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# City Reflections

## A Letter from Mayor Elise Partin



Communication. It's a critical part of how we take care of our City so successfully. So what are the ways we communicate? This newsletter is one method. Staff makes sure the most current information and important dates are shared quarterly through the newsletter. I also meet monthly with our Neighborhood Leaders and periodically with City Pastors, local realtors, developers and artists.

cool stuff like #CayceParks and #ThisWeekendinCayce. We also communicated how to support local businesses during the pandemic, which you all so lovingly did. Because of the vastness of social media it is not the most expedient way to get a question answered or to share an idea but we love it when you call us with those so we can hear from you or make sure you have the correct information.

These opportunities for dialogue have been critical for our City. We share the latest information each month with the Neighborhood Leaders and they share everything from support needs for Halloween traffic flows to code enforcement issues. We also partner on supporting neighborhood meetings by posting neighborhood flyers on roll carts twice a year for each City neighborhood and send staff to participate in neighborhood meetings. Of course, we use social media (and our website) to share news and information and post immediate updates on any Riverwalk or Trail closings and

Citizens can always call and speak to staff or their Council Member or me—and often do—to share thanks for our awesome staff or to ask questions or for support. We also use fun and economical ways to communicate, like our annual budget flyer taped to the roll carts. It's an economical way (thanks Sanitation Team!) to get the latest information on our budget to you as soon as possible. (And to brag about how low our taxes and fees are compared to the rest of the region.) For our Council Meetings, the dates are listed in each newsletter but also check out the article about Council Meeting

agendas in this newsletter. We post our meeting agendas, but unlike many cities, we go a step further, and share the entire agenda packet, which includes all the background information that Council uses to make decisions. One of the very first things that I did when I was elected Mayor in 2008 was to move the Public Comment section of the agenda to the beginning of the meeting so that Council could also use your input in our decision making. But keep in mind you don't have to wait for a Council Meeting to communicate with us. Check out and use any of the methods listed above. We look forward to more communication with you and hopefully in person in the future as we start safely gathering again!

### Yard Debris

During warmer months, more residents are doing yard work, which leads to more yard debris collection by the Sanitation team. They will continue to collect large piles of yard debris; however, if there are many large piles throughout the City, pickup may not occur on the same day as your garbage collection. If your debris is not collected with your household garbage, please know the Sanitation team will come back to collect it as soon as possible.

### Recycling Grant

A recent grant award from S.C DHEC has allowed the City to purchase a limited number of 96-gallon recycling roll carts for the neighborhood of Churchill Heights. The City is currently working on obtaining funding for additional carts and it is our goal is to eventually obtain enough grant funding to provide every home in the City a recycling roll cart.

## Calendar of Events

### Join the City Online

The City of Cayce has a thriving social media presence and we want YOU to join us! Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest to stay up-to-date on what's happening in our City!

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### May

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

### June

- 1 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 2 Museum Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 7 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 14 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Housing Authority Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 16 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 28 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 30 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day

### July

- 5 City Hall Closed - Independence Day
- 6 Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 8 Events Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Beautification Foundation Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 19 Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 19 Planning Commission Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 26 Neighborhood Leader's Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 27 Public Safety Foundation Mtg., 5:45 p.m.
- 28 Bulk/White Goods Collection Day

\*May 31 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recyclables will be picked up on Wednesday, June 2  
\*July 5 Garbage, Yard Trash and Recyclables will be picked up Wednesday, July 7

### Grilling Safety

Warmer weather means more grilling, so here are some tips to keep you safe. Store grills outdoors and away from structures. Place the grill on a stable surface. Make sure your grill is clean before using it. Check your propane tanks for any leaks before grilling. Never leave a grill unattended, and do not allow pets or children to play around a grill. A grill can stay hot for at least an hour after use, so take precautions. And, always wear correct clothing when grilling.



## Spotlight on Cayce's SROs

Cayce has seven Lexington-2 schools, each of which has a School Resource Officer (SRO) provided by the Cayce Department of Public Safety. SROs monitor student behavior, coordinate school security and investigate crimes that occur on school grounds. Our SRO's promote positive attitudes toward police and the law through frequent, positive, personal contact with students. We would like to welcome two members to our SRO team; Jasmine Tyler, who will be at Busbee Creative Arts Academy, and Andrew "AJ" Lopez, who will be at Airport High School. Thank you to all our School Resource Officers!

## Zoning Ordinance Update

On March 17th, 2021 Council passed an amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance section 9.8. The Ordinance now states:

All permissible trailers, campers, recreational vehicles and boats must be parked or stored in the rear or side yard and shall not be within three (3) feet of any property line in a residential district; however, such use may be parked anywhere on the residential lot for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours during loading and unloading if it complies with the visibility and distance provisions.

