



Cayce Times

Spring 2019

Calendar of Events

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February

- 5 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 5 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 6 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 7 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 18 City Hall Closed - Presidents Day
- 19 Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 20 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 25 Neighborhood Leaders Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 25 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 25 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 28 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.

March

- 5 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 5 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 6 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 7 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Daylight Savings Begins
- 18 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 25 Neighborhood Leaders Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 26 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
- 27 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 28 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.

April

- 2 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 2 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 3 Museum Commission Mtg., 4 p.m.
- 6 Tartan Day South - Historic Columbia Speedway
- 11 Events Committee Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Spring Plant Exchange - Cayce City Hall, 10 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 City Hall Closed - Good Friday
- 24 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 25 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 27 3rd Annual Soiree on State - Poplar to Railroad St., 3-8 p.m.
- 29 Neighborhood Leaders Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 18 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recyclables will be picked up on Wednesday, Feb. 20.
April 19 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recyclables will be picked up on Wednesday, April 17.

Note: COMET's new Soda Cap Connector schedule takes effect on Monday, February 11, 2019, which will include stops at Parkland Plaza. For more information, visit <http://catchthecomet.org>.

City Reflections

A Letter from Mayor Elise Partin

Happy New Year! And happy happy spring! What a wonderful time of year in our beautiful City! The articles in this newsletter are such a great reminder of the richness of our community and all there is to do in our City.

Visit our Museum. Enjoy our parks and Riverwalk. Join the Edenwood Pool. Sign up for Cayce West Columbia Baseball.

There are so many opportunities to get out and see friends and neighbors at the great spring events coming up - Soiree on State, Tartan Day South, Nature Tours with Rudy Mancke being held in May. The Plant Exchange is another fun way to meet new neighbors, and you get new plants to plant in your yard to make your neighborhood even more beautiful.

Or come to a Council meeting; I promise they're not as boring as you might think. We honor a local military Veteran (see article on the next page) at our first meeting each month, and we often talk about all the great things that our staff are doing (see AWOP award article).

If you can't make a Council Meeting, you always have easy access online to the same information that Council will be considering. The Council Meeting minutes from the previous meeting are approved at each meeting and are on the City's website so our citizens can see what business was covered at each Council Meeting. We always want you to know what action we are taking on your behalf, and often at your request, to take care of our great City.

Our neighborhood leaders do a great job of sharing with us at our monthly meetings your



neighborhood's praises and needs.

And speaking of neighborhoods, we couldn't be more thrilled to have Tracy Hegler join our team as City Manager. She has a passion for neighborhood development and looks forward to meeting you all.

Join your neighborhood at their next meeting so you can be a part of all the great things going on in your community. I look forward to seeing you around Cayce and at our upcoming events.

Warm regards,

Council Meetings

The City of Cayce Council meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Dates and/or times may change due to schedule conflicts. Citizens may meet with the Mayor at 5 p.m. prior to each meeting. Regular Council meetings for the remainder of 2019 are as follows:

- February 5
- March 5
- April 2
- May 7
- June 4
- July 2
- August 6
- September 3
- October 1
- November 5
- December 3

Special Council Meetings are tentatively scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. In May 2019, the Special Council Meeting will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month.



City Welcomes New City Manager

Tracy Hegler, AICP, has been hired as the City Manager of the City of Cayce. She previously served as the Director of Community Planning and Development for Richland County and has many years of management and planning experience. Tracy holds a bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina in Sociology and a Master's Degree from Florida State University in Urban and Regional Planning. Tracy is a self-proclaimed "People's Manager" who places a strong emphasis on empowering staff, improving quality of life for our citizens, and ensuring that Cayce continues to be a vibrant community that maintains its hometown feel. In fact, one of Tracy's many goals is to spend more time in the various neighborhoods around Cayce.

Spring Plant Exchange

The City of Cayce's annual Spring Plant Exchange will be held April 13 at the Cayce Municipal Building, 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.

Help Save the Monarch Butterflies! Last year, at the request of the local Girl Scouts, Mayor Partin signed a pledge with the National Wildlife Federation vowing to make strides in our community to save Monarch butterflies. Monarchs are in serious decline and an all-hands-on-deck approach is needed. Everyone can contribute to monarch conservation through habitat creation. A Master Gardener will be on hand at the Spring Plant Exchange giving away free milkweed seeds and giving tips on how to plant a garden to attract these beautiful butterflies.



