



# NEWS & VIEWS

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## June 14 Luncheon Fred Hunter, WBRC First Alert Meteorologist

**W**BRC First Alert Meteorologist Fred Hunter was born in Alabama in the historic town of Ft. Payne. He has lived, attended school, raised his family, and worked in the South all his life.



A graduate of Fyffe High School, Fred went on to attend college at the University of Alabama. He finished with undergraduate and graduate degrees in Broadcast-Film, Journalism and Public Relations. Fred then graduated from the meteorology program at Mississippi State University and became certified by the National Weather Association.

Prior to his position at WBRC, Fred worked in Austin, Texas, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and in Tuscaloosa.

Fred has called WBRC home since 1997. He is married to the former Ivy Jean Bullard, a native of Sylacauga. Together they have four girls, Stephanie, Stacey, Katherine, and Rebecca.

Fred also produces Absolutely Alabama, a series of stories about people, places, and things from, about, or related to his home state.

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Just like our customers we are a multi-generational company that value faith, family, customers, community and schools! We believe in supporting our local community and the Chamber, all which help make Vestavia a great place to work and live! Almost 10% of our employees live in Vestavia Hills.

Sentry's main goals are quality work and reliable service. We believe what distinguishes us from our competition is "Follow-Up". The Royal Blue shield emblazoned with "Comfort Guard" is the symbol of our commitment to taking the time to do every job right the first time and then going the extra mile to ensure our customers stay satisfied.

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June is here in Vestavia. Even if life doesn't change much for some of us during the "summer months", it's energizing to see the changes in our community as students are out of school pursuing more outdoor activities, families are celebrating the season, restaurants are a flurry of activity seeing more relaxed diners both indoors and outdoors and businesses are bustling with shoppers looking for summer goods to add to their pleasure of the season. Life is good!

In addition to the usual summer transitions, we have a lot of changes going on with the Chamber.

We have appointed a new President, Michelle Hawkins, who will come onboard June 13<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to working along side Michelle as we prioritize items from the Vestavia Hills Strategic Plan for execution and carry on with the business of the Chamber and our community. We look forward to introducing you to Michelle.

The Chamber office will relocate from the Merryvale Road location to the new Vestavia Hills Community Building this summer. It's exciting to move closer to City Hall and we're looking forward to showing off our new office to everyone.

The flagship event of the year for the Chamber is I Love America Night scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 6:00 – 9:00 pm at Wald Park on Highway 31. This event includes free swimming at the new Vestavia Hills Aquatic Complex, children's activities, sponsor booths, a Pops in the Park concert and a FIREWORKS SHOW that is amazing! This is a very uplifting event with well known patriotic music playing during the booming fireworks that light up the sky. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS! MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW. Bring lawn chairs and friends.

Another happening in June is celebrating Karen's Odle 20-year tenure as the Chamber President when she begins her long awaited retirement. Karen brought a professionalism to the Chamber that has provided excellent leadership and organization to the board, the membership, our community, and our events. Karen has grown the social capital of our community with the relationships she has built among the various volunteer, civic and city organizations. We are where we are today due to Karen's dedicated service every day, day in and day out for 20 years. We want you to join us in wishing Karen a happy and healthy retirement.

I'm feeling very proud of the community we have today and the community we can envision for the future.

Happy Summer,

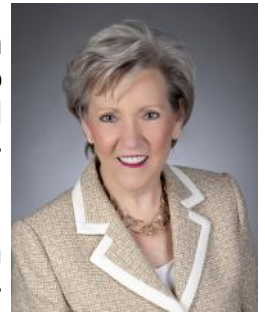
*Sandra Cleveland*  
*BCR Wealth Strategies*  
*Board Chair, 2022*



Sandra Cleveland

**F**rom the President...

It is bittersweet writing my last letter with my impending retirement on June 30th; however, the new President, Michelle Hawkins is going to be wonderful. You will each enjoy getting to know her and she will bring a new level of energy to the Chamber, so please reach out to her and welcome her with a phone call, note or email.



**Karen Odle**

Michelle will begin on June 13th so we will have a couple of weeks to transition but I have assured her I will still be around and available to help with any questions she may have. I look forward to you meeting her at the June 14th Chamber luncheon so be sure to make your reservation and join us at Vestavia Country Club.

