



VESTAVIA HILLS
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December 12 Luncheon Holiday Program

VHHS Jazz Band

The VHHS jazz band is made up of 27 members in grades 10-12.. The Jazz band performs at different functions in the community as well as performing at concerts twice a year. These talented students only rehearse for 20 minutes each day. Also, several students in the ensemble have learned a second instrument in order to perform with the jazz band. The band performs all styles of jazz from swing, to funk, to rock and Latin. The band is under the direction of Heather Palmer and Jerell Horton

Pizitz Middle School Choir

The Pizitz Girls Choir has 44 members from the 7th and 8th grade. In addition to singing in class daily and school performances, they also perform at various community events. The Pizitz Girls Choir is under the direction of Brent Coleman and Melissa Bonds

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.

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Shades Mountain Baptist Church

At Shades Mountain Baptist Church our mission is to leverage who we are and what we've been given for the sake of the Gospel, wherever we are and wherever God takes us. We have a strong commitment to missions across the country and around the world, and we also recognize our responsibility to live on mission right where we are, in our community of Vestavia Hills.



Shades members serve our community in many ways, most notably through our schools and in our police department. We have four School Care Teams that provide support and encouragement to the teachers and staff members at Vestavia Hills Elementary East, West and Dolly Ridge schools and at Pizitz Middle School. Our families also open their homes and host Cop Stop meals for our police officers every month.

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CHAIR'S CORNER

Welcome to December! The time of year that brings along with it the holiday season. Generational traditions are ahead of us when we gather with our families and friends throughout the month. I hope the season's traditions bring holiday blessings for you and your family.

As we approach the end of year 2023, I'm especially grateful for the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce. We have accomplished a lot together -our Chamber staff, Board of Directors, and of course our members. Our members are the heart of the organization. Continued generosity of volunteers and financial support allow us to maintain and grow our business community here in Vestavia Hills.

The Board of Directors has worked closely with the Chamber staff in developing new events and new sources of revenue, that in turn provide a higher level of service to our member businesses. This has been our focus throughout the year. Michelle Hawkins-Chamber President, along with her team of talented staff (Tracy, Katie, and Annilyn) do a fantastic job with event planning, ribbon cuttings, marketing, and membership development. I am blessed to have been able to work alongside such a professional Board and talented staff!

During the year, we were able to put the finishing touches on the new Chamber Office. It is an amazing space. We hope you and your business will take advantage of our beautiful conference room to host your next meeting. The entire building is such an incredible addition to our city!

As 2023 comes to a close, let me pay a special thanks to our partnership with the City of Vestavia Hills. Mayor Curry, Jeff Downes, Cinnamon McCulley, the City Council, and many others continue to collaborate with our Chamber, and I'm proud to have served with this group of leaders. The City's support of the Chamber is vital to our ongoing mission.

December is packed full of events to celebrate the season, support our local shops and restaurants, and spread holiday cheer!

It has been my honor to serve as Board Chair for the Chamber during 2023. I've been blessed to have met so many new friends and colleagues, and I look forward to seeing you often in 2024.

Wishing you and your families nothing but the best this holiday season!

Cheers!

Donnie Dobbins
First Horizon Bank
Board Chair, 2023

Hello and Happy Holidays!

It's truly the most wonderful time of the year. Here at the Chamber, December brings an array of business networking events, community partnerships, and fun festive events all this month. Check out our [Events Calendar](#) and please join us – you will come away smiling and joyful!

You are invited to celebrate with us at our **Christmas Chamber Luncheon on Tuesday, December 12, 2023**. We are excited to have two special performances from our VHHS Jazz Band and Pizitz Girls Choir. Networking begins at 11:30 AM and the buffet will open at 11:45 AM. [Register Here!](#)



Michelle Hawkins

[VIVA Committee Meeting](#)

Wednesday, December 6th 11:30 AM

Lunch will be provided

Ribbon Cuttings are a fun networking time but most importantly we are welcoming new businesses into Vestavia Hills. We are so proud to have celebrated **33 Ribbon Cuttings** this year including these new Chamber members:

Activate Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, December 14, 2023, 12 PM

1425 Montgomery Hwy Suite 173, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

Shoot 360 Ribbon Cutting

Friday, December 15, 2023, 12 PM

2301 Old Columbiana Rd Suite 200, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

Holiday in the Hills

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 9th 7:30 – 10:00 AM; Vestavia Hills Civic Center

1090 Montgomery Hwy, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

Bring the whole family for a pancake breakfast with Santa!

Free to attend-Breakfast courtesy of the City of Vestavia Hills.