Andy Thomas Joins Museum

Andy Thomas recently joined the staff of the Cayce Historical Museum as the Museum Assistant. Originally from Fairfax, SC, he received his undergraduate degree in history from Clemson University and a master's degree in history, with a focus on the Colonial South, from Winthrop University. He also completed a Museum Management Certification program with the University of South Carolina. Come by the Museum soon to see our amazing displays and meet Andy!



Is Your Car Secure?

The Cayce Department of Public Safety launched the #MineatNine campaign last year to remind you to secure your car and remove any valuables from plain sight at 9 p.m. every night. The Community Outreach Policing Services (C.O.P.S) Unit has three simple tips that should be followed every night: Lock It, Roll It, and Hide It! While this piece of advice may be obvious, the majority of car break-ins are due to unsecured doors or windows.

At 9 p.m. every night, make sure your doors are Locked, your windows are Rolled Up, and that all your valuables are Hidden or Secured inside your residence.

Edenwood Pool

Did you know Edenwood has a neighborhood pool that is open to all Cayce residents? And, if you join now, you will receive discounted prices! The pool is open seven days a week from late May until kids go back to school, then only weekends until Labor Day. Amenities include: swim lessons, swim team, availability for private parties, and BBQ fundraisers in May and August. Membership options are as follows:

- \$425 Jan. 15 - April 15 • \$475 after April 15
- Grandparent Memberships - \$200 for non-Edenwood residents and \$150 for Edenwood Residents

For more information, contact Cathy Gunter at 796-2491 or Gina Fore at 727-9900 or visit www.edenwoodsp.com



Free Festival Returns

The third annual Soiree on State date has been set! The music and art festival will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 3 - 8 p.m. Admission is free and the festival will take place on State Street between Poplar Street and Railroad Street. Again this year, the City will partner with The Avenues Neighborhood Association to combine the Cayce Festival of the Arts with Soiree on State. This partnership has expanded the Soiree on State to include more artists, a kids' area, a variety of musicians, and fun all evening long!

We are thrilled to announce that Tokyo Joe is the headliner this year! Lead singer Greg Bickley grew up in the Cayce West Columbia area and is excited to perform for his friends and fans at the Soiree. Since Tokyo Joe's 1996 debut, they have become one of the fastest rising bands in the Southeast. Night after night, in clubs from Virginia to Florida, this locally-based rock group has shared their infectious sound with more than a quarter of a million fans. Performing more than 200 dates a year, they have secured a lasting place within the ranks of the South's most popular musical acts.

"We are so excited for the third annual Soiree on State," said Cayce Mayor Elise Partin. "It was such a success the last two years, and we can't wait to expand it with even more local artists, restaurants and bands. We are especially honored to have a hometown boy headlining the show."

Around Town

City News
12,000 Year History Park Guided Walking Tours and Events. The 12,000 Year History Park on Congaree Creek in Cayce, SC is a unique, historical, picturesque natural setting. At this park, we have documented continuous human occupation dating back 12,000 years from the woolly mammoth to the present. Tours and events will be held: February 16; March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; April 6, 13, 20, and 27; and May 4. They are free and open to the public. Visit www.facebook.com/12000YearHistoryPark for more information.

Tartan Day South
The 9th annual Tartan Day South Highland Games and Celtic Festival returns to the Historic Columbia Speedway in Cayce April 6. This popular festival includes Highland athletics, traditional dancing, world class Celtic music, pipe bands, Sheep Dog herding, birds of Prey, traditional food & drink, genealogy, a classic British car show, Celtic Clans & Societies, archery and swordplay, medieval encampments, kid's play area and much more! For more information, visit www.tartandaysouth.com.

Attention Veterans
It's a valued City of Cayce tradition to invite one of our local veterans to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance at our regular City Council meetings. Mayor Elise Partin started this practice to recognize and honor our veterans for their service to this country. As we begin this New Year, we would like to invite our veterans to take part in this tradition. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mendy Corder at 550-9557 or mcorder@caycesc.gov.

City Receives Award
Cayce's Water Treatment Plant received the 2017 SC Area-Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) Award and a 10 Years AWOP Excellence Award for receiving the award for 10 years. The goal of AWOP is to maximize public health protection and reduce risk of illness from contaminated water. This award is achieved without capital spending on plant improvements and through maximizing operator expertise. Congratulations to our amazing Water Plant Operators!