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# **City Reflections** A Letter from Mayor Elise Partin

While meeting with our neighborhood leaders and staff for our monthly meeting, I was overwhelmed by the sense of pride and caring that was a part of every comment about our City. Those comments were true whether it was a neighborhood leader speaking or one of our staff members. That sense of pride and caring is evident in all our staff but can especially part of our Cayce family.

As we start this new year, staff have begun the preparation for our second annual Soiree on State music and art festival. Last June. the event attracted over 1,500 people to the original heart of our city and has begun the revitalization process for that historic area. So

many of you asked us to please host it again, so in Cayce fashion, staff is making it even better! This year we are partnering with the Cayce Avenues Neighborhood Association to merge the Cayce Festival of the Arts with the Soiree on State. This partnership of the Cayce local government and Avenues Association of residents is precisely what makes Cayce stand out from other cities. We are a city

Fill out an application on the City's website, www.caycesc.gov, on the boards and commissions page.

By the time you read this, the repairs from the floods should be close to completion on our Cayce Riverwalk. That means we are back

# **Calendar of Events**

30 Neighborhood Leader's Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

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I Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m. I Council Meeting, 6 p.m. 2 Museum Commission Mtg., 4 p.m.

LO Events Committee Mtg., 5:30 p.m.

\* March 30 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recvclables will be

#### **Guided Nature Tour** Join Dr. Rudy Mancke for a Guided Nature Tour

of Timmerman Trail on Saturday, April 7 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The tour is free, but space is limited. To register, call 550-9520 by March 31.

## Join the City Online

The City of Cayce has a thriving social media presence and we want YOU to join us! Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest to stay up-to-date on what's happening in your City!



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### February

- **IO** City Hall Closed (President's Day)
- **20** Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 2I Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 22 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 26 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- **26** Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 26 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day

#### March

- 6 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 6 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 7 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 8 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- II Daylight Savings Time Begins
- **IO** Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- **19** Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 2I Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 26 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg., 5:30 p.m.

- 5:45 p.m.
- 28 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day **29** Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- **30** City Hall Closed (Good Friday)

#### April

- Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 7 Spring Guided Tour with Dr. Rudv Mancke at Timmerman Trail
- **TO** Meet with the Mayor. 5 p.m.
- **IO** Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 12 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m
- 14 Soiree on State (Michaelmas Ave.
- to Railroad St.)
- 16 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 16 Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.
- **18** Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- **21** Spring Plant Exchange at City Hall 25 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 26 Beautification Found, Mtg., 5:30 p.m.

27 Public Safety Foundation Meeting,

\* Feb. 19 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recyclables will be picked up on Wednesday, Feb. 21. nicked up on Wednesday, March 28

#### be seen in the efforts of our City Manager Rebecca Vance as she transitions to a job closer to her elderly parents. She will be with us through March and during that

time is an integral part of our team to ensure we hire the best person to carry on the good work she has done. We are thankful for her impact here and know she will always be a

of residents who love their city and it shows! Be sure to check out the article in this newsletter to learn more about the exciting community event! If you aren't engaged in our city yet, we would love to have you serve on one of our boards and commissions. Fill out an application to be a part of all the good that happens here.



to 12 miles of continuous trail just in our city alone. That's what peace, exercise, beautiful views and family time looks like. We look forward to seeing you there or at the many great events supported through Hospitality Tax Grants and Accommodation Tax Grants this spring.

Warm regards,



#### **Community Notes**

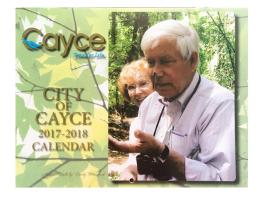
**2018 Council Meetings** The City of Cayce Council meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Dates and/or times may change due to schedule conflicts Citizens may meet with the Mayor at 5 p.m. prior to each meeting Regular Council meetings for the remainder of 2018 are as follows

- March 6
- April 10
- May 1
- June 5
- July 3 •
- August 7
- September 4
- October 2
- November 13
- December 4

Special Council meetings are tentatively scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. In August 2018, the special Council meeting will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month.







### **Jenkins Receives National Appointment**

Cayce's District 2 City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Skip Jenkins has been appointed to the National League of Cities 2018 Public Safety and Crime Prevention federal advocacy committee. The committee has the lead responsibility for developing the NLC's federal policy positions on issues involving crime prevention, corrections, substance abuse, municipal fire policy, juvenile justice, disaster preparedness and relief, homeland security, domestic terrorism, court systems and gun control.

