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Winter 2022

Calendar of Events

Please Note:

*November 11 Household Garbage, Yard Trash, and Recycling will be picked up Wednesday, November 9

*November 24 and 25 Household Garbage and Recycling only will be picked up Wednesday, November 23.

*December 22 and 23 Household Garbage and Recycling only will be picked up Wednesday, December 21.

*December 26 Household Garbage only will be picked up Wednesday, December 28.

*January 2 Household Garbage, Yard Trash, and Recycling will be picked up Wednesday, January 4.

*January 16 Household Garbage, Yard Trash, and Recycling will be picked up Wednesday, January 18.

As we enter the fall season, please keep in mind bagged leaves will be given priority over unbagged leaves. Also, be aware as the weather starts changing, fog and frost may make the wooden bridges and boardwalks in our parks wet or icy. Please pay attention to your surroundings & be cautious.

November

- I Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- I Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 2 Museum Commission Mtg, 4 p.m.
- 10 Events Committee Mtg, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 City Offices Closed
- 14 Beautification Foundation Mtg, 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 21 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 21 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Public Safety Foundation Mtg, 5:45 p.m.
- 23 City Offices Close at 1 p.m.
- 24 City Offices Closed
- 25 City Offices Closed
- 28 Neighborhood Leaders Mtg, 5:30 p.m.
- 30 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day

December

- I Christmas in Cayce Drive Thru Event, City Hall, 6-8 p.m.
- 2 Carols Along the Riverwalk, N. Avenue Entrance, 6-8 p.m.
- 3 Christmas Traditions at Cayce Historical Museum, 6-9 p.m.
- 6 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 6 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 7 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 8 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 19 Neighborhood Leaders Mtg, 5:30 p.m.
- 19 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 19 Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Cayce Housing Authority Mtg, 5 p.m.
- 21 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 22 City Offices Closed
- 23 City Offices Closed
- 26 City Offices Closed
- 28 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day

January

- 2 City Offices Closed
- 3 Meet with the Mayor, 5 p.m.
- 3 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 4 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 9 Beautification Foundation Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Events Committee Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 16 City Offices Closed
- 18 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 23 Zoning Board Mtg, 6 p.m.
- 23 Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.
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City Reflections

A Letter from Mayor Elise Partin

How do you know if you live in a good City? Do you feel safe? Are small businesses alive and well? Are your taxes and fees low? Do you have places to walk and play or meet up with friends and neighbors? In Cayce, while we are always focused on improving, we have all that and more!

We prioritize customer service, and we do that by starting with a focus on our staff. That way, we not only take care of the people who take care of us, we also attract the best who want to be a part of our ethical and customer-service focused team. We can see that in the longevity in our staff and in the new folks who have joined us. Two examples of this are Fire Chief Bullard, a long time Cayce team member, and Police Chief Cowan, a new Cayce team member. Both are driven and have a passion for this city and prioritize keeping us safe, and they do that in proactive and responsive ways. Chief Bullard intentionally chooses to invest in Cayce like so many of our longtime employees and

Chief Cowan could have gone anywhere but he wanted to be here because of the culture we have created of integrity and a connected community.

We have some new restaurants opening like Mai Poke and some mainstays like The Tea Pot, Murray's, The Reggae Grill, The Kingsman (that sirloin burger, am I right?!) and Vella's. And we have room for more small businesses to thrive like Swatch Graphics, Piecewise Coffee, State of the Art Gallery and Pottery Studio and Gardner Paint and Body have.

Cayce has some of the lowest taxes and fees in the entire region. It's a major bragging point for us and when coupled with some of the best customer service, that's an amazing quality of life combination. Our Cayce Riverwalk is second to none. Recently Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board even brought a large group of federal legislative staff for a tour of the City's Timmerman Trail and 12,000 Year History Park. If you have not been there yet I



hope you check it out soon. This amazing historical site is where an 1865 Civil War battle occurred and is also the location of the historical earthworks. Researchers have discovered artifacts that were made or used 11,000 to 12,000 years ago on this land. Check out our social media and website for the schedule of free tours.

If you're new here, welcome! Please don't wait to enjoy our many parks, the beautiful Riverwalk, to get involved in your neighborhood association, join the Cayce Arts Guild, or volunteer on one of the City's boards and commissions. Cayce is a special place and we are thankful for all our residents and businesses that make it so.

