



VESTAVIA HILLS
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May 14 Luncheon Ashley Gann Public Information Officer for Auburn University

Ashley Gann, former chief meteorologist at CBS 42, now serves as the Public Information Officer for Auburn University, where she works within The Office of Institutional Compliance and Security. She provides forecasts, communication strategies, and solutions to help ensure the safety for all those in the Auburn University Community.



A 2018 graduate of Leadership Vestavia Hills, Ashley is also Leadership Development instructor within The Harbert College of Business.

Likely most well known for her public persona, Ashley and her husband, Derek Gann, also co-own two businesses in the Camellia state. Here in Birmingham, they own 101 Mobility and most recently they opened the first Iron Tribe Fitness in Auburn, a Birmingham-based health and wellness franchise.

Ashley and her husband Derek have 4 kids, are active in their local church, and can usually be found at a neighborhood ballfield most evenings.

LUNCHEON SPONSORS

John Henley State Farm

John is a local Vestavia Hills State Farm Agent and he enjoys helping his clients manage the risks of everyday life, recover from the unexpected and realize their dreams. John and his wife Gina are residents of Vestavia Hills and have lived here for over 22 years.



John Henley Agency

John and his team work hard every day to help their clients. They also strive to be here when their clients need them most, walking through the claims process and helping our customers when needed. Please stop by the office at 2064 Columbiana Road, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216, give him a call at 205-823-1343, email him at john@callhenley.com or visit him on-line at www.callhenley.com to obtain additional information or a free quote.

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Sentry Heating, Air Conditioning, Plumbing, Electrical and Generators

Sentry Heating and Air Conditioning in Vestavia Hills has been a Chamber member since 1989. In 2003 we added plumbing to our business. We now proudly call ourselves Sentry Heating, Air Conditioning, Plumbing, Electrical and Generators. Since that time Sentry has proudly been serving the Vestavia Hills and all other communities for over 37 years. Sentry has been in Vestavia Hills ever since its inception.



Sentry is Alabama's first and the only 10-time winner of the prestigious "President's Award" from the Carrier Corporation for Customer Service and Satisfaction.

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Well, if you are like me, in the midst of about 20 various activities, there is the realization that one third of our year is already in the books. Many of us probably wonder how did we get here so fast, and more importantly, have we made the best use of the time that has already elapsed.



With the filing and/ or extensions of tax season behind us, the Spring plantings and beginning of outdoor activities, and the anticipation of the conclusion of the School year, May is a terrific opportunity to let the Chamber work for you. The staff here has done an outstanding job of creating momentum with the recruiting of new members and retention of previous members. New Board Members have developed innovative ideas and strategies that we are working to replicate so that you and your business can experience the best return on your investment of time and energy involved with your Chamber Membership.

There are many events on the calendar for you to get involved with. Perhaps you could work with the I Love America Committee to help plan another stellar "I Love America" celebration that will take place at the end of June. Perhaps you have an idea of a profound or impactful speaker that could help share with the Chamber ideas of leadership and business success. Or perhaps, you had the privilege of hearing from Anna Curry Gualano who shared a powerful message of determination and perseverance at this April's Dogwood Prayer Breakfast. Or perhaps you can bring additional ideas to our standing Education, Membership, and Business Development Committees who are working hard to help drive business into our Chamber Member's Doors.

Again, I am honored to serve as your Chairman this year, and the main objective of our Board, Staff, and Chamber Membership in general is to help our business thrive and better serve the citizens and visitors of Vestavia Hills. Please do not hesitate to let me know how I can best serve you as we continue to make Vestavia Hills the place to "Shop, Dine, and Play."

Clabe Dobbs
Board Chair, 2024

Hello and Happy MAY from your Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce! I hope everyone is excited and anticipating a productive and active month. It's a busy month for most businesses right before it starts slowing down over the summer months, while other businesses are gearing up for a super active summer. We are here and always working to SERVE and PROMOTE our members. Please let us know how we can better serve you.



