



VESTAVIA HILLS
CHAMBER
of
COMMERCE

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January 9 Luncheon Awards Luncheon & Officer Installation

What an outstanding year the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce has had! Please mark your calendar and join us as we celebrate our accomplishments of 2023!

We will honor the many folks at our January luncheon who have contributed so much throughout the year along with recognizing our Businesses of the Year, Member of the Year, Ambassador of the Year and many others. We will also install new officers and directors for the coming year.

We would like to acknowledge your contribution in making our Chamber such a vibrant and vital part of Vestavia Hills. Hope to see you there!

LUNCHEON SPONSORS

Vestavia Country Club

Welcome to Vestavia Country Club, one of the finest country clubs in the South! We are proud to host the Chamber each month and appreciate the opportunity to extend our rich tradition of hospitality to each of you.



As a rule, we strive to transform the lives of our Club Community, which we define as Members, staff, and the city of Vestavia! We challenge ourselves to be the leaders in the club experience, and we value passion, trust, respect, hospitality, and teamwork.

Since 1948, our club has offered a wide range of social and recreational experiences. These experiences include community/socializing, events, business networking, dining, golf, tennis, fitness, childcare, youth activities, pools, swim team, and more. All of these wonderful amenities boast beautiful views of the valley and surrounding foothills of the Appalachian Mountains!

Our welcoming and professional staff are eager to provide unparalleled service, and we look forward to extending that warm and friendly experience to you! Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to make your Chamber experience more enjoyable, and – again – welcome to our club!

For more information about Vestavia Country Club, or to schedule a club tour, please contact Membership & Communications Director, Katy Williams at 205-823-2451.

There was a song written by the Byrds in 1965 based on a passage of Scripture from Ecclesiastes that talks about a time, or shall we say a season for everything. Our calendars are often designed around those seasons such as Football Season, Lake Season, Holiday Season, or other seasons that affect how we plan and conduct our daily, weekly, monthly, and annual routines.



As you begin 2024, what Season do you find yourself in with the start of a Brand-New Year? Does your season include new family challenges, career challenges, financial challenges, or even health care challenges that we often focus on at the first of the year? Whatever season you are experiencing, this time of the year often presents opportunities for us to amend goals and objectives as well as set new plans of action for how we accomplish those goals for the New Year and the New Season.

As your Chair this year, I hope you will allow the Chamber to be an integral part of helping you be successful for your 2024 year and season. I am excited to serve as your Chair, and I also am excited for the dynamic talents and abilities of our various Board Members, and our Chamber Staff. Please do not hesitate to let us know how we can best serve you and the well-being of your business.

As always, our aim is to help maximize your investment in your Chamber membership, so that you can fully experience the benefits of living, working, and playing in Vestavia Hills as part of Living "A Life Above."

Humbly,

Clabe Dobbs
Millennial Bank
Board Chair, 2024

Happy Greetings and Happy New Year!

As we welcome in the new year here at the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce, I find it is a time of reflecting, focusing on new goals, and giving of oneself. I am so pleased with the accomplishments and growth of our Chamber but I'm especially happy with the positive energy and excitement within our Chamber membership and participation. So often I hear from people in other cities and communities how amazed with everything we do here at the Chamber, not only with events and activities but with member/business engagement.



Michelle Hawkins

We are thrilled as our Chamber signature events such as I Love America Night, with a record attendance of more than 5,000, and Haunt the Hills with more than 1,500 in attendance. We have successfully collaborated with the City of Vestavia Hills with many joint events and festivals throughout the year with the Dogwood Festival and Holiday in the Hills. We have onboarded over 100 new members in 2023 and have grown many of our committees including the Business Development Committee to an active group represented by business owners, developers, service professionals, and City leadership. Our new member orientation meetings are not only for new members, but longtime members can join the networking fun to find out new updated membership benefits.

I want to thank the hard-working staff here at the Chamber with fresh new ideas and implementing programs to support and promote our business members. Such member engagement programs and events are:

- 35 Ribbon Cuttings
- Shop. Dine. Play. Pigs Scavenger Hunt and Holiday festivities
- 8 Coffee and Classrooms events
- 11 Chamber Luncheons
- 45 Try It Tuesdays
- 6 Lunch and Learns
- Vestavia Hills Shares Card

I want to encourage all members to participate and volunteer; you will get back in so many ways more than the time you give.

As a Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce member, you all are the heart, soul, and future success of the Chamber and it is my honor and joy to serve you.

Michelle Hawkins

January 9 Luncheon

Reservations must be made by 4:00 PM Thursday, January 4, 2024 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, January 4 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.

2024 Luncheon Reservations

We offer 2 options to make luncheon reservations easier:

- **Standing Reservation:** make a Standing Reservation and you will automatically be on each month's reservation list so you will not need to make a reservation each month. If you find you will not be able to attend a month, you will need to let us know to take you off the list for that month.
- **Pre-Paid Luncheons:** pay in advance for however many of the luncheons you would like so you won't have to worry about paying each month.

Please email katiw@vestaviahills.org if you would like a Standing Reservation or to Pre-Pay.

