civil War Coin Trail. Meet at the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center starting at 11:00am on Saturday February 7.

Drop Your Denim

Stop by Busbee Creative Arts Academy at The Parents Center and drop off your old denim for the Teens for Jeans campaign benefiting the youth homeless. Donate to a great local cause and help Busbee win a \$5,000 grant for their school! Drive runs January 12 - February 13.