Michelle Hawkins

April was in full swing with more than a dozen Dogwood Festival events, including our 33rd Annual Dogwood Prayer Breakfast. The sold-out crowd received such a wonderful blessing of inspiration, encouragement and faith from keynote speaker, Anna Curry Gualano. Wrapping up the month with fun outdoor events with bands, food, and festivities at Wing Ding and Heights Hangout.

Like May flowers, Vestavia Hills Chamber is growing, blooming, and adding fun events celebrating and promoting businesses with Ribbon Cuttings, Business After Hours, Lunch and Learns, Try it Tuesdays, Business Buzz, Vestavia Hills Shares Card, Coffee and Classrooms, engaging Business Development, Ambassador/Young Professional -Bizz and Fizz events, and monthly Chamber Luncheons. Our largest event is right around the corner – I Love America Night!

Please let us know if you have an event and we will help promote it! JOIN US! Most events are only one-hour long, and the benefits of networking and member development opportunities are substantial. Get involved and you will find how beneficial being a member is – the more you participate, truly, the more you will receive. Mark your calendar and join us at these upcoming events!

Blue Lake Orthodontics Ribbon Cutting – Wednesday, May 1st 12:00 PM

Vestavia Hills Chamber Luncheon – Tuesday, May 14th 11:30 AM

Business Buzz – Wednesday, May 15th 8:30 AM

Coffee and Classrooms at Dolly Ridge Elementary – May 16th 8:30 AM

42nd, I Love America Night – June 27th at Wald Park

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful special women in our lives and please remember to SHOP DINE and PLAY LOCAL! Share the Love of the Hills

Michelle Hawkins

May 14 Luncheon

Reservations must be made by 4:00 PM Thursday, May 9, 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, May 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.

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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.

Our Comfort System Specialists are a combination of technician and customer service representatives. They are continually educated in Generator, Plumbing, Electrical and HVAC repair techniques. We offer quality generator, electrical, plumbing, HVAC and IAQ products for your home or office needs.

Sentry's motto is "On Guard For Your Comfort 24/7. If you need HVAC, Plumbing or Electrical service for your residential or commercial needs call us at (205) 979-9864 or on our website at www.sentryheating.com

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John is a past chair of the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce and is a former member of the Vestavia Hills City Council. He has been a member of the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce since 2005, and currently is a Trustee and Chamber Champion. He is a graduate and Past President of Leadership Vestavia Hills, and a Charter Member and Past President of the Vestavia Hills Sunrise Rotary Club He and his family are active members of St. Elias Maronite Catholic Church.

You can follow John's agency on Facebook or on Twitter at @SFAgentHenley. John wants you to be a part of their State Farm family so give him or his team a call today.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

- ◆ Susan Sloan
Vestavia Hills, AL 35223
(205) 941-8786
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- ◆ Noto Roofing
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notoroofing.com
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- ◆ Fite Building Company
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fitebuilding.com
Category: Construction
- ◆ Massey, Stotser & Nichols
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(205) 823-9041
msnattorneys.com
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- ◆ Massey, Stotser & Nichols
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Category: Attorneys
- ◆ Massey, Stotser & Nichols
Chesley Payne
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msnattorneys.com
Category: Attorneys
- ◆ The Heavenly Donut Company
Brock Beiersdoerfer
4911 Cahaba River Road, Suite 105
Birmingham, AL 35243
(205) 536-7200
theheavenlydonutco.com
Category: Restaurants; Bakery; Coffee Shop
- ◆ General Informatics
Andrew Burke
1200 Corporate Drive, Suite 470
Birmingham, AL 35242
(205) 413-4454
geninf.com
Category: Information Technology
- ◆ General Informatics
Ches Allen
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Category: Information Technology
- ◆ General Informatics
Matthew Corvin
1200 Corporate Drive, Suite 470
Birmingham, AL 35242
(205) 413-4454
geninf.com
Category: Information Technology
- ◆ Monster Tree Service of Birmingham
Dylan Digmon
Vestavia Hills, AL 35216
(205) 473-0835
monstertreeservice.com/Birmingham
Category: Lawn Services; Home Services

