



### Take Home a K-9

Take a K-9 home for Christmas! K-9 Plush \$20 each. Proceeds go to the Cayce Public Safety Foundation to support Cayce Police, Fire and K9 Teams, cash or check only. Available only at Cayce City Hall.



### Become a Charter Member

The Friends of the Cayce Public Safety Foundation is a community of donors who believe our police and firefighters should have the tools and safety gear they depend on to save lives and the resources to create community changing outreach programs. When you join the Friends of CPSF, you become part of the CPSF family and directly empower the Foundation to do everything possible to fulfill Cayce Police and Fire needs that arise year-round.



Membership includes a host of insider benefits and unique experiences to bring you closer to the Cayce Police and Fire Departments. You will be considered a charter member if you join the Friends of the CPSF before December 31, 2024. To enroll, visit [caycepsf.org/friends-of-the-cpsf](http://caycepsf.org/friends-of-the-cpsf) or scan the QR code.



### Are You Ready to Vote?

The General Election takes place on November 5, 2024 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Early voting begins Oct. 21, 2024. To find early voting locations visit <https://scvotes.gov/voters/early-voting/>. Voting locations for the day of can be found at <https://vremsscvotes.sc.gov/Voter/Login?PageMode=PollingPlace>. Every vote counts, but you have to vote to be heard.

### Cayce Parks

As you enjoy the leaves changing colors, please remember when the weather gets colder, the wooden surfaces may have early dew, or frost may form and become slippery. Please stay on the walking path as it may get slippery near and around the waters edge. As always, feel free to enjoy the trails as the fall color begins.

Due to damage from Hurricane Helene, the Granby Gardens Park Pavilion is temporarily closed. We are unable to accept reservations at this time.

At times the City may need to close parks for cleaning and repairs. Please follow social media or check our homepage for notifications of these closures.

### Cayce Museum Opens New Exhibit

On September 19th, 2024, the Cayce Historical Museum opened its newest exhibit: "The Currency of Ruin: Confederate Banknotes Series Seven printed in Columbia, SC from 1863-1865." As the name implies this exhibit is an introduction to Civil War currency. It also highlights other local Civil War places and events. Almost all the bills displayed in the exhibit were printed, signed and even hand-cut in nearby Columbia, SC during the Civil War. The Midlands Coin Club and Larry Whitener and the Whitener Family donated the bulk of the seventh series of Confederate banknotes that are on display. Leaphart Supply donated many of the plastic protective covers for the currency. Many thanks to all our donors!

To recognize the opening of the new exhibit the Museum hosted a reception, that included President William Gragg of the Midlands Coin Club, highlighting important aspects of the printing of the bills, a viewing of the exhibit, and a small reception. The currency exhibit is now a permanent fixture in the Cayce Historical Museum. The museum is open Tuesday to Friday 9am to 4pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm. We look forward to having you visit the Museum soon!



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## City Reflections

*A Letter from Mayor Elise Partin*

Do you know who you're going to vote for for Lexington Two School Board? Even if we don't have children in our district schools, it matters that we recognize how important the local school board is to our City. If the schools in a city are great, then it's part of why people want to live in that city. And if people are living in that city, businesses follow. School Boards have a very important role in cities by the way that they handle taxpayer dollars and the way they support their teachers and students.

November's election, there are 9 candidates for 4 seats. Information on the candidates can be found at [Vote411.com](http://Vote411.com). We can select up to 4 candidates to vote for in this race. At [scvotes.gov](http://scvotes.gov) we can check our voter registration, get a sample ballot, find our polling place and more.

Thank you for helping to support our City through your thoughtful vote for School Board and thank you to those who offer themselves up to serve.



*Elise Partin*

We all know that teachers change lives. That support for teachers starts at the top. I hope that we will support candidates who will support all our teachers and students, who will be mindful and accountable with our taxpayer dollars and who have demonstrated ethics, integrity and good leadership already in other realms of their life.

We don't need those who have and will prioritize political rhetoric, gamesmanship or merely using an elected position as a stepping stone to another office. Our students, our teachers and our City depend on us to be informed about this important elected position. In this

## Calendar of Events

### Calendar Changes

- Nov. 11 Household Garbage, Yard Trash, and Recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 13.
- Nov. 28 and 29 Household Garbage, Yard Trash, and Recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 27.
- Dec. 26 Household Garbage and Recycling only will be picked up on Friday, Dec. 27.
- Dec. 25 and 26 Household Garbage and Recycling only will be picked up on Wednesday, Dec. 27.
- Jan. 20 Household Garbage, Yard Trash and Recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, Jan. 22.

