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City Reflections

A Letter from Mayor Elise Partin

As we enter the busy holiday season, I would ask two things of you:

Market. If you've never been to these events before, please share with your friends and families and make it a new tradition.

Number One

Please vote in the municipal election on November 7, 2023. Residents in District 2 and 4 have Councilmember elections and all registered voters of Cayce may vote in the Mayoral election. Go to vote411.org to get helpful information on the elections.

As 2023 comes to an end, I will ask one more thing - please take time for yourself and your loved ones. Give yourself grace, show kindness to your neighbors, reflect on the past year and relish the goodness around us before preparing for an awesome 2024!



Elise Partin

Call for Volunteers

The Cayce Historical Museum will hold Christmas Olde and New on Saturday, December 2, 2023. The Museum Commission is seeking volunteers to help decorate the Museum and participate in living history narratives. If interested in volunteering, please send an email to volunteers@caycemuseum.org.

Cayce Calendars

The 2024 City of Cayce calendars will be available starting Dec. 6, 2023 at City Hall. This may be the best one yet since it features local pets! The calendars are an annual tradition and go fast so stop by City Hall beginning December 6th to get your copy.

Sanitation Tips

Please keep pine straw separate from all other piles of trash. Bagged leaves will get first priority over unbagged leaves. Please keep garbage and recycle containers separate from one another.

Calendar of Events

*Nov. 10 Household Garbage, Yard Trash, and Recycling will be picked up Wednesday, Nov. 8.

*Nov. 14 Council Meeting has been moved to Nov. 15.

*Nov. 23 and 24 Household Garbage and Recycling only will be picked up Wednesday, Nov. 22.

*Dec. 22 Household Garbage and Recycling only will be picked up Wednesday, Dec. 20.

*Dec. 25 and 26 Household Garbage and Recycling only will be picked up on Wednesday, Dec. 27.

*Jan. 1 Household Garbage, Yard Trash and Recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

*Jan. 15 Household Garbage, Yard Trash and Recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

November

- 1 Museum Commission Mtg., 4 p.m.
- 7 Municipal Election Day
- 9 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Veterans Day - City Offices Closed
- 13 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 15 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 15 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 20 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.*
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 22 City Offices Close at 3 p.m.
- 23 Thanksgiving Holiday - City Offices Closed
- 24 Thanksgiving Holiday - City Offices Closed
- 27 Neighborhood Leader's Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 28 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
- 29 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 30 Tree Lighting Ceremony - Cayce City Hall, 6 p.m.

December

- 1 Carols Along the Riverwalk, N. Avenue entrance, 6-8 p.m.
- 2 Christmas Olde and New - Cayce Historical Museum, 6-9 p.m.
- 5 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 5 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 6 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 11 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 18 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 20 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 20 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 22 Happy Holidays - City Offices Closed
- 25 Happy Holidays - City Offices Closed
- 26 Happy Holidays - City Offices Closed

January

- 1 Happy New Year - City Offices Closed
- 2 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 2 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 3 Museum Commission Mtg., 4 p.m.
- 8 Beautification Foundation Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Events Committee Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday City Offices Closed
- 17 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 22 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 22 Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
- 29 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 31 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day

**The Zoning Board of Appeals only meets when a zoning appeal needs to be reviewed. If they do not meet then the Planning Commission meets at 6pm rather than 6:30pm*

Your voice and vote matters!

Number Two

Please take time to attend the wonderful holiday events the City has planned. You are sure to find great hometown holiday cheer at Christmas in Cayce - from the cherished tree lighting at City Hall to the one-of-a-kind Riverwalk caroling to the Historical Museum's Christmas Olde and New event, which will host its first ever European Style Christmas

Making a Difference

SRO Dee has created multiple programs at Cayce Elementary to support the growth of future leaders in our community. She created "SRO Shining Star of the Month" where each month a student is recognized for character traits, acts of kindness, setting goals and achieving the goals. SRO Dee aligns with teachers to identify that the student being recognized has consistent behavior. SRO Dee's passion for service has also led to the creation of a new school club. The program is called DOVES: Developing Original Vibrant Educated Sisters. Her hope is to empower young ladies of all races, colors, and creeds to achieve goals and be successful and significant. The club participants meet and have guest women speakers to show them what they can achieve. Thank you, Cayce SRO's, for creating an environment for positive change for our future leaders!



Blue Sky at the Museum

You may be familiar with the more prominent works of Blue Sky, like Tunnelvision in downtown Columbia. But did you know about the Night on the Congaree, featuring Tangerine the cat, located in Cayce? Blue Sky completed this painting in 1996 and it can be found on the landing of the top floor in the Cayce Historical Museum.

Cayce PD Character Camp

City staff at the Cayce Wastewater Treatment Plant were excited when the Cayce Police Department asked them to host the children of the Cayce PD Character Camp. Knowing that the children ranged in ages from 6-12, they got creative to make learning about wastewater more fun. Lab Director, Denis Bergeron, made a mini version of a wastewater treatment plant to visually show how solids go through the plant to get treated. After a quick PowerPoint given by Pretreatment Superintendent, Neal Klimek, the kids participated in fun and educational games, such as a toilet paper toss, a poop emoji photo stand-in for the kids to take pictures with, and even a water squirting toilet game. The kids also made their own filters where they poured in “dirty” water to see how much could be filtered out to achieve clean water. The day ended with taking the children to see the effluent outfall where the clean water leaves the plant and returns to the Congaree River. It’s not often you can say you had fun at a poop plant, but our amazing staff was able to achieve that!



