





# Cayce Times

Fall 2018

## Calendar of Events

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### August

- 14 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 14 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.\*
- 20 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 27 Neighborhood Leaders Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 29 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.\*
- 29 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 30 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.

### September

- 3 City Hall Closed, Labor Day
- 4 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 4 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 5 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 13 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 17 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 17 Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 24 Neighborhood Leaders Mtg., 5:30 p.m.

- 25 Public Safety Foundation Meeting, 5:45 p.m.
- 26 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 27 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.

### October

- 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.
- 13 Congaree Heritage Day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 13 Fall Plant Exchange at Cayce City Hall, 9 a.m.
- 15 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 15 Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 17 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 19 Cayce Drives Golf Tournament
- 25 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 29 Neighborhood Leaders Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 31 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day

\*Note: date changes

### November

- 6 Election Day
- 7 Museum Commission Mtg., 4 p.m.
- 8 Events Committee Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 12 City Hall Closed, Veteran's Day
- 13 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 13 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.\*
- 19 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 19 Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 21 City Hall Closes at 1 p.m., Thanksgiving Holiday
- 22 City Hall Closed
- 23 City Hall Closed
- 26 Neighborhood Leaders Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 27 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
- 28 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 29 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 29 Tree Lighting Ceremony, City Hall 6 p.m.
- 30 Carols Along the Riverwalk Park, 6-8 p.m.

## City Reflections

### A Letter from Mayor Elise Partin



Happy back to school season! We are excited to share the good news that Brian Watkins joined us as City Manager on July 24. He is a retired Navy Captain and was most recently a city manager in Florida. He grew up in South Carolina and attended Clemson for his undergraduate degree. We are thankful to Rachelle Moody, Assistant to the City Manager, for stepping up in the interim. We look forward to you getting to meet Brian soon at a neighborhood meeting or City event.

hydrants and installed a new water tower. The waterline replacement project will be completed on time this fall. At the same time, we have implemented the Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming plan on Knox Abbot Drive. These two projects guarantee that our effort to provide excellent infrastructure and quality of life lasts for generations and contributes to a safer and better city.

As we look to improve and grow the Cayce Arts District, along Frink and State Street, we are asking for all artists in Cayce to reach out to us so you can be included in upcoming artists' events and meetings. Our artist group will meet again in late August and we would love to include you in that invitation. See the Art Guild article in City News for more information and contact information. The Cayce Arts District also includes a new locally sourced distillery, Southern Essence Distilling, owned and operated by two local artists. Steel Hands Brewery, the largest production brewery in the Midlands, will open this fall on Foreman Street near the Arts District.

Speaking of back to school, keep an eye on the new Lexington Two School District Arena on Knox Abbott Drive. It will be completed by the beginning of 2019 and will seat 1,500. As Cayce students return to school on August 20, please be more mindful on the roads, adhere to school zones and get out to cheer on our local teams this school year!

Cayce residents need and deserve an infrastructure that is efficient and effective. Therefore to maintain the quality of life we deserve, we replaced the oldest waterlines in the City and have upgraded meters, fire

The fall is a beautiful time on the Cayce Riverwalk and in the City's nine parks. Fall is also a perfect time to launch a fishing boat from the Thomas H. Newman Boat Landing in Cayce. All City parks are open from dusk to dawn and offer a variety of amenities. We have three park facilities that are available to reserve for birthdays and special events at no charge. Just call City Administration at 550-9520 for more information or to make a reservation. We look forward to seeing you there!

Warm regards,

*Elise Partin*

### Garbage Pick Up

Please note the following changes for garbage, yard trash, and recyclables.

- Sept. 3 moved to Sept. 5
- Nov. 12 moved to Nov. 14
- Nov. 22 moved to Nov. 21
- Nov. 23 moved to Nov. 21

### Golf Cart Tours

The City is excited to offer Cayce Riverwalk Golf Cart Tours to seniors and residents with limited ability. Tours are every Thursday, March through November and begin at 9 a.m. at the Cayce Riverwalk Park Naples Ave. Entrance.



### Cayce Riverwalk Golf Cart Tours

- Exclusively for Seniors and Residents with Limited Mobility
- Tours every Thursday, March - November
- Tours begin at 9:00 AM at the Cayce Riverwalk Park Naples Ave. Entrance
- Seating is limited

Contact Patti Rabon for Reservations (803) 602-2571  
cayceparb@caycesc.gov



## Hurricane Season is Here

As the hurricanes in recent years have shown, it is crucial for everyone to prepare for the impact that a hurricane can bring to our City. Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30, with the peak of the season usually being mid-August to late October. We cannot control the path a hurricane may take, but we can reduce the anxiety experienced through storm preparation. Hurricanes are not just a coastal issue. The impact of a hurricane can be felt hundreds of miles inland. Review the following tips from the Cayce Department of Public Safety to keep your family safe:

1. Develop an evacuation plan and know where you are going
2. Leave immediately if ordered to evacuate and don't forget pets
3. Stay informed about changing weather conditions
4. Gas up vehicle
5. Assemble Disaster Supplies:
  - Have enough food/water for one week
  - Medicine
  - Battery powered radio
  - Flashlight
  - First Aid Kit

Listen to local official bulletins for the most up-to-date information before, during and after a storm. For more information, download a copy of the 2018 South Carolina Hurricane Guide, visit the South Carolina Emergency Management Division's website at [scemd.org](http://scemd.org).

