



Winter 2021

City Reflections

A Letter from Mayor Elise Partin



Our much-loved Director of Public Safety, Byron Snellgrove, is retiring. He has been with us for 14 years and will retire with the honor of being the last Director of Public Safety at the City of Cayce. Cayce Council has been making the gradual shift in staffing to add more dedicated fire fighters and we are officially splitting the department into two separate departments. Citizens will experience the same level of customer service and protection, if not better. In preparation for Director Snellgrove's retirement, the City has hired two great leaders.

Hopefully you have seen the national news coverage that the new Police Chief Cowan's hiring has generated, because of his level of professionalism, experience and international policing work. We are excited to have him join our team, but you should also be proud of your city, because this is where he wanted to be, despite other openings and opportunities that were afforded someone of his experience.

Chief Cowan says he is excited to be working in a City as safe as ours, but there's always ways that citizens can get involved to keep us that

way. Chief Cowan believes that an involved citizen is a safe one. He says: "Fall and College Football are well underway, and we hear TV announcers talk about the '12th Man'. This references an involved crowd making a stronger team. This is no different when preventing crime. We need Cayce Clergy, residents, and businesses to be our '12th Man'. Be our eyes and ears; no tip is too small to be reported. Trim trees and bushes back, leave exterior lights on, remove valuables from your vehicles and look out for your neighbors. Let's be stronger than any college football program. Together we can continue to ensure Cayce has "Time for Life!"

Our new Fire Chief Steven Bullard has been with us for almost a decade and, while taking on more and more leadership, he has gained many accolades along the way.

Chief Bullard shares that "The safety of our community is why we exist. We strive every day to ensure that our citizens, as well as visitors, are as safe as can be and have the necessary information to be able to protect themselves. The safety trends we are seeing in our community are absent or non-working smoke/CO alarms in

residences, and an increase in falls with our elderly population. We want our citizens to know that the Cayce Fire Department can provide smoke/CO alarms to you at no cost. All you have to do is give us a call or stop by to get one, and we can also install them in the proper place. Smoke alarms are good for 10 years and Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms are only good for 7 years, before they need to be replaced. If you take care of someone in the elderly population, make sure you perform a safety assessment of the residence that they are staying in to prevent falls. Make sure the walkways are clear from clutter, and that they have something to hold onto while walking. We would be happy to come out and assist you in these types of assessments."

We are honored to have these two individuals leading the departments and look forward to you getting to meet them at neighborhood meetings and other gatherings in our City.

Elise Partin

Tips for Leaf Season

Please note the following:

- » Bagged leaves and pine straw are given priority over un-bagged yard debris
- » Everything that is bagged will be picked up on your regular collection day
- » Un-bagged large leaf piles are picked up by the Leaf Vacuum Truck which starts on a route and stays on it until that route is complete
- » Remember to keep leaves and other yard debris separated for pick-up

If a particular sanitation route has large piles of leaves it can take the crew a few days to pick up everything on that route so please be patient. If you have any questions please call the Sanitation Department at (803) 550-9527.



Calendar of Events

Shop with a Cop

The C.O.P.S unit will soon begin taking donations (cash, Walmart gift cards and checks written out to Cayce Public Safety Foundation) for our annual Shop with a Cop program. We have been doing this program for several years and the donations we receive allow us to take children shopping for Christmas.

The children will be paired with an officer from Public Safety with their wish list (something they want, something they need, and something educational) for shopping. The dates and times will be provided at a later date.

November

- 2 Election Day
- 3 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 8 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 9 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 9 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 11 City Offices Closed - Veterans Day
- 15 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 18 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 23 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
- 24 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day; City Offices Close at 1 p.m.
- 25 City Offices Closed - Thanksgiving
- 26 City Offices Closed - Thanksgiving
- 29 Neighborhood Leaders Mtg. 5:30 p.m.

*Nov. 11 household garbage, yard trash, and recycling will be picked up Wednesday, Nov. 10.
*Nov. 25 and 26 household garbage and recycling only will be picked up Wednesday, Nov. 24.

December

- 1 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 2 Christmas in Cayce Drive Through Event at City Hall, 6-8 p.m.
- 3 Carols Along the Riverwalk, N. Avenue Entrance, 6-8 p.m.
- 4 Christmas Traditions at Cayce Historical Museum, 6-9 p.m.
- 7 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 7 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 9 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 20 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 20 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 22 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 23 City Offices Closed - Happy Holidays
- 24 City Offices Closed - Happy Holidays
- 27 City Offices Closed - Happy Holidays
- 29 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 31 City Offices Closed - Happy New Year

January

- 4 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 4 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 5 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 10 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 10 Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Events Committee Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 17 City Offices Closed - MLK Day
- 19 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 25 Public Safety Foundation Meeting, 5:45 p.m.
- 26 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day
- 31 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg., 5:30 p.m.

