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# NEWS & VIEWS

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## December 13 Luncheon Opera Birmingham, Holiday Program

**O**pera Birmingham, the only professional opera company in North and Central Alabama, has entertained audiences for nearly 70 years with world-class opera productions and concerts. Beyond traditional operas, Opera Birmingham has expanded programming to connect with communities and audiences across Birmingham. Opera Shots brings informal pop-up concerts to bars and parks around the city, with performances featuring some of Birmingham’s best singers. Their annual children’s opera brings classic fairy tales to life in a fun, family-friendly show for children of all ages. Drawing audiences from across Alabama, Opera Birmingham is a leader in our vibrant arts community.



Follow Opera Birmingham on Facebook, or visit [www.OperaBirmingham.org](http://www.OperaBirmingham.org) to learn more about what’s in store this season! Tickets are on sale now for Sounds of the Season on December 18, DWB (Driving While Black) on January 27 and 29, and Hansel & Gretel on April 21 and 23.

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## OnTime Service

I’m Kerry Adkins, the president of OnTime Service. Thank you for your interest in our company. Here’s a little about who we are and what we are about.



My father, George Adkins, began the business in 1975. Eight years later, I joined him as an apprentice electrician. For almost four decades, we focused primarily on residential electrical service, repair, and construction. In 2014, we opened a heating and cooling division. In November 2016, we expanded again by adding plumbing services. And in 2019, we opened a second OnTime Service location to serve Alabama’s Eastern Shore and Gulf Coast. In the Birmingham market, we now also provide appliance repair.

Along the way and to better reflect our commitment to providing service on time, we changed the company name to OnTime Service.

We now employ dozens of heating and cooling technicians, electricians, and plumbers. But we are very picky about who we hire. We conduct extensive background checks on prospective employees, and we perform random drug tests. We insist that our employees are professional, neat, and clean. If an OnTime Service employee ever smokes, swears, or leaves a mess in a customer’s home, our service is free.

We love to support local charities. If you are aware of a worthy and effective local charity, please contact us with their information. We host representatives from charities periodically to educate our team about their work and then we decide as a team which charity to support. We really enjoy hearing firsthand about the great work these organizations are doing in our community.

My wife, Carol, and I are Christians and are actively involved in our local church, so our business is based on

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What's top of mind for you as we approach the last month of 2022?

For some of us it's putting the finishing touches on our 2022 goals and counting them completed. Whether you measure your goal by some business metric or some community achievement I hope you feel good about your contribution and have learned something along the way that will be helpful for your future.

December brings along with it the holiday season where we gather with our families, eat a special meal, exchange gifts and celebrate religious traditions. I wish you holiday blessings for you and your family.

Many of us are laying out our 2023 plans for our business goals and our personal aspirations. This deserves serious consideration to create our 2023 vision and define the actions to take to make our vision our reality.

December is a month where more people volunteer and give generously, many times in response to what they have received. May the spirit of the season fill your heart with thanks and generosity.

As we approach the last month of 2022, I'm especially grateful for the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce staff, Board of Directors and members. The members are the heart of the organization. They provide the financial and volunteer support for the chamber projects and programs that in turn provides the benefits back to the members and the community.

The Board of Directors has really rallied this year to keep the traditions of the chamber on track and to address new opportunities. Their support for the search effort for our new Chamber president resulted in finding Michelle Hawkins, who came on board in June. Michelle has brought new ideas, new perspective and energy that is moving us forward to exciting opportunities. The Chamber staff, Annilyn and Katie, are essential to the success of every effort the Board plans

The planning and move to the new Chamber office in the Community Building was a once in a generation event. After several years of planning, I'm so glad this board was on watch when that achievement was accomplished.

***By the way, come by the new Chamber office and take a tour.***

Another very fulfilling 2022 gratitude is the close working relationship between the Chamber and the City of Vestavia. Cinnamon McCulley, who was named to a new city position, Assistant City Manager, is a vital link in developing future collaborative efforts.