## New Fire Hydrants

The City is in the process of replacing not only water lines but fire hydrants as well. For years, fire departments have used a large diameter hose to connect to the fire hydrants, which requires a special adapter to be screwed on before attaching a hose to the fire hydrant. This causes delays in getting water on the fire. The City's new hydrants will have new connections, which allow firefighters to quickly attach the hose, shaving minutes off response times when responding to an incident. The number of fire hydrants have also increased throughout the city, which will help Cayce improve its Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating.



## Stop the Clog

Fats, oils, wipes, and grease (FOWG) are a major cause of sewer line clogs. Throwing cooking oil into the kitchen sink or flushing wipes down the toilet, can build up in the sewer pipes and cause clogs. Clogs lead to sewer overflowing into our houses, streets, and storm drains. As we all know, anything that enters the storm drains, eventually ends up in our waterways. When it comes to FOWG, we can protect our property and waterways by proper disposal, i.e., don't pour fats, oils or grease into the sink drain or toilet. Running hot water will not stop the grease from coating the pipe walls. Instead, dispose of the oil by allowing it to cool and pouring it into a disposal container. When the container is full, seal it and throw it out with your regular trash. Recycle FOWG by taking it to the nearest recycling center. Finally, dispose of wipes in the trash. Even if they are advertised as flushable, they don't disintegrate in water like toilet paper. Sewer line clogs and overflows can be reduced if we all adopt these habits to stop FOWG from clogging.

## National Night Out

On Monday, October 1, from 6-8 p.m. residents are invited to join in a police-community partnership event to help make neighborhoods safer. Officers will be joined by a variety of local organizations and businesses that will offer free food, educational information and other family-friendly displays. The National Night Out program was created to increase crime and drug prevention awareness and to strengthen police and community partnerships. The event will feature a variety of children's games and activities, face painting, tour of the fire trucks, a demo by the Police K-9 Unit, and much more. A representative from the South Carolina State Fair will be in attendance, and you may have the chance to spin the wheel to win tickets for the 2018 SC State Fair. The National Night Out event is free and open to the public. It will take place at the Cayce Department of Public Safety Headquarters at 2 Lavern Jumper Road.



New grant will allow for the purchase of 15 sets of firefighter bunker gear.



## Grant Awarded to Firefighters

The City of Cayce is happy to announce that the Department of Public Safety has been awarded a \$34,745.40 grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to purchase 15 sets of firefighter bunker gear. The new sets of bunker gear will be assigned as a secondary set of gear to Cayce firefighters, increasing efficiency and safety. Secondary sets are important for firefighters because they require thoroughly cleaned gear for each call, and if they receive back-to-back calls, they are at risk for wearing contaminated gear. This exposes firefighters to heightened cancer risk and other health problems. With an additional set of gear, fire personnel will not have to weigh the possibility of another fire call versus wearing contaminated gear because they did not have time to clean it in between calls. In 2005, the Firehouse Subs founders established the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation with the mission of providing funding, life-saving equipment, and educational opportunities to first-responders and public safety organizations. Through the non-profit 501(c)(3), Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has granted more than \$35 million to hometown heroes in 47 states, Puerto Rico and Canada, including more than \$1.5 million in South Carolina.

## City News

**Art Guild.** With so much talent and creativity in our City, local artists are joining together to form the Cayce Art Guild. If you are a musician, writer, designer, artist, photographer or other creative person that lives or works within the City of Cayce and are interested in knowing more about the Cayce Art Guild please email Renea Eshelman at [reshleman@sc.rr.com](mailto:reshleman@sc.rr.com) and Mendy Corder at [mcorder@caycesc.gov](mailto:mcorder@caycesc.gov).

**Save the Date.** The 3rd annual Cayce Drives Golf Tournament benefiting the Cayce Public Safety Foundation will be held Friday, October 19 at Indian River Golf Club. Follow us on Facebook to get all the updates: <https://www.facebook.com/caycepsfoundation/>.

## Around Town

### New City Manager



Brian Watkins has been unanimously selected by Council as the new City Manager. Mr. Watkins has over 12 years' experience working in city government and 10 years' experience as a City Manager. Watkins began his experience with city government in 2006, starting as the Public Works Director for the City of Milton, Florida before being promoted to City Manager in 2008. Brian has extensive knowledge of local government administration in a city.

### Cayce 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. 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 and refreshments will be provided. This year's Fall Plant Exchange will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Cayce City Hall.

### Your Ideas Needed

The Events Committee is a group of citizens who plan wonderful events for our great City. They held the Congaree Bluegrass Festival for 10 years but feel it is time for something new. We know the best ideas come from our citizens so please let us know if there is something you would like to see us do in Cayce. The Congaree Bluegrass Festival will be missed, but the Events Committee is eager to explore new ideas for 2019. Of course, the ever popular Guided Nature Tours with Dr. Rudy Mancke and Carols Along the Riverwalk are continuing. Please send suggestions to Katinia Taylor, [ktaylor@caycesc.gov](mailto:ktaylor@caycesc.gov).