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- ◆ Gina Falletta State Farm
Gina Falletta
1016 Montgomery Highway
Vestavia Hills, AL 35216
(205) 731-4663
ginafalletta.com
Category: Insurance

- ◆ Birmingham Chimney Services
Dylan Horton
6168 Woodview Lane
McCalla, AL 35111
(205) 764-7240
birminghamchimneyservices.com
Category: Home Services

- ◆ ARC Realty-Michael Perez
Michael Perez
4274 Cahaba Heights Court, Suite 200
Vestavia Hills, AL 35243
(205) 529-9237
michaelperez.com
Category: Real Estate (Agent)

- ◆ Barringer CPA
Richard McCallum
2320 Highland Avenue, Suite 150
Birmingham, AL 35205
(205) 913-7779
barringercpa.com
Category: Accountants

- ◆ Alan Walker-Deputy Director of Capital Projects-City of Birmingham
Alan Walker
Vestavia Hills, AL 35216
(205) 910-4816
birminghamal.gov
Category: Government; Engineers

- ◆ DeJa Vu Events & Designs
Ashley Bailey
5135 Meadow Lake Trail
Bessemer, AL 35020
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dejavueventsanddesigns.com
Category: Event Planning

- ◆ Robert Half
Kylee Shanaghan
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roberthalf.com
Category: Staffing Firm

- ◆ Robert Half
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Category: Staffing Firm



May 1
Blue Lake Orthodontics
12:00 pm
3100 Blue Lake Drive, Suite 200
Vestavia Hills, AL 35243

May 21
The Dog Nanny Grooming Salon
12:00 pm
220 Old Town Road, Suite 220
Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

42nd Annual I Love America Night

June 27, 6:00 pm at Wald Park
2024 Sponsor Information Package

**Businesses must be either located in Vestavia Hills or
a member of the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce to be a sponsor.**

Traditional Levels

GOLD LEVEL - \$375

- A 10' X 10' tent provided for your use with a 6' table and two chairs to display promotional materials and information regarding your business, with optional access to electricity; Sponsor booths are open from 6:00 -8:00 pm.
- Logo on posters
 - will be included on flyers sent home with Vestavia Hills elementary students & in Vestavia Voice ad if sponsor form is received by May 3
 - logo will need to be provided to the Chamber in a pdf or jpg format
- Business Name listed in Over the Mountain Journal ad and News and Views (the Chamber's newsletter) and smaller flyers
- I Love America Night Sponsor Gift

SILVER LEVEL - \$250

- Booth space at event-business must provide their own table and chairs (and tent if they want one). No access to electricity will be available-you may bring your own generator if you need electricity.
- Business name listed in printed materials: News and Views (the Chamber's newsletter), Over the Mountain Journal ad, posters, press releases, etc.
 - will be included on flyers sent home with Vestavia Hills elementary students & in Vestavia Voice ad if sponsor form received by May 3
- I Love America Night Sponsor Gift

FOOD TRUCKS/VENDORS - \$100

- Please contact Chamber Office for Food Truck/Vendor information

Register by May 3 to be included in Vestavia Voice ad and School Flyers, and May 19 for all other advertising.

*Rain Date: July 2

*Please note: This event would not be possible without our sponsors, therefore, only sponsors will be allowed hand anything out at the event.

I Love America Night

Sponsorship Form

Please complete the following and return to the
Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce by May 17*.

*Turn sponsorship form in by May 3 to be included in School Flyers & Vestavia Voice ad

Business Name _____
As you would like the publicity to read. Please print legibly.

