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Calendar of Events

Updated Website

We've been hard at work updating all the forms on the City's website to fillable forms to make it easier for residents to submit required documents. If you haven't visited our website lately, you may have missed some of the recent improvements.

Residents and businesses can now complete business licenses, start new water services, pay hospitality and accommodation taxes, fill out and submit job applications and find the latest copies of this newsletter all online. Check out Caycesc.gov for all the latest changes.

August

- 1 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 1 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 2 Museum Commission Mtg., 4 p.m.
- 10 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 15 Cayce Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 16 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 21 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, 6 p.m.*
- 21 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Neighborhood Leader's Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 30 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day

September

- 4 City Offices Closed - Labor Day**
- 5 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 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.
- 16 Fall Plant Exchange, 10 a.m.
- 18 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 25 Neighborhood Leader's Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 26 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
- 27 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day

October

- 3 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 3 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 4 Museum Commission Mtg., 4 p.m.
- 7 Cayce Fall Fest, Noon-6 p.m.
- 9 Beautification Foundation Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Events Committee Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Zoning Board of Appeals Mtg., 6 p.m.
- 16 Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Cayce Housing Authority Mtg., 5 p.m.
- 18 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 25 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 30 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg., 5:30 p.m.

**The Zoning Board of Appeals only meets when a zoning appeal needs to be reviewed. If they do not meet then the Planning Commission meets at 6 p.m. rather than 6:30 p.m.*

***September 4th Garbage, Yard Trash and Recyclables will be picked up on Wednesday, September 6th.*

City Reflections

A Letter from Mayor Elise Partin



A new school year is such an exciting time with kids going back to school to be nurtured and to grow and learn. I remember always being eager to meet my new teachers and we are thankful for all the teachers who give of themselves and change young lives daily. 'Back to School' time is also the start of a new budget year for the City. I am very proud that we passed this year's budget with the goals of continuing to provide you the very best services, while keeping rates and fees some of the lowest in the region. This budget included no increases that would affect your pocketbook, despite the rising costs of goods and supplies. Our staff did an awesome job balancing for that this year!

Speaking of our Sanitation team, hopefully you got to see them featured on the news recently. Citizens young and old love our Sanitation crew and we thank you for constantly sharing with us when they, and the rest of our Cayce team, go above and beyond. We have amazing staff that love serving our citizens. For a great example of this, check out the Community Tool Shed article in this newsletter. This innovative idea came from one of our employees who saw a need in the community and came up with a solution.

While you're out and about in these last days of summer we hope you'll join us at the Cayce Police Department's Back to School Bash being held August 5 from 2pm to 5pm at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church at 1804 Wilkinson Street. And be sure to plan for the much-loved family friendly Cayce Fall Fest being held Saturday, October 7 in Granby Gardens Park.

We also love seeing you at our long-standing and new small businesses and restaurants as you shop and

eat local. Your enjoyment of all our businesses helps them to thrive. And because of our award-winning economic development efforts, the City of Cayce will continue to be an attractive place for new businesses, offering you even more choices for shopping and dining. As always, I look forward to connecting with you in our businesses, parks and at our events soon!

Elise Partin

Be Safe in the Heat

With temperatures and humidity rising, please stay well hydrated and take breaks as necessary to avoid heat related injuries while out enjoying our parks. If you start to feel overheated, our Parks Staff can assist you by contacting the Park Rangers on duty get a bottle of water or transport you to your vehicle using our utility vehicles.

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

Check out our Careers page! The City of Cayce offers State Health Insurance and the employee portion is paid by the City. We also participate in the South Carolina State Retirement system, offer 14 paid holidays and many other perks. The easiest way to apply is to go onto the City of Cayce website, under Career Opportunities you will see all available positions as well as the applications. You can complete an application and submit it online, email it, mail it in or drop it off at City Hall. Come join the City of Cayce Family! Visit www.caycesc.gov for more information.



Tool Shed

The City of Cayce Code Enforcement Team wanted to find a way to assist residents who didn't have the tools needed to keep their yards in compliance. With sponsorship from the Cayce Beautification Foundation, the Community Tool Shed was created. The Code Enforcement Team envisions the Tool Shed as a means to promote community engagement, empower residents and organizations to maintain their neighborhoods, serve as a resource for residents who are in violation of City code(s) to address matters in a timely fashion, and to reduce annual costs of enforcement of overgrown properties and minor structure violations. The Community Tool Shed will allow residents to borrow tools (donated by Lowe's, Martin Marietta, The Graphics Source, and The Carter Insurance Group) for up to 3 days. For more information, visit <https://caycesc.gov/communitytoolshed.php>.



