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City Reflections

A Letter from Mayor Elise Partin



Many years ago I learned from Mayor Joe Riley, former mayor of Charleston, that 'disaster meets you where you are'. And while good leadership doesn't stem from focusing on negative things, it does stem from focusing on the important things—like being a connected community—which is what Mayor Riley was referring to. We have worked hard to create that connection in our great City.

your roll cart each year so you know what's going on in your city, and it's the reason I even moved Public Comment during Council Meetings to the beginning of our Council Meeting agenda to ensure that your voice is part of Council's decisions.

And while we have all continued to create that connection and take more steps forward, Council has taken some pretty big steps backwards lately. My commitment to you is I will do everything I can as Mayor to make the City of Cayce as welcoming as it should be. This affects our employees, our citizens, our businesses and our future. And most importantly you, our residents.

Connectivity is the reason as soon as I was elected Mayor I started the monthly Neighborhood Leaders meeting, it's the reason I connected our many local artists who have furthered that connection to include a Cayce Arts Guild with a membership numbering over 60 artists, it's the reason I meet periodically with our pastors including immediately after the murders at Mother Emmanuel Church in Charleston, it's the reason I implemented doing seemingly simple things like taping the budget flyer to

Help us to thrive even more as a community in having joy and connection in our everyday lives and in creating an environment businesses - and customers - want to be a part of. If there is one thing we know it's that tough

times happen. And we will need each other even more during those tough times. Let's work together to make sure that in times of joy or even if those tough times do come our way, it will meet us in a place of strength and community that will allow us to overcome anything together.

Elise Partin

Badge of Chief Lavern Jumper

From the Exhibit-The History of Cayce, SC in 50 Objects: Badge of Chief Lavern Jumper (circa 1971-1992): Lavern Jumper started as a patrolman with the City of Cayce in 1956. He was promoted to Chief of Police in Cayce in 1971. In 1984 the Cayce Department of Public Safety was formed, and Chief Jumper was named Cayce's first Director of Public Safety. Chief Jumper served the City of Cayce 36 years, including his 21 years as Chief, longer than any other Cayce Police Chief in this position. Chief Jumper passed away in 2004.

To learn more about Cayce's history, come by and see this exhibit at the Cayce Historical Museum. The exhibit closes at the end of January 2022.



Calendar of Events

Safety Tips from the Fire Department

Check your smoke/CO alarms; batteries should be replaced every six months. Check your dryer lint trap and duct that leads to the exterior of your home. The dryer lint trap should be cleaned before and after each use, and the duct should be cleaned regularly to prevent it from clogging. Check electrical appliances and cords. If there is any fraying or damage they will need to be replaced. Check grills for rust or broken parts and always grill at least 10 feet away from your home. Remove dead leaves, limbs, and other debris from porches and foundation. This debris could be a fire hazard, as well as a slip/trip hazard.

February	March	April
1 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.	1 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.	2 Tartan Day South - Historic Columbia Speedway, 8:30 a.m.
1 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.	1 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.	5 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
2 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.	2 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.	5 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
10 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	10 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	6 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
14 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.	14 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.	11 Beautification Foundation Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
14 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	16 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.	14 Events Committee Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
14 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	19 Spring Plant Exchange, 10 a.m.	15 City Offices Closed - Good Friday
15 Cayce Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.	21 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	18 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
16 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.	21 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	18 Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
21 City Offices Closed - President's Day	22 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.	19 Cayce Housing Authority Mtg., 5 p.m.
23 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day	23 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day	20 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
28 Neighborhood Leader's Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	28 Neighborhood Leader's Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	23 Soiree on State - Poplar St. to Railroad St.
		25 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
		27 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day

*February 21 Garbage, Yard Trash, and Recycling will be picked up Wednesday, February 23rd
*April 15th Garbage, Yard Trash and Recycling will be picked up Wednesday, April 13th.



Cayce Staff Spotlight

The City of Cayce is proud of its amazing staff who always go above and beyond. On December 22, 2021 Lexington VFW 8738 honored Sgt. Brent Baker, MPSO Sean Sinnott, and former PSO Brandy Threet with the VFW Life Saving Award for their actions in a May 2021 incident where they provided lifesaving aide to an assault victim until EMS arrived and later apprehended and arrested the assailant. These officers received awards from both the local chapter and the national chapter.