Cayce Plant Exchange

The City of Cayce Events Committee hosts a Spring and Fall Plant Exchange each year at City Hall at 1800 12th Street. Everyone is invited to bring seeds, bulbs, clippings/cuttings, potted house plants, shrubs, and even trees. You do not have to bring a plant to participate. A master gardener will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Rain or shine, these events will run until all plants have a new home. These events are child and pet friendly. Check out the City’s events calendar at caycesc.gov or call City Hall to get upcoming dates for the Plant Exchange; we’d love to have you join us!



Meet Your City Staff

Ms. Rachel Stuckey has been the Clerk of Court for the Cayce Municipal Court since May 2018. She is a graduate of the APCO Institute via Jacksonville State University with a certification in Public Safety Telecommunication and comes to us by way of New Orleans, LA. She has an extensive background in Dispatch, Fire, EMS and Police services. Rachel is dedicated to serving her community.

Mr. Justin Wise is the Assistant Clerk of Court for the Cayce Municipal Court. He started with Cayce in January of 2021 and is a graduate of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College with an Associate’s Degree in Business. He started his criminal justice career with the City of Columbia Police Department as a civilian in the Records Division and later transferred to Richland County Sheriff’s Department as a Class 3 Deputy with a focus on Family Court and Juvenile Law.

Rachel and Justin are dedicated, hard-working employees of the City that keep the City Municipal Court running smoothly. They make a great team and always work together for the best interest of all parties involved in a court case since Court staff must remain impartial between all parties. They are not allowed to give out any legal advice but will always help point to you in the right direction. If you have any questions for the Municipal Court staff, they can be reached through the courts at 803-550-9550.

Our Parks

Reminder, Granby Gardens Park will be closed from November 13, 2023 to January 10, 2024 for preparation of Christmas in Cayce and the light displays that run November 30 through January 10.

When enjoying our Rivewalk trails, please take note of the black walnut trees that are located near the path on Timmerman Trail and Phase 3 of the Riverwalk. Be aware of your surroundings and be cautious as the walnuts will fall from the tree and gather on the ground; they resemble green golf balls and may present a tripping hazard.



Join us for Christmas in Cayce

Thursday, Nov. 30, 6-8 p.m. - Christmas in Cayce Tree Lighting Ceremony, City Hall. Sponsored by The Woman’s Club of Cayce, this event includes greetings from City officials, musical selections from local schools and performers and a visit from Santa. Bring canned goods and non-perishable food items as part of the annual Cayce Cares project benefitting God’s Helping Hands and the Scooter Scott Project.

Friday, Dec. 1, 6-8 p.m. - Carols Along the Riverwalk, N. Avenue entrance to Cayce Riverwalk. Visitors can stroll along the Riverwalk with free hot chocolate and treats while listening to holiday music during this annual reverse caroling event. Parking is available at Brookland Cayce High School and includes a free trolley ride to and from the event for attendees.

Saturday, Dec. 2 6-9 p.m. - Cayce Historical Museum Olde and New Event. For the first time, the event will feature an outdoor Christmas market with local vendors selling gifts, food, and drinks. Visitors can take in the sights and sounds of Christmas during the Cayce Historical Museum’s annual Christmas Traditions Holiday Open House. Rooms of the museum will be decorated with Christmas trees and there will be live entertainment and light refreshments. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be there and there will also be a historical lantern tour.

Safety Tips

With the holidays approaching, the Cayce Police Department would like to offer some tips to keep you safe. If traveling by car, make sure your vehicle is in good working order and know the routes you are traveling. Give yourself extra time and leave time to stop for breaks. Lock your valuables up when stopping and don’t text and drive. Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your home and take in mail/packages. Keep lights on timers to give the appearance of someone being in the home. Make sure your alarm system is working. Keep bushes and trees trimmed and lock your valuables up. For businesses and churches, leave lights on inside and outside and ask trusted community neighbors to keep watch. Report any suspicious activities to the Cayce Police, no matter how small.

HR Corner

The City of Cayce has welcomed a new City Engineer, Al Williams. Al and his family have relocated to the area and Al comes with many years of Public Utilities experience. We are so excited to have Al and his family join the Cayce family.

City of Cayce Career Opportunities:

We are now hiring! The City of Cayce is proud of all our employees and wants to serve them in the best way possible. The City of Cayce offers State Health Insurance, the Employee Portion is paid for by the City of Cayce. We also participate in South Carolina State Retirement, 14 paid holidays, great equipment and the best technology, annual and sick leave, competitive salaries and many other perks. The easiest way to apply is to go to the City of Cayce website, under Career Opportunities; you will see all available positions as well as the application. You can complete the application and email it, mail it in or drop it off at City Hall. Come join the City of Cayce Family! See www.caycesc.gov website for more information.