### November

- 4 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 5 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 5 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 6 Museum Commission Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 11 City Offices Closed - Veteran's Day
- 14 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 18 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 20 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 26 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
- 27 City Offices Close at 1 p.m.
- 28 City Offices Closed - Thanksgiving
- 29 City Offices Closed - Thanksgiving

### December

- 3 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 3 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 4 Museum Commission Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 5 Cayce Tree Lighting, City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 6 Carols Along the Riverwalk, N. Avenue Entrance, 6-8 p.m.
- 7 Christmas Olde and New, Cayce Historical Museum, 6-9 p.m.
- 9 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 16 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 18 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 18 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 24 City Offices Closed - Happy Holidays
- 25 City Offices Closed
- 26 City Offices Closed

### January

- 1 City Offices Closed - Happy New Year
- 7 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 7 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 8 Museum Commission Mtg., 5 p.m.
- 9 Events Committee Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Beautification Foundation Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 20 City Offices Closed - MLK Jr. Holiday
- 21 Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 22 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 27 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 27 Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Public Safety Foundation Meeting, 5:45 p.m.
- 29 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day

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

### Sanitation Reminders

Please keep leaves and pine straw separate from all other piles. Bagged leaves get first priority over unbagged leaves. During leaf season, yard trash may not be picked up the same day as your route pick up day.

Please make sure you have everything out by 7:30am on your route day.

## Reporting Code Violations

You can now call and leave a message anonymously if you see code violations around our city for our Code Compliance staff to investigate. The phone number to call and leave a voicemail is 803-550-9554. You can review any of our city codes at [https://library.municode.com/sc/cayce/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/sc/cayce/codes/code_of_ordinances).

## Welcoming New Cayce Businesses

We are excited to welcome the following new Cayce businesses that have either just opened or plan to open soon: Five Below, Sleepy Owl Dentistry, Tacos Nayarit, Alice Peluguria Salon, Anew Healing, WL Lawn & Landscape, the Better Business Bureau, Bad Dad Customz, Oak Street Health, and Satoyi Day Spa. Welcome to Cayce!

## Government IOI: Working for You

We are excited to announce a new initiative to connect with and inform our Cayce citizens! Each month, we will highlight one of our Cayce Departments and ask that you send in any questions you have for that Department. We will take several of your questions and ask that Department's leaders to record a response to post on social media and/or place on our Cayce website. You can email your questions to our City Public Information Officer at [ahunter@mpastrategies.com](mailto:ahunter@mpastrategies.com).

Upcoming Departments:

November - Cayce Municipal Court

December - Wastewater Treatment Plant

January - Business Licensing

## Council Corner



### Mayor Pro Tem Tim James, District 1

The recent storm caused an impact upon our city that will be long remembered - specifically we will always recall the community response that we all witnessed. As so many of you, I have long lived in our city and witnessed first hand the shared love for community that our citizens possess, that coupled with our city employees who always place mission above self

helps us to always endure and overcome such critical incidents. I am so thankful to live in a city that shares a love for one another! Thank you to everyone who always works in partnership to bring sunshine back to Cayce after any storm!



### Byron Thomas, District 2

First, thank you so much to all of our City of Cayce First Responders, Parks staff and all employees that were involved with making sure our city was safe and back up and running during and after Hurricane Helene. These amazing people not only LEFT their families during the storm, but also put their lives on the line to make sure our City's citizens WERE okay. Please make sure

you thank them when you see them. To our energy partners at Dominion, everyone in Cayce thanks you for working as fast and safe as possible to get energy back into our homes! Finally, to our City's amazing citizens, I have seen and heard example after example of neighbor helping neighbor. When someone next door didn't have power, neighbors graciously stored their food and brought them into their home until the power was back. I'm so blessed to live in this beautiful city, and I want the world to "C our Community!"



### Hunter Sox, District 3

City Council and staff have been working hard to establish new relationships with our business and community partners, with a renewed focus on economic development. I am excited about our direction, including hiring an economic development consultant, passing the RS4-A zoning ordinance to diversify housing types, rebranding our code compliance department,

and leveraging our untapped TIF funding to invest in the further development of our city. With the Holidays right around the corner, be on the lookout for all the events Cayce and the Cayce-West Columbia Chamber of Commerce put on!



### Phil Carter, District 4

Happy Fall! In the past few days, I have spoken with so many of you about the damage to your home and property from Hurricane Helene. I know that it impacted almost all of us in some way! I can't stress enough how dedicated our Cayce police, fire, public works, parks and utilities staff were in assisting each of you and getting our city safe for us all to enjoy again. When you see a

member of our team, please thank them! Don't forget to vote in our local election on Tuesday, November 5! I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our great events planned around the holidays: the Tree Lighting Ceremony, Carols Along the Riverwalk, Christmas Traditions at the Museum and of course the Cayce West Columbia Christmas Parade! Cayce is always a wonderful and festive place to celebrate Christmas! If I can be of service to any of you, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [phillipacarter@yahoo.com](mailto:phillipacarter@yahoo.com).