Certified Public Managers

Our City Treasurer, Kelly McMullen, and our Superintendent of Utilities Field Operations, Ben Wright, have both recently graduated from the South Carolina Certified Public Manager Program. This program is a nationally recognized professional development program for supervisors or managers in government. It is an 18-month advanced leadership course through the state of South Carolina that encourages innovative management practices and high ethical standards. Program participants attend workshops and field activities, complete a variety of application activities and projects and are tested on skills and knowledge learned. Kelly and Ben were honored to attend the Certified Public Management Program and appreciative of the experience and training that they received. We are very proud of their hard work and accomplishment.



Trash & Recycling Reminders

Please have all trash and recycling curbside by 7:30 a.m. on your route day and please note ALL garbage must be bagged before putting it in the roll cart. Do NOT bag any recyclables; they will not be accepted. Refer to Sanitation Services on the Cayce website for what is accepted for recyclables.

New Museum Pieces

The Cayce Historical Museum has a collection of items that once belonged to various members of the original Cayce family. One piece, the Starr Piano Company phonograph, was originally produced in Richmond, Indiana. While Starr is considered an "off brand" to companies such as Vitrola, its quality is said to be comparable. This model is from the 1920s and while it shows signs of normal wear, it's considered to be in impeccable condition. It now stands in the Cayce room among other pieces of history once belonging to the Cayce family. Come and learn more about the Cayce family and their items during the museum's daily hours: Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.



Employee Highlights

Mike Clayborn, the Fleet Maintenance Manager overseeing the Garage at the City of Cayce will be retiring on August 14. He has been with the City of Cayce since June of 2004 and will be greatly missed. Thank you for your many years of service.

Lieutenant Paul Dufault was named the City of Cayce Employee of the Year for the 2022 year at our employee lunch on April 26th. Paul has been with the City of Cayce since June of 2005 and works very closely with several different departments around the City and wears multiple hats. Thank you for all you do for the City of Cayce Lt. Dufault!



Grant Enhances Design Efforts

The City of Cayce has received a grant from the Central Carolina Community Foundation to build upon our current planning and design efforts to develop a meaningful and high-quality connection between the Cayce River Arts District and the Cayce Riverwalk. The goal is to improve access physically and visually from the State Street Art Lot to the Riverwalk Trailhead at Lyles Street, which are only a block apart, but are not readily known as so close to each other. An expanded sidewalk with the City's river logo painted on it, new Riverwalk directional signs, a brick plaza with a sculptural butterfly bench and brightly painted manhole covers all promote accessibility and pedestrian safety in this popular area in the City. Check out these great new improvements soon!



The City of Cayce Events Committee is excited to announce the return of the Cayce Fall Fest! This FREE event will be held Saturday, October 7, 2023, from noon – 6 p.m. in Granby Gardens Park and features performances by live local bands. The festival includes a FREE kid's area with obstacle courses, face painters, games and a haystack with prizes in it. There will also be free hayrides for people of all ages. You can expect great international food and drinks (including beer and wine), a dance floor with a DJ, local art vendors and much more to create a family friendly event for all ages. This year's music will feature Willie Wells and the BRMG, The Accused and headliner Mystic Vibrations. Join us for a fun-filled pet friendly day for the entire family!

Protecting the Vulnerable

The Cayce Police Department Victim Services Unit strives each day to help every victim, no matter their background, race, age, culture, and religion. One of the most important things to us at the Cayce Police Department is to protect the vulnerable. While the job of our officers is to pursue the criminal element, it is our job as Victim Advocates to pursue and fight for justice for all victims. Everyone deserves to be protected, regardless of who you are or where you come from.

Late 2022, the City of Cayce Police Department was awarded a grant to expand the Victim Services Department. The expansion allowed us to welcome Caroline Jackson. Caroline joined the team as a victim advocate after graduating from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Criminal Justice. Caroline is passionate about her work and ready to serve victims of crime, alongside Juana Saavedra, Victim Advocate Community Outreach Coordinator. If you have questions, need help, or need to speak to someone, you can reach our Victim Services Department at 803-205-4433. You can also find information on Facebook or on our website at caycesc.gov under the Victim Services tab for the Police Department.

También ofrecemos servicios en español. El Departamento de Policía de Cayce en colaboración con la comunidad, y otras agencias formamos el grupo Si Se Puede. Este grupo nos da la oportunidad de ofrecer mas recursos para la comunidad y nos ha dado la oportunidad de ofrecerle a 10 oficiales la posibilidad de aprender el español para que se puedan comunicar con la comunidad. Estamos aquí para servirles!