



# Cayce Times

Winter 2017

## Calendar of Events

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### November

- 20 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 22 City Hall Closes at 1 p.m.
- 23 City Hall Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)
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- 27 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 29 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 30 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 30 Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Cayce City Hall
- 5 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 6 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 14 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 18 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 18 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Cayce Housing Authority Mtg., 5 p.m.
- 20 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 20 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 22 City Hall Closes at 1 p.m.
- 25 City Hall Closed (Happy Holidays)
- 26 City Hall Closed (Happy Holidays)
- 28 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 22 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 22 Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Public Safety Found. Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
- 25 Beautification Found. Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 29 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 31 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day

\* Nov. 10 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recyclables will be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 8.  
\* Nov. 23 and 24 Garbage only will be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 22.  
\* Dec. 25 and 26 Garbage only will be picked up on Wednesday, Dec. 27  
\* Jan. 1 Garbage, Yard Trash, and Recyclables will be picked up on Wednesday, Jan. 3  
\* Jan. 15 Garbage, Yard Trash, and Recyclables will be picked up on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

### December

- 1 Carols Along the Riverwalk in Cayce  
Riverwalk Park N. Ave. Entrance,  
6:30-8 p.m.
- 2 Christmas Traditions at the Cayce  
Historical Museum, 6-9 p.m.
- 5 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.

### January

- 1 City Hall Closed (Happy New Year)
- 2 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 2 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 3 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 11 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 15 City Hall Closed (MLK Holiday)
- 17 Council Meeting

#### Recycle Your Tree

From Jan. 2-12, 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.

## City Reflections

### A Letter from Mayor Elise Partin



And just like that, it's almost 2018. Before we close out 2017, we can't wait to celebrate "Christmas in Cayce" with you! There are so many amazing events: from *Carols on the Riverwalk* where sounds of holiday music are made even more magical as they echo through the floodplain, to historic holiday themes displayed in the Cayce Historical Museum. Be sure to check out the "Christmas in Cayce" article and join us for some family friendly fun! City staff works hard to ensure residents and visitors enjoy the lights and sights of the season, so please thank them when you see them!

And, we aren't slowing down in 2018! Back by popular demand, the City will host another Soiree on State! Look for the date in your next newsletter and on social media. This event not only celebrates the original heart of the City, but it also helps bring new life into the buildings. We look forward to enjoying music, art and fellowship with you in the spring!

The Waterline Replacement Project

will continue through most of the year as we do something most cities wish they could do: replace almost all of the City's water lines. This saves money by reducing emergency repairs and staff overtime and by ensuring strong water pressure for fire safety and continued clean drinking water for this and the next generation.

In 2018, we will kick off the Knox Abbott Drive Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming Project. We will make major improvements to the infrastructure and streetscaping along the full length of Knox Abbott Drive. This project is designed to improve traffic flow, increase safety for pedestrians and relocate utilities further away from the roadway. The City is coordinating the timing of the Knox Abbott project with the waterline project to save money and reduce interruption for businesses and visitors.

As part of the Knox Abbott project we will also install new wayfinding signs. This will add clarity and simplicity for walkers, bikers and drivers, as well as

adding to the character and charm of our City. Cayce's most important points of interest will be featured, including the Riverwalk, City Hall, the Thomas Newman Boat Landing and many more.

We received grants totaling \$350,000 from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, Office of Highway Safety & Justice Programs to fund a new three-person Traffic Enforcement Unit. These officers will focus on both traffic and DUI enforcement in the City of Cayce keeping us safer. They will also work with community groups and schools to provide traffic safety education.

Between all the great events and projects, there's always so many reasons to have pride in our City! Follow us on social media to keep up with all of our great news.

*Elise Partin*

### Community Notes

#### Stormwater Runoff

"We all live downstream." The things we do to our stormwater runoff can affect people, plants, and animals in other places. Stormwater pollution is a problem that everyone can play a part in solving by making small efforts. We can help by supporting the local stormwater pollution prevention program. Take advantage of opportunities to educate yourself and your family about your local watershed. Volunteer to tag storm drains, pick up litter, join a "Trash the Poop" campaign or other local volunteer projects. For more info, please visit the Lexington County Stormwater Consortium at [www.lcswc.com](http://www.lcswc.com).



#### Rolling Out the Logo

Over the next few months, the City logo will be replaced on City vehicles. The new logo is part of the rebranding effort that launched this summer.