Elise Partin

Police News

The holiday season is in full swing and so are the criminals. Help prevent crime by removing all valuables from your cars and always locking your car doors. Make sure that your home and business alarms are in use. Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Follow the City of Cayce Police Department on Facebook to receive more holiday safety tips and information about crime in your community and be sure to report ALL suspicious activity. If you travel during the holidays, let someone know your route, where you will be and an approximate time of return.

The Police Department will host its annual "Shop with a Cop" on Dec. 22. We hope that our citizens will once again offer support of this exciting program and other outreach programs. If you would like to support the event, please donate at Caycepsf.org or make a check payable to the Cayce Public Safety Foundation. Checks can be dropped off at the Cayce Police Department. Be safe out there!



A New Bench in Cayce

Thank you to the Cayce-West Columbia Lions Club for donating a new bench to the City! The Lions Club collected over 500 pounds of plastic that is normally not able to be recycled and the Trex Corporation built the bench with that plastic. Check out the environmentally friendly bench in Guignard Park.

Elizabeth Lumsden Joins Museum

Elizabeth Lumsden graduated from Francis Marion University in 2021, with double majors in Spanish and Archaeology/Public History. Elizabeth spent time conducting archaeological field work, and in the lab setting, cleaning and labeling artifacts. She hopes to continue to study archaeology in the future. Social history was a dominant pursuit of interest for her during her academic career at FMU, to the extent that it was the focus of her senior thesis. Outside of career and academics, she recently discovered an interest in historical sewing and can often be found hand sewing insertion lace or crocheting dragons. Welcome aboard Elizabeth!



Gift of a Bird Bath

The Cayce Sanitation team recently took up donations to buy Ms. Gates a bird bath because she always provides refreshments and kind words to our hard-working team. Her kindness & thoughtfulness is much appreciated!



Cayce Cares

The 20th Annual Cayce Cares Project will be held in conjunction with the Christmas in Cayce Drive Through Event on December 1. Visitors are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items to donate to the Scooter Scott Project and God's Helping Hands, serving families in Cayce and West Columbia. Cayce Cares was initiated in 2003 by local resident Ann Malpass and has the support of area schools, churches, The Woman's Club of Cayce and the City of Cayce.

Frisbees

Our talented students at the Lexington Two Innovation Center built awesome boxes to house Frisbees around town. Students at Busbee Creative Arts Academy, Cayce Elementary, Fulmer Middle School, Pine Ridge Middle School, Northside Middle School, and Airport and Brookland-Cayce High Schools painted cute boxes that will be installed in 9 parks around the City. Grab a Frisbee, have fun and please return it when done.

Grant Received

In the month of July, the City of Cayce was awarded the 2022 Federal Historic Preservation Grant from the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. We received funds in the amount of \$15,000 for the Cayce African American Cemeteries Preservation Project. Embedded with many of the cultural assets of Cayce are the untold stories of our African American Community. The Cayce Historical Museum and African American Historic Committee had many conversations about how the City could help unlock the mystery of cemeteries and unmarked graves throughout our community. Through this project, Cayce will hire archaeological professionals to conduct preliminary assessments in locating and preserving unmarked graves within the City limits. With community outreach and involvement these unmarked graves can be mapped and recorded for generations to come.



Kick off the Holiday Season with Free Events

Thursday, December 1, 6-8 p.m. - Christmas in Cayce Drive Thru Event. Come experience thousands of lights, the music of local performers, and a visit from Santa all from the warmth of your car. Sponsored by The Woman's Club of Cayce who will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable foods for the 20th Annual Cayce Cares project, benefiting God's Helping Hands and the Scooter Scott Project.

Friday, December 2, 6-8 p.m. – Carols Along the Riverwalk, N. Avenue entrance to Cayce Riverwalk. Visitors can stroll along the Riverwalk with hot chocolate 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 all attendees.

Saturday, December 3, 6-9 p.m. – Cayce Historical Museum 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.

Job Openings

Interested in working for the City of Cayce? We have paid training, advancement opportunities, paid health insurance, state retirement, and free gym membership. Potential openings include:

- » City Engineer
- » FOG Inspector
- » Pump Mechanic
- » Water Treatment Operator
- » Wastewater Treatment Operator
- » Field Crew Member



Call 803-796-9542 for more information.

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 at the Christmas in Cayce Drive Thru event on Thursday, December 1 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at City Hall. 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 or womansclubofcayce.org.

Name: _____

Address: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____