*Dec. 23 and 24 household garbage and recycling only will be picked up Wednesday, Dec. 22.
*Dec. 27 trash collection TBD.
*Dec. 31 household garbage, yard trash and recycling will be picked up Wednesday, Dec. 29.
*Jan. 17 household garbage, yard trash and recycling will be picked up Wednesday, Jan. 19.



C.O.P.S Update

The Cayce Department of Public Safety Community Outreach Policing Service (C.O.P.S) unit had a number of fall events which were huge successes (Coffee with a Cop, Back to School Bash, and Cops and Lobsters). To conclude the year, the C.O.P.S unit has partnered with Serve & Connect (Greg's Groceries) to provide our City with boxes of non-perishable food to deliver to families in need. The food boxes are intended to create opportunities for positive, non-enforcement interaction between police officers and the community while fostering an environment to enhance trust. These boxes will also be given to less fortunate families during the upcoming holidays.

Cayce Public Safety Changes

After 41 years of combined service, the Cayce Public Safety Department is now in the process of establishing separate police and fire departments. This move has been in the works for some time and will assist with training and equipment costs, while adding efficiency and safety for Cayce residents. The City anticipates the transition to be complete January 1, 2022.

With this change comes new leadership. Cayce Department of Public Safety Director Byron Snellgrove announced his retirement after 38 years in South Carolina Law Enforcement. Under Director Snellgrove's leadership the City of Cayce's Public Safety Department received state accreditation and numerous awards. Director Snellgrove will remain in the department until December 31, 2021, assisting in the transition to the new departments and working alongside the incoming Chiefs for the separate departments.

In the Police Department, Deputy Chief Chris Cowan has been named as the Chief of Police for the City of Cayce. Previously, Cowan served as a Deputy Chief for the Richland County Sheriff's Department, working with local, state, and federal partners across South Carolina to develop policing programs and initiatives. Chief Cowan has hired Shawn Grant, Administrative Lieutenant of SLED, as the Assistant Chief of Police. He'll start November 1.

Moving into the lead of the Fire Department is a familiar face in Cayce, Battalion Chief Steven Bullard. Chief Bullard has been with the Cayce Public Safety Department for close to 10 years and is known for his professionalism and dedication. Chief Bullard has promoted Cole Lanigan to Assistant Fire Chief.

New Fire Truck Arriving Soon

The Cayce Fire Department is excited to announce it will be acquiring a new ladder fire truck this winter. This addition was made possible by a grant from Lexington County CDBG program. It will be the first of its kind for the City and was designed to meet current and future growth. The new truck is an E-One 100' ladder truck, with a platform on the end of the aerial device. The Cayce Fire Department welcomes our citizens to stop by and look at this amazing piece of equipment once it is placed into service.



Christmas in Cayce Returns for the 2021 Holiday Season with Free Events for the Public

Thursday, Dec. 2, 6-8 p.m. - Christmas in Cayce Drive Through Event

Sponsored by The Woman's Club of Cayce, this event includes Christmas light displays, local students singing Christmas music, and a visit from Santa. In addition, The Woman's Club is collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items as part of the 19th Annual Cayce Cares project, which benefits God's Helping Hands and the Scooter Scott Project.

Friday, Dec. 3, 6-8 p.m. - Carols Along the Riverwalk, N. Avenue entrance to Cayce Riverwalk

The sounds of the holidays overflow during this reverse caroling event featuring local church choirs and musicians. Enjoy the music of the holidays as you meander through the first half mile of the Cayce Riverwalk. Parking is available at Brookland Cayce High School and a free trolley will transport everyone to the event.

Saturday, Dec. 4, 6-9 p.m. - Cayce Historical Museum Annual Holiday Open House

The sights, sounds, and tastes of Christmas abound at the Cayce Historical Museum's annual Christmas Traditions Holiday Open House. Each room will be decorated with trees and crafts from the 18th century to present. The event will also feature live entertainment, docents dressed in period attire, and light refreshments. Due to last year's event cancellation, this year's theme is "Christmas: Re-United We Stand."

Cayce Cares

The 19th Annual Cayce Cares Project will be held, along with the Drive Through Christmas in Cayce event on Thursday, December 2. Citizens are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items with them to donate to God's Helping Hands, a crisis ministry that serves families in Cayce and West Columbia and the Scooter Scott Project. Cayce Cares, initiated in 2003 by local resident Ann Malpass, has the support of area schools, churches, The Woman's Club of Cayce and the City of Cayce.

Tree Light Memorial

Lights can be placed on the City of Cayce's Memorial Christmas Tree to honor loved ones for a minimum \$1 per light donation. Names of those honored will be listed in the Christmas in Cayce Drive Through program at the Dec. 2 event. Proceeds will go to God's Helping Hands and the Scooter Scott Project benefiting families in Cayce and West Columbia. For more information, call 803-550-9529. To purchase, 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: _____