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Calendar of Events

Reminders

The City of Cayce Municipal Court Staff would like to remind everyone if you have a pending matter with the court and you have a change of address, please contact the court at 803-793-0113 to update your address.

As Winter ends and Spring begins the wet season is upon us. Please be careful on the wooden and raised surfaces at the Riverwalk. They can be slippery when wet. Sections of the wooden walkways will either be closed or partially barricaded for maintenance during these times. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

February

- 6 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 6 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 7 Museum Commission Mtg., 4 p.m.
- 8 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 19 City Offices Closed President's Day
- 20 Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 2I Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 26 Planning Commission Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 27 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
- 28 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day

March

- 2 Spring Plant Exchange, 10 a.m.
- 5 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 5 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 6 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- II Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- L4 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Save a Life Day, 11 a.m. 2 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 20 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 23 Soiree on State, 2-8 p.m.
- 2.6 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
- 27 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 20 City Offices Closed Good Friday

April

- 2 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 2 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 3 Museum Commission Mtg., 4 p.m.
- 8 Beautification Foundation Meeting. 5:30 p.m.
- II Events Committee Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 15 Planning Commission Mtg., 6 p.m.
- 16 Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 17 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 23 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
- 24 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day

*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.

*February 19 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, February 21.

*March 29 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, March 27.



City Reflections

A Letter from Mayor Elise Partin

Cayce City Council kicked off the new year with some great news for taxpayers: The City of Cayce has received two honors for government transparency and quality financial management.

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award recognizes governments that provide timely, robust, userfriendly financial disclosure for its citizens. The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award recognizes public bodies that exhibit high standards in budget planning, prioritization, and transparency. Both honors come from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. Hats off to City Treasurer Kelly McMullen, Financial Reporting Manager Allison Barrs, and Staff Accountant Leila Williams for their

These honors reflect City Hall's commitment to giving taxpayers

outstanding work.

the kind of open, accountable, efficient government they deserve.

Upcoming Meetings

City Council's next meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. As a reminder, you can follow Council meetings online via the City of Cayce's YouTube channel, youtube.com/@ cityofcayce1137/streams.

I'm excited to see what 2024 has in store for the City of Cayce, and I look forward to continuing to work with neighbors like you in the year ahead to keep our hometown a wonderful place to live and work. I hope 2024 brings you happiness, success, good health, and quality time with loved ones.





to Protect and Proud to Serve everyone This means we protect the vulnerable and apprehend those who prey on our citizens. Crime means someone has been victimized. How often do we stop and really place ourselves in the "victim's shoes?" Victims do not ask to become victims. Nevertheless, the choices of one individual to prey on someone else, gives people an unwanted title changing that person's life forever.

Protect and Serve

Because of these life altering decisions every April victims are honored remembered, and recognized during National Crime Victim's Week (Apri 21-27). It takes an entire communit to come together to help one another Victims need emotional, psychological financial, and at times legal suppor to move forward or move out of the incident location. Having local resources available makes a difference. This can also help victims eliminate the sense of helplessness, self-guilt, negativity and long-term depression they often experience. Ask yourself, how can I help? How can I give hope to someone feeling hopeless?









Changes are Coming to Make Payments Easier

<u>Electronic Bill Pay:</u> Payments initiated through your bank no longer dependent on postal delivery. <u>Bill Presentment and Storage:</u> Bills stored in an easy to access and view PDF format for two years. <u>Payment Reminders:</u> Electronic reminders will be sent prior to the due date and cutoff date. <u>Paperless Billing:</u> Customers can choose e-bills and opt out of paper billing for less waste. <u>e-check Payments*:</u> Payments can be made by electronic check.

<u>Text to Pay*:</u> Payments can be made through cell phone texts.

<u>Pay by Phone (IVR)*:</u> Payments can be made through dialing an automated toll free number. *processing fees apply

Bill presentment will include usage graphs and other enhancements to make the customer experience more engaged! These changes will take place in the coming months. Check <u>caycesc.gov</u> for updates on the rollout of the new features.

Save a Life Day 2024

Cayce Fire Department is hosting its first Save a Life Day March 16th, 2024, at Granby Gardens Park. The goal of the event is to learn how to save a life and provide community resources in a fun and educational setting. There will be a safety themed Easter egg hunt, learning about basic first aid, CPR and fire safety, how to administer Narcan, a prescription drug take-back and other resources and community vendors. You never know when you may have the opportunity to save a life or make a difference and we want the community to have the resources to save a life!

We Are Hiring

The City of Cayce is proud of our employees and wants to serve them in the best way possible. We offer State Health Insurance, and the Employee Portion is paid by the City of Cayce. We also participate in South Carolina State Retirement, offer 14 paid holidays, Annual and Sick Leave, Competitive Salaries, have great equipment, the best technology, and many other perks. The easiest way to apply is to go to the City of Cayce website, www.caycesc.gov. Under Career Opportunities you will see all available positions as well as an application. You can complete the application and email it, mail it in or drop it off at City Hall. Come join the City of Cayce Family!

Finance Award

Cayce's Finance Department received its first ever Distinguished Budget Award for the 2024 fiscal year budget period, as well as the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022. Both awards were presented by the Government Finance Officers Association, also known as GFOA.

These awards would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the City Treasurer Kelly McMullen, the Financial Reporting Manager Allision Barrs and Staff Accountant Leila Williams. These awards represent a significant achievement by our City and Finance Team and are reflective of Cayce attaining the standard for effective budget presentation and a commitment to maintaining the highest principles of governmental budgeting and financial reporting.

C.A.S.E.

The Cayce Police Department recently announced a new program to help with the fight against crime - C.A.S.E. Cayce Assisting Seniors & Elderly is a mission to serve and advocate for those in advanced years of life through actively engaging mind, body, and spirit. The Cayce Police Department has begun this initiative in an effort to reduce crime and protect the vulnerable in our communities by having seniors and the elderly register with the Cayce Police and we will in turn check on them.

We will also provide safety tips and resource information. Becoming a part of the program is easy. The application can be accessed by visiting <u>caycepd.com</u> or visiting the Cayce Police Department, your local church or neighborhood leader. Complete the application online or bring it in to the Cayce Police Department. If you have questions, email <u>chief@caycesc.gov</u> or call 803-550-9549.



Mark Your Calendars for Soiree on State

The Soiree on State returns! This free fun music and art festival street party will be held on March 23, 2024 on State Street between Poplar and Railroad Streets. The gates open at 2 p.m. with the bands beginning at 3 p.m. and will continue until 8 p.m. The City is again partnering with The Avenues Neighborhood Association to combine the Cayce Festival of the Arts with Soiree on State. This year's headliner is local favorite, the Cash Money Experience! In addition, Prettier than Matt and Mitchell Lee will be performing on the main stage and the Sam Edwards Jazz Band will be performing all day in the City's Art Lot. There will also be food vendors, arts, and a great kid's area!

Vendor applications are being accepted! To apply to be a food or community vendor, contact Amanda Rowan at arowan@caycesc.gov or 550-9520. To apply to be an artist, crafts or author vendor, visit caycefestivalofthearts.com. Looking forward to seeing everyone on March 23!