No more than one (1) camper or recreational vehicle and one (1) boat may be parked or stored on a residentially zoned lot or parcel. The overall height of campers or recreational vehicles shall not exceed twelve (12) feet or boats, which shall not exceed ten (10) feet. Measurement shall be taken from ground level immediately adjacent to either the camper, recreational vehicle or in the case of boats measured from the ground level of the trailer/ support blocks.

The new requirements of the ordinance include:

- All trailers must be parked or stored in the rear or side yard (previously they were allowed anywhere on the property).
- The allotted number of campers or recreational vehicles and boats is now 1 for each type (previously allowed 2 for each).

For the full version of Section 9.8 please visit our website at <https://caycesc.gov/files/planning/zoningordinance.pdf>.

The amended ordinance will go into effect on September 12, 2021. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please call 803-796-9020 ext. 3054.



## Important Info Just A Click Away

The City's website, [www.caycesc.gov](http://www.caycesc.gov), is designed to provide our community with any changes taking place, important dates, and information regarding all departments, their services and forms. It also contains all Council meeting agendas, agenda packets and Council meeting minutes. Agenda packets for all Council meetings are placed on the City's website in advance of the meeting (72 hours in advance for regular meetings; 24 hours in advance for Special called meetings). The agenda lists all action items that Council will consider and discuss. The agenda packet consists of the agenda, staff memos and associated attachments to be discussed at the Council meeting. The agenda packet is what Council receives before each Council Meeting. To access the Agenda Packets, log on to our website, click on Government, click on Regular Council Meeting Agenda Packets and Minutes and the meeting date of interest. Minutes for Council meetings are posted on the website as soon as they are approved by Council, typically at the first Council Meeting of the month.

## New Truck

In the next few weeks you may notice a new Sanitation truck in your neighborhood. The City has recently acquired a 2020 Freightliner Garbage Truck with a New Way Body. The 2020 Freightliner has numerous cameras located on the body of the truck for safety purposes. It will be utilized mainly for household garbage collection so please keep roll carts at least 3 feet apart and place carts with lids facing the street.



## New Exhibit at the Cayce Historical Museum

The Cayce Historical Museum's new exhibit, the "History of Cayce, SC in 50 Objects," features 50 objects that cover the history of Cayce from Prehistoric times to the 21st century. The exhibit features objects from the Cayce Historical Museum's collections, which include the Championship Trophy from the 1964 Cayce Dixie Youth World Series team, bricks from the Congaree I fort (1718-1722) and an American Revolutionary War cannonball found at the site of the Fort Granby where Colonel "Light-Horse Harry" Lee was successful in defeating the British in 1781. There is also a Submachine Gun from the Cayce Public Safety Department that was evidence for a 1973 trial case involving a crime committed in the 1940's, and a large Paddle to stir chocolate syrup from the Imperial Candy Company, operated by Charles E. Finley, in Cayce from 1947-1972 and is on loan from Kay Hutchinson. We are highlighting an object from this collection every Friday on our social media. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to not only see the 50 objects but to read the 50 stories that will walk you through the unique and vast history of our region! The exhibit will be with the Museum for the next several months so we hope to see you soon.

The Cayce Historical Museum will continue to present new temporary exhibits highlighting the history and culture of the Cayce area and the Midlands of South Carolina. The Museum is located at 1800 12th Street adjacent to Cayce City Hall and is open Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday 2 p.m.-5 p.m. There is a small admission fee of \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for seniors, and \$1.00 for children. During the COVID pandemic, visitors are limited to six at a time and guests must be masked and practice social distancing to tour the Museum.

## Grants in Cayce

Grants are a powerful and important part of building community resiliency through the expansion of vital programs and services offered to citizens and businesses. The City managed over \$1 million in grant awards in 2020, addressing critical infrastructure, emergency preparedness, traffic enforcement safety standards, previtalization efforts and more. In addition to exploring grant opportunities, the City of Cayce administers two grant opportunities.

- » The Façade Improvement Program Grant is available to qualifying owners and tenants of buildings used for commercial purposes along the Knox Abbott, State Street and Frink Street (State to 12th) Commercial Corridors. Properties are eligible to receive up to \$5,000 in reimbursable grant funds to finance exterior improvements that will be aesthetically pleasing. This reimbursement grant is administered on a first come first serve basis, until available funding for the program is expended.
- » The Hospitality Tax Program funds the operation and maintenance of current tourism-related facilities, projects and events that promote quality of life, tourism and recreation. Funding is available to nonprofit organizations hosting events within the Cayce city limits.

Please contact Sarah Jane Harris at (803) 550-9545 or at [sharris@caycesc.gov](mailto:sharris@caycesc.gov) for more information about grants.