I have loved my job and have enjoyed immensely meeting so many people all over our city that I may not have met otherwise. I hope as you read this letter, you will take time to reflect on how blessed we are to live in a city with such remarkable people, amazing businesses, great leadership in all facets of our community, incredible school system, wonderful civic organizations, and many great houses of worship. I pray that we don't take what we have for granted and see the best in our friends and neighbors and reflect often on the beauty of what is Vestavia Hills.

Our city didn't just 'happen'. It has taken many, many folks along the way to lay the path to make Vestavia Hills what it is today. We have grown in both population and land, but I would like to think that the founders and past leaders would say if they were here today: Well done! You have made us proud.

However, we can never rest on our successes and be satisfied with the status quo. If that were the case, we wouldn't have a nationally recognized school system with all of the academic successes, clubs and organizations that have made us so proud. We wouldn't have the many new developments and re-developments in the process. We wouldn't have grown to include Rocky Ridge, Liberty Park and Cahaba Heights which make our city infinitely a better place for everyone.

So when you see the tagline "A Life Above", remember the challenge that was meant when this was adopted, we want to continue to grow, give back, strive to be better friends, neighbors and citizens and always, always endeavor to be better today than you were yesterday as we continue to make our community a better place for our children and a place that they will want to move back to and raise their family. We CAN do this and that is my challenge to each of you as well as myself, in all things be grateful and as I have often reminded my children: remember who you are and try to leave everything you touch better than before.

After all, we are blessed beyond what we any deserve. I will cherish the wonderful memories and am so grateful for your support over these last 20 years and have truly blessed by you!

*Karen J. Odle*  
*President*

## June 14 Luncheon

Reservations must be made by 4:00 PM Thursday, June 9, 2022 and cost \$25. Late reservations will cost \$30. Make your reservation by visiting [www.vestaviahills.org](http://www.vestaviahills.org) or by calling 823-5011.

### Please Note:

- Reservations that are made and not cancelled by 4:00 pm Thursday June 9 must be paid for, as we must pay for the number reserved.
- Please pay online or call the office with a credit card prior to the luncheon, or we can send you an invoice afterwards.
- **Please make every effort to make your reservation on time. The number of reservations we have by the deadline is the number that we and the Vestavia Country Club prepare for.**

**Please remember the Vestavia Country Club policy of NO JEANS in the ballroom where we hold our monthly luncheons.**

## Luncheon Business Spotlights

As a benefit of Chamber membership, you are welcome to choose two luncheons to have a booth to showcase your business. The Vestavia Country Club will provide covered 6 foot tables\*-you just bring whatever information and items you would like to display! If you would like reserve your spots for 2022, please email [chamber@vestaviahills.org](mailto:chamber@vestaviahills.org).

2022 Dates:  
June 14  
August 9  
September 13  
October 11  
November 8  
December 13

\*Depending on number of participants each month, you may be sharing a table with another business.

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## Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce Selects Michelle Hawkins as Next President

The Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce board of directors has selected Michelle Hawkins, a seasoned business entrepreneur, as the next president of the organization. The announcement was made by Sandra Cleveland, a partner with BCR Wealth Strategies and 2022 chair of the chamber.

Hawkins will replace Karen Odle, who has successfully led the chamber through tremendous growth in both membership and programs over the past 20 years. Odle announced her retirement late last year.

“The search committee identified the qualities we were looking for in a new leader,” according to Cleveland. “Michelle is a perfect match. She has proven her ability to serve as a dynamic collaborator and communicator who understands the important role the chamber plays in our community. These were the type qualities we were looking for.”

Hawkins previously served as the owner/operator of Alabama Weddings Magazine based in Birmingham. She was the sole founder of the startup and produced a luxury style printed publication for 20 years.

After graduating from Brenau Women’s College (now Brenau University) in Gainesville, Georgia with a Bachelor of Art degree, Hawkins started her career as advertiser agency owner of PRO-Motion Marketing Group in Jasper, Alabama. She has also worked as a software design architect with Strategic Services, Inc. in Lawrenceville, Georgia and corporate interior designer with The Woodside Group, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

“The opportunity to bring my experiences as a successful small business owner to the chamber is very exciting,” Hawkins says. “The foundation that has been established over the years by Karen is solid. I look Michelle Hawkins Vestavia Hills Chamber Selects Michelle Hawkins Page Two May 23, 2022 forward to becoming a part of the team that can provide support to businesses of all sizes in the Vestavia Hills.”

