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# Cayce Times

Summer 2022

## Calendar of Events

### C.O.P.S. Summer Events

Thanks to Serve & Connect, Greg's Groceries provided our department with boxes of non-perishable food that will be delivered to families in need during the summer months.

From July 18-28, we will host the Cayce Character Camp at Cayce Elementary School (515 Bulldog Blvd, Cayce SC). The mission of the camp will be to help kids build confidence and everlasting friendships.

With the great generosity of this community, we will organize the third annual Back to School Bash at Spire's Recreational Center in August (TBD).

May	June	July
3 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.	7 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.	4 City Offices Closed - Independence Day
3 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.	7 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.	5 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
4 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.	9 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	5 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
9 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.	13 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.	11 Beautification Foundation Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
12 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	20 City Offices Closed - Juneteenth	14 Events Committee Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
16 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	21 Cayce Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.	18 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
16 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	21 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	18 Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
18 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.	21 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	20 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
23 Neighborhood Leader's Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	22 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.	25 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
24 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.	27 Neighborhood Leader's Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	26 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
25 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day	29 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day	27 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
30 City Offices Closed - Memorial Day		

\* May 30 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, June 1  
\* June 20 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, June 22  
\* June 21 Zoning Board and Planning Commission Meeting dates may change  
\* July 4 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recyclables will be picked up on Wednesday, July 6

## City Reflections

### A Letter from Mayor Elise Partin



Thank you for sharing your voice in the many ways we create, including the many Comprehensive Plan input sessions, neighborhood leaders' meetings, and more. Your voice is in everything from that planning document to our annual budget to the spending of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Staff has worked hard to identify urgent projects and items that are advantageous to acquire now. These items will make the City safer, cleaner and operate more transparently and efficiently.

Thanks to our department heads who are so well respected. One great example of that is both the Sanitation truck and the Stormwater Culvert vacuum/ Streetsweeper (yea for cyclists!) truck that we were able to have held for us as we completed the purchasing process. Many other municipalities were clamoring for those vehicles, knowing that supply chain issues will make

the next ones two years out. Our staff is not only proactive about ensuring we can fulfill our municipal responsibilities; they help save money and time by making smart purchases.

Thanks to Council and staff for being strategic with the ARPA money. Our Legislative team is looking for grants for larger infrastructure investments from our State and Federal partners so that we can make that money go further. We have a storm drainage improvement project finishing now on Blake Drive and one starting on Delisseline. But there are no shortage of storm drainage and other needs in our City. So ensuring that our County, State and Federal partners - who all have ARPA money as well - can team with us on these projects will also keep our costs lower. See past newsletters for more information on storm drainage funding and planning. As we get closer to the new budget year,

keep an eye on your roll cart for the budget flyer. It's yet another cool low-cost way that we use to make sure that you are informed.

Thanks for being an important part of our City!

*Elise Partin*

### Police Dept. News

Over the fall season, the department made strong relationships with our residents, businesses, and clergy communities. We will continue to build on those relationships with transparency and open conversation. Quarterly meetings with church leaders (Chow Down with the Clergy and the Cops) and our new Citizens Advisory Committee occur regularly, and we will continue to meet with community groups. Our hope is that EVERY neighborhood will establish crime watches (to set up a crime watch please call our C.O.P.S. Unit at 803-794-0456).

This spring we welcomed Juana Saavedra to the Police Department Team as our Victim Advocate and Community Outreach Coordinator. Juana brings a wealth of knowledge and passion for communities. She will be focusing on how we grow our victim advocacy and community outreach. Juana can be reached at [jsaavedra@caycesc.gov](mailto:jsaavedra@caycesc.gov) or by going to our website at [CaycePD.com](http://CaycePD.com).



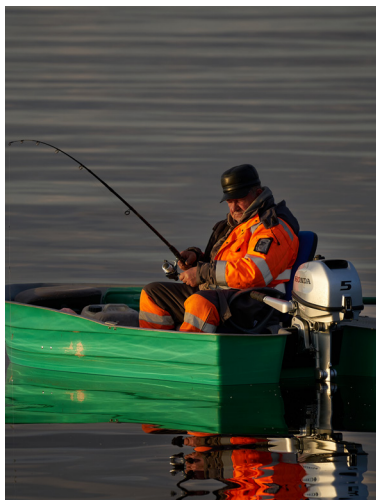
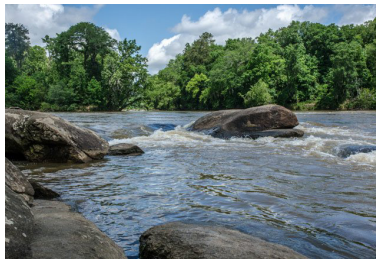
## Caitlyn Lorick Joins Historical Museum

Please stop by and welcome the Cayce Historical Museum's newest staff member Caitlyn Lorick! She is a senior at the University of South Carolina, working towards her undergraduate degree in Anthropology. Caitlyn plans to continue her education in the future by pursuing a Master's degree. Caitlyn's interests are in archaeology and collection management. She has a wide variety of experience working in several educational departments with different institutions serving ages 3 and up. She also has worked and volunteered with various local museums in South Carolina and has already proven to be an amazing asset to the Museum!

