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# City Reflections

*A Letter from Mayor Elise Partin*

It's been a tough year. In Cayce, it started in February with a missing 6 year old. Everyone's hearts were broken. And then a global pandemic put our health at risk, took loved ones, and impacted many of our businesses and residents, through lost or diminished jobs. Institutionalized racism was brought to the forefront, hopefully to be dismantled to create equity and a better future for our country. And, people are struggling with election anxiety and pandemic fatigue.

This resident fell outside of her home and some of our team members saw it and immediately stopped what they were doing to help, to clean up the blood, and to make sure she was in touch with her family. We receive constant praise for how well our Sanitation team does their job, but once again, they went above and beyond.

### It's who we are.

It's the Parks staff who work tirelessly to clean the Riverwalk after each heavy rain so it can be reopened as soon as possible. It's the team members in the Water Department who have worked through the pandemic in the City's drive thru to make sure your payments are received. It's Judy Hall who recently retired after being with us for 41 years. Judy not only did an excellent job while with us, but also went above and beyond to make sure the transition to a new team member went smoothly.

But what shines through the tough times is who we are at our core. We are a City that cares for our neighbors. Similarly, our Cayce team makes customer service a priority. That's who we were before 2020, it's who we are now, and it's who we will be when this year is behind us.

How much we care is evident when a resident finds as many ways as possible to let everyone know how awesome our Sanitation staff

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And these are just a couple of examples of how the following City Departments work hard for you.

- Administration
- Finance
- Garage
- Historical Museum
- Human Resources
- Municipal Court
- Parks
- Sanitation
- Planning
- Public Safety
- Utilities

While we hope that 2021 brings much, much brighter days, we will stay focused on who we are. Prioritizing customer service and living kindness.

*Elise Partin*

## 41-Year City Employee Retires

Judy Hall recently retired after being with the City for 41 years! Judy was born in Cayce and is a lifelong resident. Ms. Hall began her career with the City in 1979 through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, which assisted young adults with job training. Judy started her career as a Light Equipment Operator and was promoted often over the years, ending her career as the Administrative Coordinator for the Utility Department.

Judy is a notary public and has earned her backflow prevention certification. She and the Utilities Administration Department were awarded the 2000 Sunrise Award, which recognizes the City service area that best demonstrates an exceptional and consistent commitment of professional service to the City's citizens. She was also chosen by her peers as the 2005 Employee of the Year. Thank you for your service, Judy!

## Calendar of Events

### 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 our City!

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### November

- 18 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 18 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 24 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
- 25 City Hall Closes at 1 p.m.
- 26 City Hall Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday
- 27 City Hall Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28 Small Business Saturday
- 30 Neighborhood Leaders Mtg., 5:30 p.m.

### December

- 1 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 2 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 3 Christmas in Cayce
- 10 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 15 Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 16 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 16 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 21 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 21 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 City Hall Closed - Happy Holidays
- 25 City Hall Closed - Happy Holidays
- 28 City Hall Closed - Happy Holidays

### January

- 1 City Hall Closed - Happy New Year
- 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 City Hall Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- 20 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 25 Neighborhood Leaders Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 25 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 25 Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
- 27 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day

November 26 and 27 Garbage and Recyclables Only will be picked up on Wednesday, November 25.  
December 24 and 25 Garbage and Recyclables Only will be picked up on Wednesday, December 23.  
December 28 Garbage Only will be picked up on Wednesday, December 30.  
January 1 Garbage, Yard Trash, and Recyclables will be picked up on Wednesday, December 30.  
January 18 Garbage, Yard Trash, and Recyclables will be picked up on Wednesday, January 20.



## Christmas in Cayce: Set for Dec. 3

Christmas in Cayce is one of the most cherished events by our residents and visitors alike. While this is the City's favorite event to plan and host, we are conscious of the need to keep our citizens, visitors and staff safe during the pandemic. We want to continue to be a source of joy for our community so we have planned a modified Christmas in Cayce event.

We have combined the Carols Along the Riverwalk, the Cayce Historical Museum's Christmas Open House and the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony into a Drive Thru event at City Hall. Visitors can take a ride through Cayce City Hall and enjoy the magic of thousands of twinkling lights, Carolers singing music of the season and the Woman's Club of Cayce giving pre-packaged holiday treats to each car. The Museum's front porch and grounds will be decorated with trees and crafts from the 18th century to present. Docents in historical and festive attire will hand out holiday candy and will greet visitors from the Museum's front porch, which will be decorated with lighted Christmas trees and other festive displays.