December is the most important month for retail business financial success. Think first about our local businesses, both retail and service, when you make your December purchases. Look around and you will find nuggets of treasures in our local stores to help you with your gift list.

I hope we all finish strong in 2022.

I wish you Christmas cheer and New Year's joy and am thankful for you.

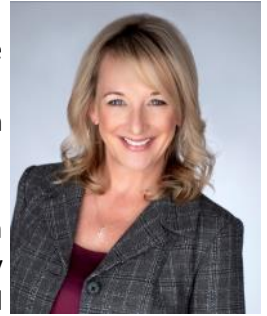
***Sandra Cleveland***  
***BCR Wealth Strategies***  
***Board Chair, 2022***



Sandra Cleveland

**F**rom the President...

Hello dear members of Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce! What a fabulous time of year and our closing month for 2022. This year has given us many new changes, new faces and new offices for the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce. I am blessed beyond words how thankful and grateful to serve you and our business community.



**Michelle Hawkins**

These past six months have been amazing and sometimes overwhelming, but everyday has been a blessing to feel the love and support from all of you... The board of directors have not only shown what a true active board represents but we have established a great team and cherished friendship. I have enjoyed the brainstorming and joy of accomplishing new goals and programs with my staff and Vice Chairs on the Board and terrific partners with the City of Vestavia Hills. A special thank you to Sandra Cleveland, the 2022 Chamber of Commerce Board Chair, her passion and commitment to the success of the Chamber and my new role are GREATLY appreciated.

I have MORE exciting NEWS! I am THRILLED to share a new member of our staff, Tracy Thornton. Tracy is our new Director of Membership & Marketing.

Tracy Tiberia Thornton is a 20-year resident of Vestavia Hills. She graduated from Georgia Southern University with a Middle Grades Education degree. After college she moved to Atlanta, taught school for nine years, attended and graduated with her Masters from the University of Georgia, and met her husband!



They quickly moved out of Atlanta to Vestavia Hills. She taught at Vestavia Hills Elementary Central for four years. She has three children: Gram (18) a freshman at Auburn, Eliza (16) a junior at Vestavia Hills High School, and Chambers (10) a fourth grader at Vestavia Elementary East. All three children are very active. Gram played baseball for VHHS all four years and was voted Captain of the varsity baseball team last year. He is currently an SAE at Auburn in the Building Science program. Eliza is a VHHS football/ competition cheerleader for VHHS and is involved in RISE, Diamond Dolls, and the literacy club. Chambers is the mini mayor of Vestavia. She is in the VHEE choir, tumbles, and is a champ at puzzles!! They also have a fourth baby, Bo who is a handsome German Shorthaired Pointer who loves to eat socks, sleep on the couch, and snuggle close to anyone that will let him.

Tracy is married to Ingram Thornton. Ingram works for Capital Growth Buchalter as the Director of Construction. He and Tracy enjoy attending the many events for their children, listening to music, battling it over college football and enjoying Lake Martin.

Tracy comes to us with 13 years of education experience and her passion for the school system as a parent and a teacher. She has her hand in volunteering as she is the current VHHS PTO president. She loves to see what the community can do to support our hardworking teachers, administrators, and staff and how this benefits our children.

She is leaving her job of 15 years in the fitness industry. Helping people achieve goals that they didn't think were possible was what kept her in it for so long. Now her shift will be to focus on growing a love for our community through living up to what the Chambers' mission is; To serve and promote members and, together with community partners, advance the economic, civic, and educational environment of Vestavia Hills.

I can't wait to introduce her to you! Join us for ALL of our upcoming events: Ribbon Cutting on December 6, 2022, at Local Roots in Cahaba Heights at 11 AM -- share in the fun at Breakfast with Santa on December 10, 2022, at 7:30 AM in our new VH Civic Center ballroom -- celebrate in the Holiday Parade & Party at Liberty Park on December 11, 2022

## December 13 Luncheon

Reservations must be made by 4:00 PM Thursday, December 8, 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, December 8 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:  
December 13

2023 Dates:

January 10  
February 14  
March 14  
April 11  
May 9  
June 13

August 8  
September 12  
October 10  
November 14  
December 12

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

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Christian principles and ethics. We are honest and upfront with everything we do. One example—our technicians provide written estimates for each job before any work is done. And we offer a 100 percent satisfaction guaranty.