## Water Safety Tips

With the temperatures starting to rise, in the air and in the water, the Cayce Fire Department wants to remind you of some water safety tips for your visits to the Congaree and surrounding rivers.

1. Tell someone where you are going, when you expect to return, and where to call if you don't.
2. NEVER BOAT ALONE. Be sure your boating skills and experience are equal to the river and the conditions.
3. Wear a properly fitted Personal Flotation Device (PFD) at all times when you are in or near the river.
4. Know early signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and dehydration in hot weather.
5. Reduce threat of injury by wearing protective footwear and proper clothing.
6. Carry a first aid kit and know how to use it. Learn or review medical aid responsibilities and CPR.
7. If you fall into fast-moving water, do not try to stand up. The force of the water will push you over and hold you under. Most drownings result from getting a leg or ankle caught in an underwater rock ledge, between boulders, or snagged in tree limbs or other debris. Lay on your back with your feet pointing downstream and toes pointing up toward the surface. Always look downstream and be prepared to fend off rocks with your feet.
8. Avoid rock hopping. Stream polished rocks along the water's edge may be slippery when wet or dry.
9. Refrain from drinking alcohol while swimming. Alcohol depresses your nervous system and disorients your perception.
10. Be prepared for sudden, strong isolated thunderstorms. These storms could leave you stranded and could make waters rise faster than normal.



## Grants

Grants are a vital part of building community resiliency by expanding essential programs and services offered. In addition, grants fuel creative ideas while funding projects that directly impact the community. The City of Cayce has managed over \$5M in grant award funding with diverse projects ranging from infrastructure, emergency preparedness, traffic enforcement safety standards, previtalization efforts, and more.

## Recent Grants in Cayce

The City was recently awarded the Municipal Association of South Carolina's Hometown Economic Development Grant. The award of \$25,000 will infuse more public art into the Cayce River Arts District through everyday objects to continue the area's redevelopment and growth.

The City was selected to receive technical support from the Green Infrastructure Center (GIC) for canopy mapping and tree planning at no cost to our community. GIC is partnering with the South Carolina Forestry Commission for this project to assist communities with urban and community forestry planning.

The City was awarded a Community Development Block Grant, and after 2.5 years, received the Fire Apparatus Tower 501, and held the washdown ceremony on February 11 (see cover photo).



The 12,000 Year History Park is a unique archeological site right here in Cayce where history and nature converge! Over the last 120 centuries, the area has had an array of inhabitants, including mammoths, Native American tribes and Civil War soldiers. It includes earthworks from an 1865 Civil War battle. The park is full of stories and offers something for explorers of all ages. Guided historical walking tours are offered on Saturdays throughout the year. Trained by the National Park Service, our volunteer guides will take you on a walk along this beautiful trail filled with stories of the Battle of Congaree Creek, Fort Congaree and Native American Lifeways. There are also special events including Nature Days, Civil War Encampments and Lantern Tours. Contact us to request a special tour or program: Sarah Harris (803) 550-9545 or email [sharris@caycesc.gov](mailto:sharris@caycesc.gov).

May 14, 2022	1:00 p.m.	Civil War Battle
May 21, 2022	1:00 p.m.	Forts Tour
June 4, 2022	1:00 p.m.	Civil War Battle
June 11, 2022	1:30 p.m.	Native American Lifeways

## Save the Date

The City of Cayce Events Committee is excited to announce the return of the Cayce Fall Fest and the Congaree Bluegrass Festival the first weekend in October! The Fall Fest is a FREE culturally diverse event to be held Saturday, October 1, 2022, from noon - 6pm in Granby Gardens Park featuring performances by live local bands, a free kids' area, great international foods and drinks, vendors and more. The Congaree Bluegrass Festival will kick off Sunday, October 2, 2022, and will feature Bluegrass artists from around South Carolina. Be sure to save the dates for this fun-filled family and pet friendly weekend!



## Riverwalk Safety

As the weather warms up, more people are utilizing the beautiful Cayce Riverwalk. We would like to take a moment to remind everyone to be safe while out and about. Below are some safety tips to keep in mind while visiting our Cayce Riverwalk Park:

- When leaving your vehicle, please ensure it is secure and valuables are out of sight.
- Please remain on the trail at all times.
- Be aware of your surroundings - It's smart to leave the headphones behind and spend some time enjoying the sounds of nature.
- DO NOT approach or feed wildlife. Give them their space and enjoy them from a distance.
- Parents should keep their children within eyesight while on the trail.
- As the weather warms up, snakes will be more active. Be on the lookout and give them their space.
- We want bicyclists to enjoy the trail too. Please slow down and watch out for walkers.