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Spring 2021

Calendar of Events

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February

- 2 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 3 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 8 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 15 City Hall Closed - President's Day
- 17 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 22 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 22 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Bulk/White Goods Collection

**Feb. 15 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recyclables will be picked up on Wednesday, Feb. 17*
**April 2 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recyclables will be picked up Wednesday, March 31*

March

- 2 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 3 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 8 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 15 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 23 Public Safety Foundation Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 24 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 27 Tartan Day South - Historic Columbia Speedway
- 29 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg., 5:30 p.m.

April

- 2 City Hall Closed - Good Friday
- 6 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 7 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 8 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 17 Spring Plant Exchange - City Cayce Hall
- 19 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 19 Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 21 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 26 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 28 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day

Property Registration

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 May 1 to April 30. Property registrations for 2020 will expire on April 30, 2021. There is no fee to register the property. However, properties not registered by April 30 will incur a \$100 late fee starting May 1. Additionally, if the property is rented, a business license is required. For more information, please contact Monique Ocean, Planning & Zoning Tech, at (803) 550-9504.

City Reflections

A Letter from Mayor Elise Partin

While the world felt a little less stable in 2020, Cayce Council and staff have worked hard to make sure our City remains steady. We have had great accomplishments in economic development and safety. Below are a few new businesses that opened in our City this year or set to open in 2021:

- State of the Art Gallery & Pottery Studio
- El Jimador Restaurante
- ZVerse
- The Foot Institute - reopening with a brand new building
- Signarama
- Righteous Tiger Tai Chi, Acupuncture & Massage Therapy
- Cola Concerts at the Historic Columbia Speedway
- Dialed Bicycles Repair & Service
- MPA Strategies
- Quik Trip Convenience Store
- East Bay Deli

Thanks to the hard work of our Department of Public Safety, several categories of property crimes dramatically decreased

compared to 2019. Highlights include:

- Theft from Motor Vehicles decreased significantly from 289 in 2019 to 194 in 2020.
- Motor Vehicle Theft (Car theft) decreased from 92 to 82.
- Larcenies (property theft) decreased from 243 to 173.

Our Community Outreach Policing Services (C.O.P.S.) Unit spoke to numerous City organizations, encouraging proactive behavior. Our citizens answered the call by taking valuables out of vehicles at night, locking garage doors, and keeping outbuildings and vehicles locked. In addition, our C.O.P.S. officers delivered hundreds of meals and other goods to residents in need since COVID-19 began. If you would like to learn more, please contact 803-794-0456.

Our City Council consistently makes conservative decisions when budgeting to ensure our residents and utility customers feel as little of the burden as possible. We supplement traditional funding



sources, like property taxes, with others such as grants and hospitality and accommodation taxes, to cover our expenditures. Even with COVID-19 impacts, the City has a balanced budget with NO TAX OR RATE INCREASES.

We also continued to take steps to protect and revitalize our existing neighborhoods by commissioning a Housing Study. By knowing our housing needs, we can develop policies that won't diminish interest in our current housing. Check out the study on our website.

By continuing to work together we will continue to thrive. During these uncertain times we are thankful for our wonderful staff, the great City we call home, and most of all our citizens that make Cayce so special.

Elise Partin

Plant Exchange

The City of Cayce's annual Spring Plant Exchange will be held Saturday, April 17 at Cayce City Hall, 1800 12th Street. 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. Labeling of plants begins at 9 a.m., and the Plant Exchange begins at 10 a.m.

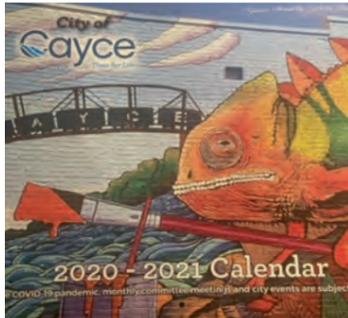
Keep it Beautiful

Garbage and yard trash should be placed for pickup along the property line or right of way in front of the residence, unless another location is designated. Garbage must be in securely tied plastic bags and be placed in the City-furnished roll cart. Solid waste should be put out on the day of collection only, prior to the time of pickup. All residential collections are made between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Recyclable containers, roll carts and trash containers must, per City Ordinance, be taken in from the street by 7 p.m. on collection day.



Cayce Serves 2021

Cayce Public Safety Foundation will host the 8th annual Cayce Serves Charity Tennis Tournament on Saturday, June 12 at the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center at Otarre Pointe. This event will support the Cayce Public Safety Department, providing the funds for CALEA®, a national accreditation program that focuses on standards that provide best practices related to life, health, and safety procedures for the agency. The program ensures officers are prepared to meet basic community service expectations and manage critical events. Cayce Serves will be a sanctioned doubles event, with prizes, and include levels 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5. There will also be a “Clock your Serve” contest, which is open to anyone who wishes to participate. For more information, call Kay Hutchinson at (803) 550-9529.