We are not perfect, but we make every effort to take responsibility for our mistakes and correct them. I believe it is possible to operate our business in a way that creates a win, win, win situation. That is, the homeowner wins by receiving outstanding service and value, our team member wins by earning a good wage and having a positive, supportive work environment and our company wins by earning a reasonable profit for our effort which allows us to grow and provide more opportunities.

Carol and I are blessed to have a team of professionals who work with us. And we are humbled by the thousands of homeowners who have entrusted us to provide heating and cooling, plumbing and electrical services.

Thank you very much.

Kerry Adkins

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please support our newest Chamber members and remember to 'Shop Vestavia Hills First'!!

- ◆ Highlands Dental Arts  
Franklin Jones, DMD, MS  
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Vestavia Hills, AL 35216  
(205) 740-9465  
www.highlandsdentalarts.com  
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(205) 810-2245  
www.thegolfficeal.com  
Category: Event Facilities
- ◆ Margaret Smith  
Vestavia Hills, AL 35242  
(205) 837-2843  
Category: Individuals

*Refer & Win*

To be entered in the 2022 Fourth Quarter Refer and Win prize drawing, simply refer someone to the chamber who joins as a new member. Contact the Chamber at (205) 823-5011 or email [annilynw@vestaviiahills.org](mailto:annilynw@vestaviiahills.org). We 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 Fourth Quarter drawing for a **Catering Certificate for 10 People from Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe!**







## *Breakfast with Santa*

December 10, 7:30-10:00 am  
New Vestavia Hills Civic Center

Bring the whole family for a pancake breakfast  
with Santa! Free to attend.

## *Vestavia Hills Holiday Parade & Party in the Park*

December 11, 2:00 pm  
Liberty Park

Enjoy the City's Holiday Parade featuring the VHHS Rebel  
Marching Band and Santa Claus! Party in the Park after with  
food trucks, moonwalks, music, vendor booths & Santa!

**Be in the parade! Registration form at [vestaviahills.org](http://vestaviahills.org)**

## *Menorah Lighting*

December 20, 6:00 pm  
Vestavia Hills City Hall

See the lighting of the Menorah and enjoy  
refreshments and activities!



New This Year: Come See the Season in Vestavia Hills! Vestavia Hills  
Businesses have created fun, festive window displays for you to enjoy!  
Find the list of participants at [vhal.org/community/city-events](http://vhal.org/community/city-events)



## Holiday Party in the Park – December 11, 2022: **SPONSOR REGISTRATION**

BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I will have a booth featuring:

- give-aways or an activity
- selling food/drinks or merchandise\*
- a fundraiser for a Vestavia Hills City Schools club or team

\*Businesses MUST have a Vestavia Hills Business License to sell products of any kind.

**NOTE: Tables, chairs and/or tents are NOT provided; participant must supply their own.**

In consideration of the acceptance of this application, the applicant agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Vestavia Hills, the Liberty Park Homeowner's Association and Liberty Park Joint Venture and their members, employees, representatives and agents, from and against any and all liability, loss, cost, damage and expenses, including costs and attorney fees in defense there-of because of actions, claims or lawsuits for damages resulting from personal or alleged to have been sustained by any person or persons and on account of damage to property, arising or alleged to have arisen directly or indirectly out of or in consequence of the applicant's participation in the Vestavia Hills Christmas Celebration.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### EVENT INFORMATION:

- Set-up begins at NOON in the Liberty Park Middle School parking lot.
- Bring all items needed for set up, including any items you intend to distribute. Note: Fun give-aways, games or activities for children encourage traffic to your booth.
- All vehicles must be unloaded and moved to the parking lot at the Liberty Park Athletic Complex (behind the school) by 1pm.
- All vendors selling food, drinks or merchandise of any kind MUST have the appropriate City of Vestavia Hills Business License, issued in advance of the event.
- Parade begins promptly at 2pm; be prepared to have visitors at your booth by 1:30pm.
- The Christmas Party in the Park ends at 4pm. You may bring your vehicle back to the school to pack up any remaining materials at that time.
- Inclement weather: There is no make-up date in the event of inclement weather. Be sure to check the City of Vestavia Hills, Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation or Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce Facebook pages for weather announcements.
- E-mail completed form to: [chamber@vestaviahills.org](mailto:chamber@vestaviahills.org)



## Holiday Notes

- **Vulcan Park and Museum** will be transformed into a delightful wonderland filled with holiday lights, holiday music, special guest appearances, and Santa. The Anvil and Museum will have extended hours until 8 p.m. There will also be food, hot chocolate, wine and beer available for additional purchase. Admission is \$6 for ages 13 and up, \$4 for kids ages 5-12 and children under 4 are free and can be purchased at <https://visitvulcan.com/event/vulcans-magical-nights/all>. Admission includes access to the park grounds, Observation Tower, Museum and Photos with Santa. December 2-4, 9-11 and December 16-18 from 6-8 pm.
- The **Vestavia Hills Library in Forest's** Holiday Portrait Studio is open and available for you to use for your family photos! Sign up for a time slot at [bit.ly/vhlfholiday](http://bit.ly/vhlfholiday).
- **MountainTop Church's** Jingle Jam on December 2 at 6:30 pm is the perfect night to invite friends, family, and neighbors for a fun show and Christmas Party! Wear your pajamas and get ready to experience a fun-filled family service with music, games, skits, glow sticks and lots of laughter! Stay for the AFTER PARTY to enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and Christmas karaoke! Weather permitting, the After Party will take place inside and outside. 225 Centerview Drive
- Stop by **Tangles Vestavia** on December 3 from 10 am-12 pm with any new toy, have a cup of hot cocoa, and have your picture taken with Santa! All toys will be donated to the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. 3386 Morgan Drive
- SANTA is coming to **Learning Express Toys!** He will be here Saturday, December 3rd from 11AM-1PM! Bring your camera and come see him. 3132 Heights Village
- **Vestavia Hills Methodist** Family Ministries invites all ages for a night of Christmas fun on December 7! Grab your dinner from the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:00 pm, then head to Tyson Hall for a showing of Disney's "A Christmas Carol." Pajamas or comfy clothes are strongly encouraged...for ALL ages. There will be tables and chairs for eating but all are encouraged to bring blankets, pillows, or lawn chairs. The movie will begin about 5:15. Please note that children need to be accompanied by an adult. 2061 Kentucky Avenue
- **Vestavia Hills High School Youth Leadership and RISE** will be hosting "Sounds of the Season" on Friday, December 9, 2022 in the new Vestavia Hills Civic Center Ballroom. The evening will begin with a silent auction of art from local artists along with dessert beginning at 6:30. The symphony begins at 8:00. We are thrilled to present this wonderful event for the community, benefiting the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased at [Go.UAB.edu/vhhsrise](http://Go.UAB.edu/vhhsrise).
- A Night with **Unless U** is the perfect way to kick off the Christmas season! We hope you'll join us as the spectacular students of Unless U present: "The Polar Express" on December 9 at 6:30 pm at the DJD Theater at the Alabama School of Fine Arts. Purchase tickets at <https://www.unlessu.org/drama>
- Celebrate Christmas at **Shades Mountain Baptist Church** on December 11 with "In Christ Alone" writers Keith & Kristyn Getty and Shades Mountain's Worship Choir. Performances at 4:00 and 7:30 pm. Purchase tickets at <https://www.shades.org/christmas>
- Santa is coming to the **Vestavia Hills Library** for Family Night on Tuesday, December 13. Come at 6:00 pm to enjoy a meal, then stay for the show at 6:30 pm. Photos with Santa following the event. Everyone is welcome!
- The **Birmingham Boys Choir** will present its 45th Annual Christmas Concert on December 13 at 7 pm at





## *Holiday Notes cont.*

the Samford University Wright Center. The concert is free as our gift to the community and no tickets are needed.