## Cayce Fire Department Wins Big

Congrats to the Cayce Fire Department for winning a friendly competition against West Columbia and Lexington County Fire Departments in September. During a training session, Cayce firefighters were the quickest crew to deploy and set up a ladder truck, then hit three targets with the ladder fully extended. Cayce firefighters completed these tasks in just 3 minutes, 38 seconds! Great job, C-shift firefighters Thomas Brown, Brad Smith and Jamie Summers!



## Holiday Safety Tips

With the holiday season upon us, the Cayce Department of Public Safety would like to ensure a safe and joyful time for everyone. Holiday safety is an issue the Department faces from November to mid-January. During this time, families are gathering, parties are scheduled, and traffic increases on our roadways. We encourage you to take these basic precautions to ensure your family remains safe and injury-free throughout the season:

- 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 in a room with a lit candle.
- 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 garbage can.
- Always have a designated driver if you will be drinking at a holiday party.



## Museum Happenings

This fall, the Museum enjoyed welcoming visitors to its Congaree Heritage Day, a family-friendly celebration of Cayce's history. The event explored every era of Cayce's history, and featured scheduled demonstrations, living historians, history displays and a variety of activities for children. Their next big event, Christmas Traditions, is scheduled for Dec. 2.

## Property Registration

The City of Cayce's Property Registration Program enters its third year in 2018. Owners of unoccupied homes, non-owner occupied homes and/or residential rental properties within the City of Cayce are required to register their property on an annual basis. Registration is valid from January through December. As such, 2017 property registrations will expire on December 31. The property owner is responsible for renewing the registration for 2018. There is no fee to register the property. However, properties not registered by April 16 will incur a \$100 late fee. Additionally, if the property is rented, a business license is required. More information about the property registration program can be found at [www.caycesc.gov/propregistration.php](http://www.caycesc.gov/propregistration.php).

## Yard Debris

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 most efficiently pick up and remove.

## Business Licenses

With the new year comes a new business license registration with the City. All business licenses are issued annually for the period of January-December. Thus, 2017 licenses will expire on Dec. 31. Applications for 2018 business licenses will be available starting Jan. 1. Businesses have until April 16 to obtain a license without incurring a late penalty. Additional information can be found at <http://www.caycesc.gov/business.asp>.



Christmas in Cayce is a tradition your family doesn't want to miss. Mark your calendar now to attend some or all of the events.

## Christmas in Cayce

Christmas in Cayce is sponsored by several local, corporate partners so all events are free. Join us for this weekend full of events! Beginning November 30, visitors can take a ride through the Cayce City Hall complex and enjoy the magic of thousands of twinkling lights and music of the season.

**Thursday, Nov. 30, 6 p.m. – 40th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.** Sponsored by The Woman's Club of Cayce, this event includes greetings from city officials, holiday thoughts, musical selections, and a visit from Santa. The Woman's Club will also celebrate their 80 Days of Kindness campaign in commemoration of 80 years of service to the community. The campaign is based on random acts of kindness Cayce residents can create over 80 days.

**Friday, Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m. - Carols Along the Riverwalk.** Join us to hear the sounds of the holidays with our local church choirs and musicians located within the first half mile of the park at the N. Avenue entrance to the Cayce Riverwalk. Parking is available at Brookland Cayce High School and a free trolley will transport everyone to the event.

**Saturday, Dec. 2, 6 p.m. - Cayce Historical Museum Annual Holiday Open House.** The sights, sounds, and tastes of Christmas will abound at the Museum's annual Christmas Traditions Holiday Open House. 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. 9, 5:30 p.m. - West Metro Holiday Parade of Lights.** One of the most anticipated holiday parades in the Midlands, the 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.

## Around Town

### Cayce Cares

The 15th Annual Cayce Cares Project will be held, along with the 40th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, on Nov. 30. Citizens are encouraged to collect non-perishable food items and bring them to the tree lighting to donate to God's Helping Hands, a crisis ministry that serves families in Cayce/West Columbia. Cayce Cares, initiated in 2003 by Ann Malpass, has the support of

area schools, churches, The Woman's Club of Cayce and the City of Cayce. Together, we can make a difference!

### Tree Light Memorial

Deadline: Nov. 25  
Fill out the form and mail to The Woman's Club of Cayce, 901 Karlaney Ave., Cayce, SC 29033.

Enclosed is my tax deductible donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (made payable to The Woman's Club of Cayce).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please consider placing lights on the memorial Christmas tree to honor loved ones. Lights can be placed on the tree for a minimum donation of \$1 per light in memory or in honor of someone. Names of those honored will be listed in the event program. Proceeds will be donated to God's Helping Hands. For more information, call 550-9529.

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

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