“The committee took a great deal of time listening to our members and community leaders regarding the chamber and what they were looking for in terms of a new leader,” says John Henley, State Farm Insurance, and chair of the search committee. “We had the opportunity to interview several great professionals for the position. At the end of the day, the committee unanimously approved Michelle as the right person for the president’s role.” Hawkins has demonstrated her commitment to local communities, businesses, education institutions, and non-profit organizations. She is a frequent participant in weekend 5K and 10K races in a continued effort to raise money for local charities; guest speaker at industry events and university classrooms; volunteering for event design work including the 100th Anniversary Gala for 106th Air Refueling Squadron; participated in ROAR for the Cure, Camp-Smile-A-Mile, St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, The Foundry Ministries, and The Cavalier Rescue.

The chamber’s president is charged with leading the organization on a day-to-day basis; communicating with the membership; government relations/public policy; and building partnerships for economic, community and regional development. Other accountable duties include financial growth and management, talent development, and innovative strategic planning and implementation. The president reports to the executive board and board of directors through an annually elected chair.

The chamber is a membership organization that serves over 1,200 retail and service businesses, professionals, individuals, and retirees. The organization plays a key role in the community as a catalyst for economic growth, working with existing businesses in the area, creating partnerships with education entities, and striving for quality-of-life improvements for Vestavia Hills.

Members of the search committee, in addition to Cleveland and Henley, included Donnie Dobbins, 2023 chamber chair, First Horizon; Keri Bates, Rocky Ridge Drug Company; Doug Dean, Children’s of Alabama; Jeff Downes, City of Vestavia Hills; Linda Parker, Dream Vacations; and James Robinson, Spire Energy.

The board engaged The Chason Group ([www.thechasongroup.com](http://www.thechasongroup.com)) to lead the executive search process. The firm specializes in executive searches for economic development organizations, chambers of commerce, foundations, and other non-profits.



Join us for a  
retirement reception honoring

*Karen Odle*

JUNE | 14 | 2022

Time: 4pm - 6pm

Vestavia Hills City Hall Council Chamber  
1032 Montgomery Highway  
Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

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June 2, 2022 | 10:30 am

621 Montgomery Hwy

Vestavia Hills, 35216

Join us to welcome Smoothie King to their new location on  
Montgomery Highway and enjoy a free smoothie!

40th Annual

**I LOVE**  
*America*  
**NIGHT**

**Thursday, June 23, 2022**  
**6:00 pm at Wald Park**

*Bring a  
lawn chair  
or blanket*

*Pack a  
picnic or visit  
the concession  
stand*

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**Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce & City of Vestavia Hills**

6:00-8:00 pm

Children's Area Sponsored by Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church  
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Performance by The Three Bobs, 6:00-7:00 pm

Patriotic Concert by Shades Mountain Baptist Church Orchestra, 7:30 pm

 **FIREWORK SHOW** at 8:45 pm 

Free Shuttles will be available from nearby parking lots.  
Visit [www.vestaviiahills.org](http://www.vestaviiahills.org) for Parking and other Information.

**NO PETS please.**

**Rain date: June 30**

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# Trustee Spotlight



## Tyler Kime-Standard Heating, Cooling & Plumbing



Tyler Kime is a long-time resident of Vestavia Hills having attended Vestavia Hills East, Central, Pizitz, and Vestavia Hills High School. During that time, he participated in the Vestavia recreational program playing soccer and baseball. He graduated from VHHS in 1999 where he participated in the Drum Line for all four years, serving as Section Leader during his senior year. As a result of these life experiences, he and his wife, Jenni, decided to move to Vestavia when it came time to raise their family. He and Jenni have three children who attend VH West Elementary. Their children are Thomas (11), Kinley (9), and Karaline (7).



Tyler graduated from Auburn University in 2003 with a degree in Finance. Even though Tyler and Jenni attended Auburn at the same time, they didn't meet until after Tyler graduated. Needless to say, they are both huge Auburn fans.