Santa is joining us as well! He will be sitting atop the City's first ever fire truck, a 1937 Rio. One of his elves will be with him giving out treats to the kids. In addition, the Woman's Club is collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items as part of the 18th Annual Cayce Cares project, which benefits God's Helping Hands and the Scooter Scott Project. We look forward to seeing you at this special holiday event!

## Tree Lights Memorial

Lights can be placed on the City of Cayce's memorial Christmas tree to honor loved ones for a \$1 per light donation. Names of those honored will be listed at the Dec. 3 Christmas in Cayce Drive Thru event being held Thursday, December 3 from 6-8 p.m. at City Hall. Proceeds will go to God's Helping Hands and the Scooter Scott Project. For more information, call 550-9529. To purchase, fill out the form below and mail to: The Woman's Club of Cayce, 901 Karlaney Ave., Cayce, SC 29033.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

## Holiday Safety Tips

- Be careful with holiday decorations; choose only flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are for only indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace string of lights that are worn, have broken cords, or loose bulb connections.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows or doors.
- Choose only a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.
- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the tree and fill the stand with water. Add water daily.
- Place tree at least 3 ft. away from any heat source (i.e., fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents).
- Always turn off strands of lights before leaving home or going to bed.
- Make sure that your tree is not blocking an exit.

## Cayce Cares

The 18th Annual Cayce Cares will be held, along with Drive Thru Christmas in Cayce, on Dec. 3. Citizens are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items to donate to God's Helping Hands, a crisis ministry that serves families in Cayce/West Columbia and the Scooter Scott Project. Cayce Cares, initiated in 2003 by Ann Malpass, has the support of area schools, churches, The Woman's Club of Cayce and the City of Cayce.



## Cayce River Arts District

If you've been near the original downtown core of Cayce lately, where State Street meets Frink Street, you've seen new faces and conversation-generating public art. Here, the Cayce River Arts District, increasingly known as CRAD, is emerging. The City has been actively engaged in revitalizing this area, specifically through "previtalization" efforts. This process, appropriately described as "the art of what's possible," has already led to the redevelopment of several derelict and underutilized properties into new and thriving businesses and has led to the development of an active artist group.

That new energy, along with recognizing the value of public art, led the City to partner with local artists to create compelling and beautiful artistic installments that capture the imagination and inspire creativity. Artists Ija Charles, Michael Geddings, Joel Cothran, Roy Paschal and Will Bryan are among the local artists commissioned for improvements in the area. Currently, our collaboration with Will Bryan, the founder of Public Works of HeART, is to create an overall artistic concept for the CRAD, which will further connect our community to the arts and convert this area into an appealing iconic destination.

The Cayce River Arts District is brought to you in large part by generous grants from the Central Carolina Community Foundation and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, who believe "art and culture are at the core of our community, connecting people to places, and to each other." Connect with us by experiencing this creative community in CRAD, where you can explore and enjoy art studios and pottery classes from State of the Art, or brunch from Henry's, or coffee from Piecewise Coffee, or get your bike repaired at Dialed Bicycle Repair, or get a cool graphic made from Swatch Graphics- all within a short walking distance to scenic trails along the Riverwalk.

This connection between people, places and art is important because it creates value. It will:

- Increase property values and commerce for City businesses and restaurants
- Improve quality of life and community pride
- Attract new businesses, residents and out-of-town visitors
- Increase public safety and cleanliness of the State/Frink Street area

And we're not done yet! Stay tuned for more diverse art installments, such as sidewalk art, a grand sculpture and a sculptural bench that morphs into something extraordinarily beautiful! Come explore the Cayce River Arts District today.

## Deter Car Break-Ins

- » Remove valuables overnight.
- » Lock your vehicle.
- » Report street light outages to municipal, county or electric provider.
- » Ensure flood, porch and carport lights are on.
- » Install video surveillance around your home.
- » Report suspicious people to Cayce Public Safety at 803.794.0456.
- » Don't leave gift wrapped packages in plain view in the vehicle.