Great Photos Needed

The City of Cayce is looking for a few great photos, 12 in fact, of life in Cayce for its 2021-2022 citizens' calendar. The photographs should feature locations in Cayce or Cayce residents and must be the original work of the applicant. Photos must be in color and should be submitted as an 8"x10" image in a landscape orientation and as a digital image in .jpeg or .png format. The name of photo, name of photographer, and completed registration and release form are required. The deadline for entry is Friday, May 14, 2021. The grand prize winner will receive \$100 cash and have his/her photo featured on the calendar's cover. An additional 11 photographs will be included in the calendar. Those contestants will receive a Reflections of Cayce poster and Cayce T-shirt. For more information, contact Amanda Rowan at 550.9520 or arowan@caycesc.gov.



Laws Governing Golf Carts

To operate on public roads, golf carts must have a permit decal and registration, which can be obtained from the SCDMV upon presenting proof of ownership, liability insurance, and a \$5 fee. Only those who are at least 16 years old with a driver's license may operate a golf cart on public roads. The operator must have in their possession the registration, proof of liability insurance, and their driver's license. A golf cart may only be operated on secondary roads with a speed limit of 35 mph or less. A golf cart may cross at an intersection of a street with a speed limit greater than 35mph. The maximum distance a golf cart may travel is four miles from the address listed on the registration. The law governing the operation of golf carts on public roads may be found in the SC Code of Laws 56-2-105. Be safe out there!

Shop with a Cop

The Cayce Department of Public Safety Community Outreach Policing Service (C.O.P.S) unit organized Shop with a Cop for Christmas 2020—a charitable program that connects police officers with children in their community. The program helps families in need and allows children to see a positive side to law enforcement. The C.O.P.S unit obtained generous donations from all over the City of Cayce and Lexington County from small business owners, local community groups and churches. The Cayce Department of Public Safety has conducted this program for several years, with 2020 being our most successful year. We received cash donations along with gift cards, which doubled the amount of previous year's donations, and allowed us to take 20+ children shopping for Christmas. The children were paired with an officer from Cayce Public Safety, where along with their wish list, they set out to purchase something they wanted, something they needed and something educational. Fun was had by all the children, and was a great way for officers to share the joys of the season while forming friendships that will last for many years to come in our community.

Business License

All 2020 Business Licenses will expire on April 30, 2021. As a courtesy, the City will mail a renewal application in late March. All in-City businesses are required to renew by April 30. After that date, a 5% penalty will be applied for each month it is late. Businesses located outside the City must renew their license prior to conducting business within the City limits. If you do not receive a renewal form by the end of March, please contact Rochelle Smith, Business Services Coordinator, at (803)550-9559. Thank you for doing business in Cayce; we appreciate you!



Whole Sole Award

The City of Cayce's Whole Sole Award, also known as the Extra Mile Award, is awarded to employees who have gone the extra mile in public service. This can be a special act, not directly related to job duties, special service to the public, consistent, outstanding acts related to dedication or public service, extra measure of safety compliance, special acts directly related to employee relations and operations, or special effort in training and development.

On December 1, the Whole Sole Award was presented to three Sanitation staff members who, on October 27, 2020, witnessed a local resident fall outside of her home. The three staff members, Johnny Adkins, James Jeffcoat, and James Wise, helped the resident up, wiped her wounds, and applied bandages. They remained with her until she was able to call her husband and make it into her home safely. Upon feeling better that same day, the resident used every outlet she could to thank Mr. Adkins, Mr. Jeffcoat and Mr. Wise and to make the City aware of their good deeds. She said she was “overwhelmed by their kindness.” The Whole Sole Award was presented to Mr. Adkins, Mr. Jeffcoat, and Mr. Wise to thank them for their exceptional service in making Cayce a great, and safe, place to live.

On January 5, the Whole Sole Award was presented to the City of Cayce's Utility Department's Administrative Coordinator, Katinia Taylor. Katinia was nominated for special acts not related to her job duties. Ms. Taylor had previously served as Administrative Coordinator for the City Manager's office where she took initiative to learn how to assist the Water Department, processing water and sewer payments, setting up new accounts, and creating work orders. After transferring to the Utility Department, Ms. Taylor trained her successor, while still performing the duties of her new position. Ms. Taylor also volunteered to assist the night of the City's Christmas Event, to ensure the event operated smoothly. Ms. Taylor is known for her professionalism and strong work ethic and is known for her positive attitude amongst coworkers and residents. Her devotion to the City is befitting of the Whole Sole Award and a testament to her character.



Stormwater Pollution

Stormwater run-off is precipitation from a storm that does not soak into the soil. Instead, it “runs-off” the land or paved surfaces and picks up pollutants in its path. Eventually the run-off, along with its pollutants, travels to nearby streams, ponds and the Congaree River. The pollutants may consist of garbage, vehicle fluids and pet waste. Preventing stormwater pollution is something we can all take part in by picking up after our pets, never dumping anything down the storm drain, fixing car leaks, and using a car wash instead of washing our cars at home. These simple everyday measures can help. Remember, we all live downstream. For more information on stormwater pollution prevention, visit <https://scdhec.gov/environment/your-water-coast/stormwater-pollution>.

Code Enforcement

Just a friendly reminder that we are now in the growing season and that lawns can grow rapidly. Please keep an eye on your grass and remember to keep it cut on a regular basis. Also, remember all vehicles must have a current vehicle license, current insurance, and must be fully road operable. If you have any code enforcement concerns in your neighborhood or if you have any questions, please call the Community Services Unit at 803-739-0684.