[Menorah Lighting Vestavia Hills](#)

Thursday, December 14th 5:30 PM; 1032 Montgomery Highway, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

Celebrate and enjoy latkes, donuts, music, kids' activities and gelt drop. [More Info](#)

All is Bright *Date change*

Friday, December 15, 2023, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM; 700 Montgomery Hwy, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

Enjoy Christmas activities, photo opportunities, live performances, a visit with Santa, lots of great giveaways, vendors, Christmas carols, free kids' activities and more.

Reindeer Dash 2023 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run

Saturday, December 16th 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM; 100 Old Town Rd Ste 100, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

[Sign Up Here!](#)

VIVA Vestavia Hills

Get ready to celebrate the vibrant spirit of Vestavia Hills. Join us for an evening highlighting restaurants, food, and dining -- showcasing restaurants like: Bistro V, Satterfield's, Kathy G Catering, The Ridge Eat and Drink, Samurai Japan, and many more. There will be samples of food and beverages for you to try, plus a silent auction! Proceeds benefit the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce Foundation General and Scholarship Funds.

Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 6:30PM – 9:00PM

Vestavia Hills Civic Center

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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 about 140 people—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 Christian principles and ethics. We are honest and upfront with everything we do. One example—our technicians are required to 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, provide more opportunities and support Alabama-based charities.

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

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We are also proud to support the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce by sponsoring several community events including the Dogwood Prayer Breakfast and I Love America Night. Shades has also served as a sponsor of the Vestavia Hills Police Foundation's Community Night Out event.

Every Sunday at Shades we offer classes and programs for all age groups. Our Preschool and Kid's ministries have fun activities for children, and our Student Ministry provides opportunities for bible study and recreation for 6th Graders through high school seniors. Adults from college age through those age 60 and better have bible study groups and activities for fellowship and service.

Worship at Shades includes uplifting songs and practical application of scripture through the preaching of our Senior Pastor George Wright. Worship Services and Sunday School groups are at 9:00am and 10:30am each Sunday. For Christmas Eve we will have special services at 1:00pm, 3:00pm and 5:00pm. We invite you and your family to come and celebrate the season with us at Shades.

December 12 Luncheon

Reservations must be made by 4:00 PM Thursday, December 7, 2023 and cost \$25. Late reservations will cost \$30. Make your reservation by visiting www.vestaviahills.org or by calling 823-5011.

Please Note:

- Reservations that are made and not cancelled by 4:00 pm Thursday, December 7 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.

Holiday Wine Game

The Wine Game is back for the December 12th Luncheon. This year's proceeds will go to the Vestavia Hills High School Band to help with expenses for their trip to Italy to march in Rome's New Year's Day Parade.

- Pay \$10 to play the Christmas Wine Game
- Draw a card and tear it in half.
- Keep your half until the drawing begins.
- After the invocation and pledge, cards will be drawn for you to choose a wrapped bottle of wine.
- DO NOT unwrap the bottle of wine until you are told to do so.

Each participant will receive a bottle of wine with a minimum value of \$10.

One lucky winner will find a \$100 bill taped to their bottle!

We have a limited number of bottles, so come early to be sure you are able to participate.

Cash, checks and credit cards accepted.

No Invoices-Payment is required when you enter the drawing.



RIBBON CUTTING

RISE & REFINE

Hot Yoga

DECEMBER 8TH

12:00 PM

300 OLD TOWNE ROAD
VESTAVIA HILLS AL 351216

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

◆ Shoot 360 Birmingham

Jonathan Carter
2301 Old Columbiana Road, Suite 200
Vestavia Hills, AL 35216
(256) 497-3839
www.shoot360birmingham.com
Category: Athletics

◆ Reecee's Reach

Cerissa Brown
7841 1st Ave N. Suite 351
Birmingham, AL 35206
(205) 335-1792
www.reecesreach.org
Category: Therapy; Organizations

◆ Karen Scott ARC Realty: Properties in the Park

Karen Scott
Vestavia Hills, AL 35242
(205) 639-7266
[Www.propertiesinthepark.com](http://www.propertiesinthepark.com)
Category: Real Estate (Agent)

Ribbon Cutting

The logo for ACTIVATE, featuring the word in a stylized, blue, sans-serif font with a white outline.

December 14th 2023
12:00 PM

1425 Montgomery Hwy
Vestavia Hills AL 35216

Ribbon Cutting for:

The logo for SHOOT 360 BIRMINGHAM, featuring the word 'SHOOT' in a black, outlined font, '360' in a large, red, outlined font, and 'BIRMINGHAM' in a black, outlined font below it.

December 15th
12:00 PM

2301 Old Columbiana Rd
Vestavia Hills AL 35216

Congratulations to our Businesses of the Year!

Service-Unless U

Retail-Leaf & Petal



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 2024, please email katiew@vestaviiahills.org

2023:
December 12

2024 Dates:

January 9
February 13
March 12
April 9

May 14
June 11
August 13
September 10

October 8
November 12
December 10

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1090 Montgomery Highway Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

Valet parking will be available.