- Ready, Set, Dash! Come out on Saturday December 17th at 7:30am for the 6th Annual 5k and 1mile fun run at **Pure Fitness** in Vestavia Hills. Come dressed as your favorite holiday character and bring your family. Register by December 1st to get a guaranteed t-shirt and race packet with all the goodies! We are also adding in medals that turn into a Christmas ornament this year. Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/VestaviaHills/TheReindeerDash2022>

*Got a special holiday sale or event happening in or December? Send the details to [katiaw@vestaviahills.org](mailto:katiaw@vestaviahills.org) to have it included in our Holiday Notes!*

at 2:00 PM -- VH Chamber luncheon on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at the Vestavia Country Club at 11:30am. Sign up today!

On the behalf of the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce, we wish you and your family a very Happy Holidays! Remember to shop local and share the true love and joy of the season!

With Warm Wishes,

*Michelle Hawkins*  
*President*

# Member Notes

- **Birmingham Physical Therapy** in Cahaba Heights has a couple of small group fitness classes led by PTs! The first is Fit for Life, which is held from 12-1pm Monday-Thursday and focuses on improving the strength, balance, and endurance of its participants. The second is Fit for Life: Mobility, which will be held at 7am on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will focus on improving the mobility and flexibility of its participants. If you are interested in learning more, please email [melaniecosio.dpt@gmail.com](mailto:melaniecosio.dpt@gmail.com)."
- **VIVA Health** offers a 5-Star rated Medicare Advantage plan, which means Alabamians can enroll in VI-VA MEDICARE any time of the year for their 2022 coverage. Call us today at 1-888-830-8482 (TTY: 711) or visit [www.VivaHealth.com/Medicare](http://www.VivaHealth.com/Medicare) to enroll in the highest rated plan in Alabama.
- Read the latest issue of *Birmingham Christian Family* that includes Chamber members Children's of Alabama, Iron City Power Washing, and more online at <https://birminghamchristian.com/issues/>.
- **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)

*If you have any news or events you would like to put in the News & Views, email it to [chamber@vestavi hills.org](mailto:chamber@vestavi hills.org).*

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\*Chamber Past Chair

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The image displays a collection of logos for the 2022 Chamber Champions. The logos are arranged in a grid-like fashion. On the left side, there are logos for cellularsales, ProgressBank, AmFirst, SENTRY, StateFarm, SHADES MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH, Ascension St. Vincent's, SHOESTATION, and MEDICARE ADVISORS OF ALABAMA. In the center, there are logos for LIBERTY PARK VESTAVIA HILLS, McDonald's (i'm lovin' it), a logo with 'DOG' in a circle, and L&P. On the right side, there are logos for REGIONS, STANDARD, spire, GRANDVIEW HEALTH, OVERTURE TRIBUTARY, VESTAVIA HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, VESTAVIA VOICE, SpeedPro Imaging, and Jackson, Howard & Whatley, CPA's.

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**Upcoming Chamber Meetings**

Dec 13

Monthly Luncheon, 11:30 am, Vestavia Country Club

Dec 15

Board of Directors, 7:45 am, Chamber Office

**Events**

Dec 6

Ribbon Cutting: Local Roots, 11 am

Dec 10

Breakfast with Santa, 7:30-10 am, Vestavia Civic Center

Dec 11

Holiday Parade & Party in the Park, 2 pm, Liberty Park

**Other Meetings & Holidays**

Dec 8

Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 pm

Dec 12

City Council Meeting, Council Chambers 6 pm

Dec 15

Board of Zoning Adjustment, 6 pm

Dec 19

City Council Meeting, Council Chambers 6 pm



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