## Welcome Our New Police Chief

The City of Cayce welcomes newly selected Chief of the Cayce Police Department: Chief Herbert Blake. Blake is a veteran police officer who currently serves as the Chief Deputy of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office in Asheville, North Carolina and will officially join the Cayce team on October 17, 2024.



Chief Blake has had an extensive career in law enforcement, serving as the Police Chief of the Hendersonville Police Department for 13 years, preceded by seven years as the Police Chief of the Loris Police Department. A native of South Carolina, he began his career as a police officer in the Town of Ridgeland.

Chief Blake holds a Master's Degree in Management and a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration. His advanced leadership training includes the School of Executive Leadership at the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration, the Police Executive Development Program at Penn State University, the Executive Management Program at Northwestern University, the Public Executive Leadership Academy at the UNC School of Government, various FBI Command colleges, and the Trilogy Award from FBI-LEEDA.

"We are excited about our incoming Chief," stated Cayce Interim City Manager, Jim Crosland, also known as a veteran and leader in the law enforcement community. "Chief Herbert Blake's experience, and reputation as a leader in professional policing across North and South Carolina stood out to each of us that served on the selection committee. I look forward to him leading our police department and serving the citizens of Cayce."

Chief Blake, and his wife Linda, have been married for 37 years, have 5 grown children and 6 grandchildren.



## 47th Annual Tree Light Memorial and Cayce Cares Event Sponsored by the Woman's Club of Cayce

The Cayce Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Thursday, December 5th at 6pm at Cayce City Hall. Loved ones can be memorialized or honored for a minimum \$1 per light donation. Names of those honored will be listed in the Christmas in Cayce program that will be distributed that evening. Non-perishable food items will also be collected as part of the 22nd Annual Cayce Cares program. All proceeds will go to God's Helping Hands and the Scooter Scott Project benefitting families in Cayce and West Columbia. For more information, call 803-550-9529. To make a light donation, 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## Christmas in Cayce

Start your Holiday Season with Christmas in Cayce! This cherished holiday tradition returns for 2024 with three free events.

- **Thursday, December 5 at 6 p.m.** - *Christmas in Cayce Tree Lighting Ceremony, City Hall.* Sponsored by The Woman's Club of Cayce, this event includes greetings from City officials, musical selections from local schools and performers and a visit from Santa. In addition, The Woman's Club is collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items as part of the annual Cayce Cares project, which benefits God's Helping Hands and the Scooter Scott Project.
- **Friday, December 6 from 6-8 p.m.** - *Carols Along the Riverwalk, N. Avenue entrance to Cayce Riverwalk.* Visitors can stroll along the Riverwalk with free hot chocolate and treats while listening to holiday music during this annual reverse caroling event. Parking is available at Brookland Cayce High School and includes a free trolley ride to and from the event for attendees.
- **Saturday, December 7 from 6-9 p.m.** - *Christmas Olde and New, Cayce Historical Museum.* This event will feature an outdoor Christmas market with local vendors selling gifts, food, and drinks. Visitors can take in the sights and sounds of Christmas during the Cayce Historical Museum's annual Christmas Traditions Holiday Open House. Museum rooms will be decorated with Christmas trees and there will be live entertainment and light refreshments. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be there and visitors can also participate in a historical lantern tour.

## Tips for Preventing Frozen Pipes

As the weather cools down, here are some important tips to help keep your pipes from freezing over.

- **Keep cabinet doors open under faucet.** This allows warm air to circulate evenly. Make sure to remove household cleaners and chemicals to keep kids and pets safe!
- **Let faucets drip.** Drips prevent ice from forming inside the pipes. Allow all faucets to drip when the temperature really takes a dip. This helps prevent pressure building up inside the pipes that can cause them to burst. To conserve, place a bucket underneath the faucet to reclaim the water.
- **Insulate pipes.** Pipe insulation and outdoor spigot covers are available at home improvement stores, and they are an inexpensive way to prevent freezing. Heating tape can also be used.
- **Disconnect Garden Hoses.** Disconnect, drain and store hoses for the winter months. Also, drain lawn irrigation lines by following the manufacturer guidelines.
- **Keep a consistent temperature in the house even when away.** Keep the thermostat at a minimum of 55 degrees when you're not home.
- **Seal air leaks and keep garage door down.** This will keep cold air out and warm air in.
- **What if my Pipes Freeze?** If your pipes do freeze, turn off the main water supply if possible, and call (803)796-9020 option 3 during operating hours (M-F 8:30am - 5pm) or press option 8 after 5pm, on weekends and holidays.