[Buy Tickets Here!](#)

The Chamber office will be closed from Friday, December 22nd through January 1st for the Christmas holiday week and New Years Day.

As always and especially this Holiday Season SHOP. DINE. PLAY. In Vestavia Hills!

It is my honor and joy to serve all our Vestavia Hills Chamber members.

Michelle Hawkins



Mark your calendar for this year's Holiday in the Hills events!

November 30 - December 23

Elf ZunZun Opens

4 pm every Thursday,
Friday & Saturday
4105 Crosshaven Drive

December 3

Holiday Parade & Party in the Park

2:00 pm
Liberty Park
*Rain Date: December 10

December 9

Breakfast with Santa

7:30-10:00 am
Vestavia Hills Civic Center

December 14

Menorah Lighting

5:30 pm
Vestavia Hills City Hall

December 15

Date Change

All is Bright

5:30-7:30 pm
Vestavia City Center

December 16

Reindeer Dash 5k & Fun Run

7:30 am
100 Old Town Road

Presented by the City of Vestavia Hills and Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce
Visit www.vestaviiahills.org for more information.

VIVA VESTAVIA HILLS

A taste of Vestavia Hills Restaurants and Fine Wines

Presented by
the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce Foundation
Benefitting the Chamber Foundation Scholarship + Capital Funds

January 23, 2024, 6:30-9:00 pm

Vestavia Hills Civic Center

Tickets: \$50 On Sale December 2023

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Participating Restaurants



Member Notes

- The Elf ZunZun Pop Up Christmas Bar is now open at **El ZunZun!** Featuring a selfie-inducing explosion of Christmas décor, along with holiday-themed cocktails and appetizers. Elf ZunZun is located on the enclosed patio at 4105 Crosshaven Drive in Vestavia Hills. Free parking and easy access to the patio bar make this a go-to this holiday season. The fun kicks-off on Thursday, November 30, 2023 and will be open beginning at 4 p.m. every Thursday, Friday and Saturday through December 23.
- Help **Home Instead Senior Care** be a Santa to a Senior! Purchase a Christmas tote bag and fill it with new items from their wish list! You can also order items from their Amazon wish list: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/127BCBC7ZNQ9V/>
- The **Birmingham Boys Choir** invites you to their 46th Annual Christmas Concert on December 5 at 7 pm at the Samford University Wright Center.
- The **Vestavia City Center's** All is Bright has been rescheduled to December 15 at 5:30 pm. Enjoy lots of Christmas activities, fun photo opportunities, live performances, a visit with Santa, lots of great giveaways, vendors, Christmas carols, free kids activities, and more! 700 Montgomery Highway
- Ready, Set, Dash! Come out on Saturday December 16th at 7:30am for our 7th Annual 5k and 1mile fun run at **Pure Fitness** in Vestavia Hills. Come dressed as your favorite holiday character and bring your family. Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/VestaviaHills/TheReindeerDash2018>
- **Magic City SC** home opener will be on February 2, 2024! Get tickets at magiccitysc.com
- Read the December issue of **Birmingham Christian Family** magazine that features Chamber members Vapor Ministries, The Jimmie Hale Mission, and more online at <https://birminghamchristian.com/issues/>.

If you have any news or events you would like to put in the News & Views, email it to chamber@vestavi hills.org.

Please join us to celebrate the promotion of **Captain Shane Ware** to **Chief of Police** for Vestavia Hills

The City of Vestavia Hills and the Vestavia Hills Police Foundation invites you to join us as we celebrate with **Chief Ware** at the following events:

DECEMBER 9TH / 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM
Vestavia Hills Civic Center Lobby
(in conjunction with Breakfast with Santa)

DECEMBER 11TH / 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Vestavia Hills Police Department – Court Room
Light refreshments will be served.

Chief Ware's "Swearing-in" will be at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at the beginning of the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

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Upcoming Chamber Meetings

Dec 12 Monthly Luncheon, 11:30 am, Vestavia Country Club
 Dec 21 Board of Directors, 7:45 am, Chamber Office

Events

Dec 8 Ribbon Cutting: Rise + Refine Hot Yoga, 12 pm
 Dec 9 Breakfast with Santa, 7:30-10 am, Vestavia Civic Center
 Dec 14 Ribbon Cutting: Activate Birmingham, 12 pm
 Dec 15 Ribbon Cutting: Shoot 360 Birmingham, 12 pm

Other Meetings & Holidays

Dec 11 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers 6 pm
 Dec 14 Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 pm
 Dec 18 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers 6 pm
 Dec 21 Board of Zoning Adjustment, 6 pm



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