# **Code Enforcement Team**

With spring on its way and building season just around the corner, code enforcement is entering its busiest time of the year. Cayce has two full-time officers who keep the City safe through code enforcement and ensure businesses and contractors are licensed. In addition to enforcing property maintenance code (such as tall grass and nuisance properties), officers verify business licenses and permits, including building, electrical, plumbing, HVAC and zoning. The most common spring code enforcement issues include: overgrown yards, illegal debris dumping, and contractors without proper city licenses and permits working on homes. To best protect yourself, follow these tips before hiring a contractor: 1) verify they have a Cayce business license, and 2) verify they have the required state license(s). Cayce code enforcement officers are here to help answer general code, building and permit questions as well as respond to code complaints. Wave them down if you see them driving through the City or contact them at Ken Walters, kwalters@caycesc.gov or Jarrett Epperson, jepperson@caycesc.gov.

# **Calendar Photo Contest**

The City of Cayce is looking for 12 photos of life in Cayce for its 2018-2019 citizens' calendar. The photographs should feature locations in Cayce or Cayce residents as its subject matter, but the contest is open to amateur photographers from all over the state. Photos must be in color and should be submitted as an 8"x10" image with name of photo, name of photographer, and completed registration and release form. The deadline for entry is Friday, May 25. The winner will receive \$100 and have his/her photo featured on the calendar's cover. An additional 11 photographs will be included in the calendar, and those contestants will receive a Reflections of Cayce poster and Cayce t-shirt. For more information, contact Katinia Taylor at 550-9520 or ktaylor@caycesc.gov.

## **Excellence** Award

The City of Cayce has received the 2016 SC Area-Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) for its Water Treatment Plant. Sponsored by the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, AWOP is an effort to optimize the performance of existing surface water facilities. The program's goal is to optimize particle removal and disinfection of all filtration plants to maximize public health protection from microbial contaminants and reduce risk of illness from contaminated water. This is achieved without capital spending on plant improvements.

"Ensuring we do our part to provide clean water for our residents is always a top priority," said Cayce Director of Utilities, Blake A. Bridwell

## 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.

### **Attention Veterans**

It's a valued City of Cayce tradition to invite one of our local veterans to lead us in the pledge of allegiance at our regular City Council meetings. Mayor Elise Partin started this practice to recognize our veterans for their service to this country. As we begin this new year, we would like to invite our veterans to take part in this tradition. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mendy Corder at 550-9557 or mcorder@ caycesc.gov.

Free, family-friendly festival returns to Cayce for second year. Mark your calendars now for this can't miss event.

# Soiree on State

The City of Cayce is excited to announce the second annual Soiree on State! The music and art festival will be held on Saturday, April 14 from noon - 8 p.m. Admission is free and the festival will take place on State Street between Michaelmas Avenue (M Ave) and Railroad Street. New this year, the City has partnered with The Avenues Neighborhood Association to combine the Cayce Festival of the Arts with Soiree on State. This partnership will expand the Soiree on State to include more artists, a larger kids' area, variety of musicians, and fun all afternoon long!

Artist, food and community vendor applications are currently being accepted! To apply, contact Rachelle Moody at RMoody@caycesc.gov or 550-9506. Vendor application fees are as follows: \$75 for food or artists, \$50 for crafters, and \$30 for authors. Musical artists (including the headliner) to be announced soon.

"We are so excited for the second annual Soiree on State. It was such a success last year and we can't wait to expand it with even more local artists, restaurants and bands. We hope you all will come out for the art, and stay for the music on April 14," stated Cayce Mayor, Elise Partin.

#### **Plant Exchange**

The City of Cayce hosts a spring and fall Plant Exchange each year. Everyone is invited to bring seeds, bulbs, clippings/cuttings, potted house plants, shrubs, and even trees, but you do not have to bring a plant to participate. A master gardener will be on hand to answer questions. Rain or shine, these events will run until all plants have a new home. These events are child and pet friendly and refreshments will be provided. This year's Spring Plant Exchange is April 21 at the Cayce Municipal Building, 1800 12th Street. Labeling of plants begins at 9 a.m., and the plant exchange begins at 10 a.m.

# **Around Town**

#### Tartan Dav

Highland Games and Celtic Festival returns to the Historic Columbia Speedway March 22-25. This festival offers an array of **Save the Date**: unique sports, foods, exhibitions, and music that draws 15,000 people. National Tartan Day was enacted by the US Congress to recognize the outstanding contributions of Americans of Celtic





descent. Cayce is quickly becoming The 8th annual Tartan Day South the Southeastern home of this celebration. For more information. visit www.tartandaysouth.com.

# Cavce Serves

The 6th annual Cayce Serves Tennis Tournament will be held June 16 at the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center at Otarre Pointe. This event is a fundraiser presented by the Cavce

Public Safety Foundation in order to raise funds for the Cavce Public Safety Department not available through other means. The past five tournaments have raised \$26,629 and helped purchase tasers, chain saws, smoke detectors, flash hoods, boots and a training simulator for public safety officers. For more information, contact Kay Hutchinson at 550-9529 or khutchinson@cavcesc.gov.