



VESTAVIA HILLS  
CHAMBER  
of  
COMMERCE

# NEWS & VIEWS

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## New Resident Welcome Bags

Summer is a busy time for families moving into Vestavia Hills. We will be packing 150 Welcome Bags in July for the schools to distribute to their new resident families. This is an excellent way to introduce your business to these new members of our community. Start thinking now about what you would like to put in the bags—we will need your items by July 19.

- It doesn't have to be 150 of the same item; you can mix and match.
- Please make sure any coupons have long expiration dates. Leftover bags will be kept at our office and given out through next summer.
- Items can be brought to the Chamber Office at 1090 Montgomery Highway



*Reminder: There is no July Luncheon.*

Our next luncheon will be on August 13. Have a fun and safe summer!



There is no way I could begin to write about the month of July and the celebration of America's Birthday without issuing a big Thank You to the Chamber Staff, our Board, our sponsors and businesses, and the many volunteers who made this year's I LOVE AMERICA NIGHT a huge success. I have been involved with I LOVE AMERICA for ten of its forty-two years, and I will say this was probably the best one yet. We caught a lucky break with both the rain and the heat, and by the time the sun went down, and the fireworks went into the air, many of our citizens, neighbors, and friends, enjoyed a wonderful evening that was so successful due to the coordinated efforts of so many.



As we move into July, many of us will be taking time off, and be out of the city, but the business of the Chamber will still be full steam ahead. While there is no Monthly Luncheon, there will still be many opportunities for Ribbon Cuttings, Committee Meetings, and most importantly opportunities for each of us to support our Vestavia Hills Businesses and Chamber Members by shopping, dining, and playing local. With the thoughts of vacation wrapping up, and school starting on the horizon, let us remember that many of our Vestavia Hills businesses can help with those beach trip supplies, school supplies, and household items needed to host those summer cook outs and pool parties.

Each month as I type this, I continue to be amazed and how quickly the year has flown by as we are now moving into the second half of 2024. There is still plenty of time for you to join us, and get involved not only for the many activities and events that will happen during the fall, but that we look forward to planning and strategizing for a successful 2025 as well.

As always, it is an honor and privilege to serve as the Chair of the Board this year, and if I can be a resource on behalf of the Chamber for you and your business, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Humbly serving,

*Clabe Dobbs*  
*Board Chair, 2024*

Hello and Happy July!

Our 42nd I Love America was truly incredible. From the beautiful patriotic performance of the National Anthem and Armed Forces Medley by the Jeff Caulk family – to the rockin’ oldies from the great Chevy 6 band. I Love America wasn’t complete until the grand finale of the spectacular fireworks show.



**Michelle Hawkins**

On behalf of the Chamber and along with my fabulous staff we want to thank all the Chamber businesses who sponsored the event. An event this size takes a lot of preparation, planning and time. A big shout-out to everyone on the ILA committee of volunteers, Chamber Board and Ambassadors, and to my staff – Tracy Thornton, Annilyn Warner, and especially Katie Woodruff who Chairs the ILA committee.

A special THANK YOU to our Platinum Sponsor – McDonalds-Black Family Restaurants  
Our Presenting Sponsors – Royal Automotive, Standard Heating, Cooling & Plumbing, Shades Mountain Baptist Church, United Community Bank and Vestavia Hills Methodist Church.

I Love America Night would not have been possible without the support and partnership of the City of Vestavia Hills including Mayor Ashley Curry and his office, the City Council, Parks and Rec and both our Police and Fire departments – THANK YOU!

I know everyone is looking forward to celebrating the Fourth of July this week. Some are staying in town others are heading to the lake or beach -- load up what you need here in Vestavia Hills before you go. And don't forget there are a lot of activities, sales and promotions going on right here -- SHOP. DINE. PLAY. in Vestavia Hills.

July is National Ice Cream Month. There is so much to love about ice cream and many fun marketing ideas your business can offer around this cool, sweet, and tasty month. Treat customers with gift cards or coupons or have an ice cream sundae party by purchasing with our Vestavia Hills ice cream shops at:

- Bruster’s Real Ice Cream
- Doodle’s Homemade Sorbets & Italian Ice
- Jeremiah’s Italian Ice
- Peterbrooke Chocolatier
- Sunshine Creamery
- Unless U Scoops

We are frequently out-and-about saying hello to our Chamber business members and promoting these businesses on our social media stories. Please follow us on Instagram and Facebook to check out all our activities, Try it Tuesdays, and business promotions. Remember to tag us on your social media stories and posts so we can share it on our social media. More “likes, comments and shares” increases everyone’s marketing campaigns!

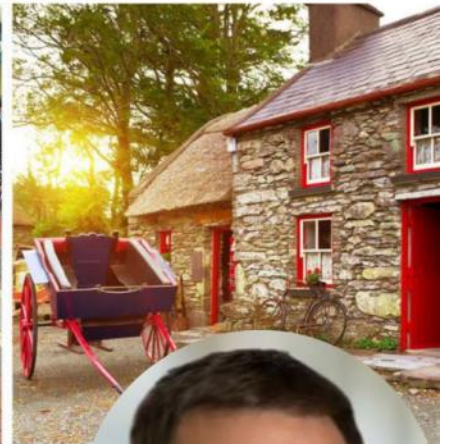
Thank you so much for supporting the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce through your membership. We are here to promote and support you! Please let us know how we are doing; we are here for you! Have a wonderful July! We have so much to celebrate here in Vestavia Hills.