After college Tyler worked for two different banks in two different cities, Montgomery and Panama City for a couple of years. It was then that he decided that he wanted to work in the family business in Birmingham, Standard Heating & Air Conditioning Company. He traded a suit for blue jeans as his first job at Standard was as an apprentice installing heating and air conditioning systems. He later served as an accounting clerk, project manager, salesman, home performance specialist, and general manager before assuming his current position as President. He loves what he does because his efforts not only make homeowners and business owners more comfortable but he also has the opportunity to lead a group of co-workers who are dedicated to providing the best customer service possible.

In 2017 The News, a national HVAC publication named Tyler to their "Top 40 Under 40" in the industry. Tyler was part of the 2017-18 Leadership Vestavia Hills class has served on the board and was LVH President for 2020-2021 year. He currently serves on the boards of the Better Business Bureau and SubAla and joined the Vestavia Chamber board this year.

## Todd Jackson-Newk's Eatery



Todd Jackson, his wife Sonya, and their partners own and operate the three Birmingham area Newk's Eatery restaurants. With both holding a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management from The University of Missouri-Columbia, Todd and Sonya also own and operate seven additional Newk's Eatery restaurants located in Meridian, MS and throughout Texas. The Birmingham area Newk's Eateries are in Vestavia, Hoover and Downtown, which was the first location to open in 2007.



Newk's Eatery is an express, casual cafe specializing in gourmet pizzas, fresh-tossed salads, and toasted specialty sandwiches. Newk's freshness, quickness, flavor, and hospitality is what sets this restaurant apart from others. Newk's Eatery offers catering for large events as well as small office gatherings with a separate catering menu. Guests will see a Newk's Grab-n-Go section at each location giving customers the option to quickly select their favorite menu item from the stand-up refrigerator to take on the go. There is also curbside pickup and third-party delivery services available for guest convenience.

The success of Newk's Eatery relies on happy guests and exceptional customer service has been the foundation since day one. Newk's uniquely fresh and flavorful food with high quality ingredients and the friendly, industrious staff at each of the stores have created the perfect experience for customers. That winning combination has helped make Newk's a favorite place for lunch, dinner, and catered meals throughout Birmingham. For more information on Newk's Eatery, please visit us at [www.newks.com](http://www.newks.com) or our staff is happy to give you the exceptional Newk's experience at any of our dining locations. Come see our newly renovated locations as well as check out our latest menu offerings!



# Trustee Spotlight



## Steve Mote-Hollywood Outdoor Living



Steve Mote has lived in the Birmingham area since 1976, and his mother, Jo-Ann (Jody) Mote (1932-2019) was extensively involved with the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Vestavia. Much of his family lives in Vestavia Hills. In fact, they jokingly call it "Mote-stavia." He serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Hollywood Outdoor Living (formerly Hollywood Pools).



**HOLLYWOOD**  
OUTDOOR LIVING

Steve and his wife, Michelle Mote, live in Highland Park, but they can frequently be found hanging around Vestavia in local restaurants or spending time with their kids and grandkids at the Vestavia Country Club. They also enjoy deep sea fishing in Perdido Key, Florida, and hunting quail at Five Star Preserve.

In March 2021, Hollywood Pools acquired Alabama Gaslight & Grill, a 52 year old company that offered gas and charcoal grills, lighting, and fireplace products and accessories. In early 2022, the companies completed a rebranding with the help of Scout Branding. Hollywood Outdoor Living ([www.hollywoodoutdoorliving.com](http://www.hollywoodoutdoorliving.com)), the name chosen during the rebrand process, reflects the company's new identity and sustains its legacy of providing luxury pools, spas, lighting, logs, grills, and furniture. They remain a leader in the pool service business throughout the greater Birmingham area.

With these two companies combined, their retail offerings include luxury outdoor furniture like Lloyd Flanders, Homecrest, and Winston. We also carry Sundance Spas and Big Green Egg as well as grills and fire pits by Modern Home Products (MHP), Smokin' Brothers, and Goldens' Cast Iron. Hollywood Outdoor Living also stocks grilling accessories and natural lump charcoal, spices and seasonings, fresh wood chips and chunks to make your cooking experience unique and fun! Their gas logs and fireplace burner product lines include Monessen and Rasmussen, and they offer gas and electric lighting by Everglow, St. James, and Legendary Lighting.

Even with our recent growth and changes, Hollywood Outdoor Living maintains its commitment to being a service-oriented organization that provides regular maintenance and repair services on pools and spas and offers many types of chemicals and cleaning supplies.