Contact _____

Address: Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

After Hours Phone _____ and/or Cell _____

Sponsorship Package

\$375 Gold Level (10x10 tent for event)
 I will need electricity at my booth for _____

\$250 Level (option to bring and set up own table for booth)

\$100 Food Truck/Vendor Level-Contact Chamber Office for Food Vendor Sign Up.

Check Invoice Credit Card

Credit Card # _____ Exp. _____ Security Code: _____

Name on Card _____ Zip Code: _____

Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce
1090 Montgomery Highway
Vestavia Hills, AL 35216
Phone (205) 823-5011
Email: chamber@vestaviiahills.org

Trustee Spotlight

Angela Stevens-ARC Realty



Angela Stevens is a REALTOR® at ARC Realty, specializing in Residential Real Estate in our community of Vestavia Hills. She has 9 years' experience in the industry, obtained her Associate Broker's license in 2020, and has helped over 150 families with their homeownership goals. Born and raised in Vestavia Hills, Angela is passionate about community involvement and helping families call Vestavia home. She is results driven and always puts the needs of families first and foremost. Contact Angela today for your Vestavia Real Estate needs.



Vestavia Hills
CONCERT SERIES

FREE
APRIL 12 - JUNE 27
WALDRIDGE PARK
(2521 Waldridge Road, 35216)

April 12
Spring Fling Family Day
with Harry Downes @ 6pm

April 21
Miles College Golden Voices Choir
at the Civic Center @ 3pm

May 10
Act of Congress with
Of Lion and Men @ 6:30pm

June 21
Telluride @ 7pm

June 27
I Love America Night
with Chevy 6 @ 7pm

Visit <https://vhparksandrec.com/programs-camps/> for more details.

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

2024 Dates:

- May 14
- June 11
- August 13
- September 10
- October 8
- November 12
- December 10

Member Notes

- **The Episcopal Church of the Ascension's** annual Food Truck Festival will be on May 9 from 5:30-8:30 pm! Family friendly fun will include face painting and balloon animals for kids, several food trucks, and music. 1912 Canyon Road
- **Libby's Friends** 4th Annual Golf Tournament will be on May 20 at Highland Park Golf Course. Join us for a day of fun on the greens, all for a meaningful cause! Register at libbysfriends.org
- Don't miss **Sojourn Counseling's** third annual RUN, RIDE and RUMBLE for PTSD Awareness on June 8, 2024 at Cahaba Brewing in Birmingham, AL! Choose from a 5k, a road cycling ride (45 mile, 23 mile, or 6 mile) or a 1.5 hour motorcycle ride, followed by a celebration with live music and lunch catered by Chuy's at Cahaba Brewing Co. If you don't want to Run, Ride, or Rumble, you can just purchase a General Admission ticket for the festivities (live music, lunch, and a drink of your choice) at Cahaba Brewing Co. Register at <https://www.runriderumble.com/>
- Read the April issue of **Birmingham Christian Family** magazine that features Chamber members Frank Children's of Alabama, Grace Klein Community, 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@vestaviiahills.org.



Recruitment Bingo

Our new summer bingo game starts May 1! You can grab a card from businesses around town at the Chamber office, or print one at vestaviiahills.org. This bingo game is to encourage our senior high school girls to shop local this summer while they are getting ready for college sorority recruitment. Anyone is welcome to play! The cards have the rules on the back and they are due back to the Chamber by July 1st! The winner will receive a prize package made up of goodies from around Vestavia Hills. Happy shopping local!



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Upcoming Chamber Meetings

May 14

Monthly Luncheon, 11:30 am, Vestavia Country Club

May 16

Board of Directors, 7:45 am, Chamber Office

Events

May 1

Ribbon Cutting: Blue Lake Orthodontics, 12 pm

May 16

Coffee & Classrooms, 8:30 am, VHEDR

May 21

Ribbon Cutting: The Dog Nanny Grooming Salon, 12 pm



News and Views

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