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 katiw@vestaviahills.org

2024 Dates:

January 9	May 14	October 8
February 13	June 11	November 12
March 12	August 13	December 10
April 9	September 10	

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

- ◆ CMIT Solutions of Birmingham South
Kerry Wheelers
1 Chase Corporate Center, Suite 400
Birmingham, AL 35244
(205) 960-2648
www.cmitsolutions.com
Category: Information Technology
- ◆ Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama
Anna Ogburn
7705 North Lake Drive
Trussville, AL 35173
(800) 734-4541
www.girlscoutsna.org
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- ◆ Burns, Brashier & Johnson LLC
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4128 Crosshaven Drive
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- ◆ Hilton Garden Inn Liberty Park
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2090 Urban Center Parkway
Vestavia Hills, AL 35242
(205) 503-5220
www.hilton.com
Category: Hotels; Event Facilities; Restaurants
- ◆ Home2Suites Colonnade
Cindy Tidwell
3920 Colonnade Parkway
Birmingham, AL 35243
(205) 969-7631
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- ◆ Fairfield Inn Colonnade
Cindy Tidwell
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Birmingham, AL 35243
(205) 969-7630
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- ◆ Springhill Suites Colonnade
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3950 Colonnade Parkway
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Category: Hotels; Event Facilities
- ◆ Jay Pickering Law Firm
James Pickering
1728 3rd Ave N., Fifth Floor
Birmingham, AL 35203
(205) 974-8274
www.jaypickeringlaw.com
Category: Attorneys
- ◆ The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill
Anand Prajapati
700 Montgomery Highway, Suite 190
Vestavia Hills, AL 35216
(205) 356-0530
www.thegreatgreekgrill.com
Category: Restaurants
- ◆ FIDOS Facility Dogs
Kelly Schaeffer
456 Paige Drive
Hoover, AL 35226
(205) 354-3285
www.fidosfacilitydogs.org
Category: Organizations
- ◆ American Family Care
Scarlett Feazell
708 Montgomery Highway, Suite 101
Vestavia Hills, AL 35216
(205) 421-2084
www.americanfamilycare.com
Category: Healthcare
- ◆ Farm for Hope
Brianna Davis
2828 Old 280 Ct, Suite 160
Vestavia Hills, AL 35243
(205) 787-0881
www.farmforhope.org
Category: Therapy; Organizations

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Review Your Membership Information

Start 2024 with a freshly updated Member Listing! Take a few minutes to review your contact info and make sure it's current. Visit www.vestaviiahills.org and click on Directory under the Membership drop-down menu to see how your business is listed in our directory.

Send any changes to katiew@vestaviiahills.org.



VESTAVIA HILLS

A LIFE ABOVE

2024 COMMITTEE PREFERENCE SHEET



Scan Here to Fill
Out Online!

YOU are the key to a year of accomplishment for the Chamber. In order to receive full value of your Chamber membership we urge you to actively participate in the committee structure by indicating your commitment to one or more of the following committees. You will be notified of important committee meetings.

Please fax, mail, call or email the information to the Chamber.

- Ambassadors
- Business Support
- Membership
- Viva Vestavia

Community Affairs

- Dogwood Prayer Breakfast - Spring
- I Love America Night – July
- Haunt the Hills - October

Name _____

Company _____

Address (Street) _____

Address (City, State, Zip) _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Fax _____

Email _____

VIVA VESTAVIA HILLS

A taste of Vestavia Hills Restaurants and Fine Wines

Presented by
the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce Foundation
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January 23, 2024, 6:30-9:00 pm

Vestavia Hills Civic Center

Tickets: \$50
vestaviiahills.org



MANY THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!



Participating Restaurants



Member Notes

- **Pure Fitness** is kicking off 2024 in their new space and you are invited to the Launch Party on January 6 from 9-10 am! Grab a friend or family member and come ready to make your vision board, set goals, indulge in a healthy brunch, grab our new client discounts, and learn about our new Optimal Movement Program! The first 10 people to walk through the door receive a free gift! 100 Olde Towne Road
- Join the **Birmingham Squadron** at Legacy Arena as they pay tribute to the Magic Cities bravest men and women during our First Responders Night on January 20th at 7 pm. Our First Responders are the true heroes of Birmingham and this night is focused on showing our appreciation for their dedication and sacrifice. Let's come together as a community to show up and show out to recognize these outstanding individuals and their oath to keep us all safe. In addition to the celebration, the Squadron will also be hosting games and events throughout the night to showcase the incredible skills of our first responders. If you are a first responder and would like to participate, we welcome your involvement in making this evening even more memorable. For any inquiries or if you are interested in participating in the games and events, please feel free to contact Nick Welden at Nick.Welden@pelicans.com
- **Activate Birmingham** is now open! Activate offers high-tech games that test your team's physical and mental agility across a wide variety of real-life challenges. Make sure to check them out at 1425 Montgomery Highway, Suite 191
- **Magic City SC** home opener will be on February 2, 2024! Get tickets at magiccitysc.com
- Read the January issue of **Birmingham Christian Family** magazine that features Chamber member Children's of Alabama, education opportunities, local events 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@vestaviahills.org.

RIBBON CUTTINGS

Join us at a ribbon cutting celebrating



January 16th 2024
4:30 PM

3186 Rush St Vestavia Hills AL 35242

INAUGURAL

Volunteer Fair

LEADERSHIP VESTAVIA HILLS

Vestavia Hills Civic Center
Cahaba Room
Monday, February 12
11 AM - 2 PM



FOR MORE INFO:
205-978-0166 | ealoudermilk@gmail.com

Member2Member Discount

Did you know discounts are available from your fellow Vestavia Hills Chamber members? Login to your Member account either through www.vestaviiahills.org or the MemberPlus mobile app to see what's available or add one of your own!



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Upcoming Chamber Meetings

Jan 9 Monthly Luncheon, 11:30 am, Vestavia Country Club
 Jan 18 Board of Directors, 7:45 am, Chamber Office

Events

Jan 16 Ribbon Cutting: Stone Mountain Dental, 4:30 pm
 Jan 23 Viva Vestavia, 6:30-9 pm, Vestavia Hills Civic Center

Other Meetings & Holidays

Jan 8 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers 6 pm
 Jan 11 Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 pm
 Jan 18 Board of Zoning Adjustment, 6 pm
 Jan 22 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers 6 pm



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