*Michelle Hawkins*  
*President*

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

- ◆ Peoples Bank of Alabama  
Clabe Dobbs  
417 20th Street North, Suite 100  
Birmingham, AL 35203  
(205) 438-7164  
peoplesbankal.com  
Category: Banks
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Kevin Kilpatrick  
417 20th Street North, Suite 100  
Birmingham, AL 35203  
(205) 631-8324  
peoplesbankal.com  
Category: Banks
- ◆ WYL Juice  
Shad Graham  
1678 Montgomery Highway, PMB 347  
Birmingham, AL 35216  
(205) 586-0688  
wyljuice.com  
Category: Nutrition
- ◆ CertaPro Painters of Greystone  
Bill Heath  
3409 Watertown Place  
Birmingham, AL 35243  
(205) 834-5975  
greystone.certapro.com  
Category: Painting
- ◆ Robert Reed GI Cancer Research Foundation  
Hannon Davidson  
P.O. Box 530186  
Birmingham, AL 35253  
(205) 907-3473  
ReedGIFoundation.com  
Category: Clinical Research; Organizations
- ◆ BlackWatch Sports  
Randy Beckham  
157 Resource Center Parkway, Suite 107  
Birmingham, AL 35242  
(321) 377-1076  
blackwatchsports.com  
Category: Athletics
- ◆ Classical Conversations  
Amy Yang  
Vestavia Hills, AL 35243  
classicalconversations.com/  
Category: Education
- ◆ Planet Fitness  
Wendy Cox  
700 Montgomery Highway, Suite 138  
Vestavia Hills, AL 35216  
(205) 208-0398  
planetfitness.com  
Category: Gym/Health Club; Fitness
- ◆ Talking Social  
Logan McCabe  
512 Montgomery Highway, Suite 200  
Vestavia Hills, AL 35216  
(205) 901-1895  
Talkingsocialllc.com  
Category: Marketing Services



# Ireland 2025



FEBRUARY 27TH-MARCH 6TH

**Vestavia Hills Civic Center**  
1090 Montgomery Hwy Vestavia Hills AL 35216

**Jack Brinson**  
Sr Business Development Manager

**DISCUSSION & INFORMATION ONLY**  
**NO DEPOSIT NECESSARY TO ATTEND**

# Monday

22 JULY, 2024

5:00 PM

Sign Up Here for the Meeting

**(205) 823-5011**

Jack will provide information & answer any questions regarding the trip to Ireland in 2025



# BACK TO SCHOOL Outdoor Festival

Field-Day Activities, School Supplies & More

Aug 3 • 11 am - 1 pm  
SHAC - Liberty Park

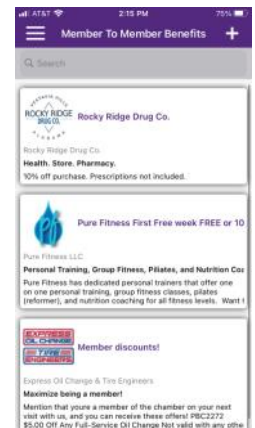
Aug 10 • 11 am - 1 pm  
Kelly Field - Cahaba Heights

[vestavialibrary.org/backtoschool](http://vestavialibrary.org/backtoschool)

Good for Elementary & Middle School Students

## 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](http://www.vestaviiahills.org) or the MemberPlus mobile app to see what's available or add one of your own!



The Library is looking for child and family-friendly businesses that would like to have a booth or one or both of the above Back to School events. Businesses would need to give out water or school related items. For more information, please contact Todd Richardson at [todd.richardson@vestaviiahillslibrary.org](mailto:todd.richardson@vestaviiahillslibrary.org)

## 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](mailto:katiew@vestaviiahills.org)

- 2024 Dates:
- August 13
  - September 10
  - October 8
  - November 12
  - December 10

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Megan Kincaid-ARC Realty \* Mighty Dog Roofing \* Monster Tree Service \* Promotional Creations  
Pure Fitness \* Rise + Refine Hot Yoga \* Town Village Vestavia Hills \* Vestavia Barber Shop

# Member Notes

- The Vestavia Hills Farmers Market is open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm every Wednesday through September 11! Located at Scout Square, right off of Highway 31, the Farmers Market is an outreach ministry of VHMC, created to bring local crafts and seasonal goods into our community!
- Now through July 30, join **Vestavia Hills Baptist Church** for our first Summer Produce Market! Stop by on Tuesdays from 10 am until 2 pm, in the back parking lot (by Smyer Circle) for fruits and veggies, coffee and other drinks, hot dogs, and some delicious premade dishes and samples!
- Looking for an office getaway? A team building moment? Sign your business up to compete in **Vestavia Hills Rotary Clubs** Community Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, August 10 from 2:00-5:30 pm at the Vestavia City Center! Great way to support Childrens of Alabama, First Responders and Vestavia Hills Student Scholarships and Programs. \$50 Entry Fee. Top two teams move on to statewide tournament. Go to [www.vestaviarotary.org](http://www.vestaviarotary.org) and click Cornhole Tab for more information.
- Join **Birmingham Parent** for their Happy, Healthy Kids Fair, a FREE exhibition of healthcare services, schools, educational programs, enrichment classes, community service & more on August 24 from 10 am-2 pm at the Vestavia Hills Civic Center. Interested in being a sponsor, exhibitor or donating a door prize? Contact Carol Evans at [carol@birminghamparent.com](mailto:carol@birminghamparent.com) or visit <https://birminghamparent.com/directory/2024-happy-healthy-kids-fair/>
- Read the latest issue of **Birmingham Christian Family** magazine that features Chamber members Children's of Alabama, details on summer events in Birmingham, 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](mailto:chamber@vestaviahills.org).*



## Shop.Dine.Play Summer 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 [vestaviahills.org](http://vestaviahills.org). Anyone is welcome to play! The cards have the rules on the back and they are due back to the Chamber by July 31st! The winner will receive a prize package made up of goodies from around Vestavia Hills. Happy shopping local!





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\*Chamber Past Chair

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