The City of Cayce also awarded two staff members the Whole Sole Award at the December 22 Council Meeting. This 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. SRO Daniel Green was nominated by the Cayce Police Department for his work in designing the new Cayce Police Department website. SRO Green dedicated his own time to research costs, protections, and accessibility and upgraded the old website into a new, modern site showcasing each department and their capabilities, and future events. His pride in his job and the City of Cayce is evident through his work and the City is proud to recognize SRO Green with the Whole Sole Award.

At the same meeting Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder was also presented the Whole Sole award for her tireless dedication to the City, staff, and area businesses. Ms. Corder has overseen the development of art projects along State Street, assisted with committees, and ran events for the City such as Christmas in Cayce and Soiree on State. She has taken on these duties above her daily work with the City Manager and Council, all while maintaining the highest level of professionalism and customer service. For these reasons, the City of Cayce was proud to present Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder with the Whole Sole Award.



Public Safety Foundation

In 2021, the Public Safety Foundation provided over \$43,000 in equipment and support to assist the Cayce Police and Fire Departments, including a new Speed Trailer, CALEA certification fees, tools, K-9 equipment, Officer Appreciation, including the Holiday Banquet (all provided by general fundraising activities); Ipads for the fire department, Picnic Tables and Shelter upgrades at the Police and Fire Complex (provided by The Woman's Club of Cayce), and bicycles restored by Dialed Bicycles for kids at Christmas (Sponsored by 212 Motors).

Two big projects this year include raising funds for another speed trailer and a K-9 to replace the one who is retiring soon. The new trailers will help the Police Department gather more information on vehicle traffic in our neighborhoods AND help train drivers to stay within the speed limits. Your donations will help fund another speed trailer. You can donate to this project at www.caycepsf.org/lowerthespeedx2.

Historically, the Cayce Serves Tennis Tournament and Cayce Drives Golf Tournament have been a main source of fundraising; however, they were put on hold during the Covid-19 pandemic. They will be back this year along with other events! Stay tuned for more information. Please visit the Cayce Public Safety Foundation's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/caycepsfoundation/ or the website at www.caycepsf.org/. General donations are accepted at donorbox.org/general-support-page or Cayce Public Safety Foundation, PO Box 5422 Cayce, SC 29171. Thank you for your support!



The Soiree on State is back and the date has been set! This fun music and art festival street party will be held on Saturday, April 23. The gates open at 2 p.m. with the bands beginning at 3 p.m. and will continue until 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 always excited to perform for his friends and fans at the Soiree. In addition to Tokyo Joe we will have other great musical acts throughout the day along with vendors, food, and fun for all ages.

Vendor applications are still 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. We hope to see you there!

Public Safety

At the Cayce Police Department, our priority is YOU. We continue to grow our proactive policing efforts, expand our Community Outreach Policing Services (C.O.P.S), and welcome our new website (CaycePD.com) and newest police officer to the C.O.P.S. unit. There will be several new outreach programs, bi-annual meetings with church leadership teams and exciting events like our first ever, Pickle Ball Tournament where Special Olympics athletes and cops compete, "Prom Promise," and CPTED (crime prevention through environmental design) initiatives.

Follow "City of Cayce Police Department" (CaycePD) on Facebook for more updates.

Business License Update

The passage of ACT 176 requires South Carolina cities and towns to standardize their business license practices. What does this mean for your business?

- Standard due date of April 30th
- Standard license year: May 1 – April 30
- Gross income is based on the prior calendar year
- Standard rate class schedule
- Creation of Local Business License Renewal Center, an online payment portal where businesses can renew all their local licenses at one time

Applications will be accepted in person, via mail, or through the new online portal www.localblrenewal.com. As a courtesy, the City will mail a renewal application in late January. After the due date of April 30, a 5% penalty will be applied for each month it is late. Businesses located out of 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 or if you have any questions, please contact Rochelle Smith, Business Services Coordinator, at (803)550-9559. Thank you for doing business in Cayce; we appreciate you!