## Refer & Win

To be entered in the 2022 Third Quarter Refer and Win prize drawing, simply refer someone to the chamber who joins as a new member. Contact the chamber's Membership and Marketing Consultant, Lisa Christopher at 862-3445 or email [lisac@vestaviiahills.org](mailto:lisac@vestaviiahills.org). Lisa will be happy to provide complete membership information to your prospects and will diligently try to "close the deal" so you can be included in the 2022 Third Quarter drawing for a **\$250 Catering Certificate from Taco Mama!**



Enjoy a Taco/Nacho bar: Ground Beef and Chicken with all the Fresh Fixings\*

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## Member Notes

- **Pure Fitness'** Stand Up Paddle Board classes are back! Join them for a fun workout on Saturday mornings at the Vestavia Hills Aquatic Center at Wald Park. Register at [https://www.wellnessliving.com/schedule/pure\\_fitness-a6lo9o](https://www.wellnessliving.com/schedule/pure_fitness-a6lo9o)
- The Vestavia Hills Farmers Market is now open from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm every Wednesday through August 31! Located at Scout Square, right off of Highway 31, the Farmers Market is an outreach ministry of **VHUMC**, created to bring local crafts and seasonal goods into our community!
- **Mountain Chapel United Methodist Church** is hosting a blood drive for the **American Red Cross** from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm on June 9. 2541 Rocky Ridge Road
- **VHUMC** is collecting your “dusty not rusty” bikes, gear, and bike clothing during our bike drive benefiting Trips for Kids. All donations can be brought to VHUMC Lighthouse beginning Sunday, June 5, through Sunday, June 12. Your donations will be used for the incentive programs that Trips for Kids offers to children. 2061 Kentucky Avenue
- Direct Access at **Birmingham Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine**: You do not need a doctor's referral to be evaluated by our physical therapists! These evaluations can be covered by insurance (call to learn which insurances we accept) or paid for out of pocket. After the evaluation, if we think a referral is needed for further treatment, we will help you through this process! Give us a call at (205) 298-9101 to schedule or learn more.
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- **Birmingham Christian Family** is turning 22! Learn about the Celebrate the Family Expo on May 7 at the Hoover Met Complex and read the latest issue online at <https://birminghamchristian.com/issues/>.
- Save the date for **Sojourn Counseling's** first annual RUN, RIDE and RUMBLE for PTSD Awareness on June 11, 2022 at Cahaba Brewing Company! Learn more at [www.runriderumble.com](http://www.runriderumble.com)
- **Vestavia Toastmasters Club** meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6pm and would love to have you visit! Learn about them at [www.vestavia.toastmastersclubs.org](http://www.vestavia.toastmastersclubs.org)

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\*Chamber Past Chair

## 2022 Chamber Champions

The 2022 Chamber Champions logos are arranged in a grid. The logos include: cellularsales, ProgressBank, ONTIME SERVICE (Electrical • Heating & Cooling • Plumbing), Liberty Park (Vestavia Hills, AL), REGIONS, VESTAVIA HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, AmFirst, State Farm (John Henley, Agent), McDonald's (I'm lovin' it), STANDARD (HEATING • COOLING • PLUMBING), VESTAVIA VOICE, Sentry (HEATING • AIR CONDITIONING PLUMBING • GENERATORS), John Henley, Agent, I'm lovin' it, spire, SpeedPro Imaging (Great. Big. Graphics.), SHADES MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH, GRANDVIEW HEALTH, Ray&Poynor, Ascension St. Vincent's, L&P, OVERTURE TRIBUTARY, and Jackson, Howard & Whatley, CPA's.

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## Upcoming Chamber Meetings

June 14 Chamber Luncheon, 11:30 am, Vestavia Country Club  
 June 16 Board of Directors, 7:45 am, Chamber Office

## Events

June 2 Ribbon Cutting: Smoothie King Vestavia, 10:30 am  
 June 14 Karen Odle Retirement Reception, 4-6 pm, City Hall  
 June 23 I Love America Night, 6 pm, Wald Park

## Other Meetings & Holidays

June 9 Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 pm  
 June 13 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers 6 pm  
 June 16 Board of Zoning Adjustment, 6 pm  
 June 27 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers 6 pm



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