



Savor the Summer in Vestavia Hills by visiting as many of our restaurants as possible! The person who collects the most receipts (quantity, **not** dollar amount) will win a \$500 Visa Gift Card, 2nd place will win a \$300 Visa Gift Card, and 3rd place will win a \$200 Visa Gift Card. Plus, keep an eye on the Vestavia Hills Chamber's Facebook and Instagram pages for Restaurant of the Week and more chances to win prizes!

Savor the Summer runs **May 23rd-August 5th.**

You can use your own envelope to keep your receipts in, or pick one up from the Chamber Office, City Hall, or New Merkle House.

Receipt envelopes must be turned in to the Chamber of Commerce Office (1975 Merryvale Rd.) **by 5:00 pm on August 5.**

The winners will be announced at Back 2 School in the Hills on August 9.

The following rules will apply:

- Open to both residents and non-residents
- Limit 1 entry per household
- Original or printed copy receipts are accepted
- 1 household receipt per restaurant per mealtime; multiple receipts from a restaurant is only allowed if it is for different dates or times (examples: one from a restaurant for breakfast and another from the same restaurant for dinner on the same day is accepted. One from a restaurant for lunch on Monday and one from the same restaurant for lunch on Tuesday is accepted. Paying separately for each member of the family for breakfast on the same visit to get multiple receipts is not accepted).

**July 4<sup>th</sup>!! What Do You Actually Know?**

We celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> because it marks the birth of the United States of America. While we all know this fact, there are some other interesting fun facts that you may or may not know.



Gary Jordan

- The holiday does not celebrate the *signing* of the Declaration; it celebrates the *adoption* of the Declaration of Independence by the Second Continental Congress.
- Contrary to popular belief, only two Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 – John Hancock and Charles Thompson. The majority of signers penned their signatures on August 2, 1776.
- Independence Day became a Federal Holiday in 1870.
- The original draft of the Declaration of Independence was lost.
- The back of the Declaration of Independence that was signed says, “Original Declaration of Independence dated 4<sup>th</sup> July 1776.”
- The average age of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was 45. The youngest was Thomas Lynch, Jr (27) of South Carolina. The oldest delegate was Benjamin Franklin (70) of Pennsylvania. The lead author of The Declaration, Thomas Jefferson, was 33.
- After Jefferson wrote his first draft of the Declaration, the other members of the Declaration committee and the Continental Congress made 86 changes to Jefferson’s draft, including shortening the overall length by more than a fourth.
- The only two signers of the Declaration of Independence who later served as President of the United States were John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.
- Every 4th of July the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not actually rung) thirteen times in honor of the original thirteen colonies.
- Our country now boasts 325 million citizens, but on the first Fourth of July there were only 2.5 million.

Wishing you and your Family a Happy (and safe) 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!

*Gary Jordan*  
*Summit Franchising Group*  
*Board Chair, 2019*

**F**rom the President...

The lazy, hazy, rainy days of summer are here which means it's time for "I Love America Night". The 38<sup>th</sup> I Love America Night was held last week at Vestavia Hills High School (VHHS) and as has been happening the last several years, it looked like we might escape a summer shower BUT right after setup was finished outside, a huge storm formed and began moving our way. After much consultation with the National Weather Service as well as our "Meteorologist of Record" (he wears suspenders) we moved the Business Expo and children's area inside to the old gym. We had a fantastic lineup of sponsors supporting our efforts in bringing this wonderful event to our community. A special thanks to each of them for helping make this possible! We wound up with a fantastic turnout and our businesses were very grateful for the support from the community! Please continue to support them and thank them for sponsoring this wonderful community event and better yet, be sure and return the support by visiting their business. I can't say enough how wonderful the entire team from VHHS was in helping us make this event a success! Every person at the high school was there for us for the entire event and pitched in with everything from setup to cleanup! A special thanks also to Shades Mountain Baptist Church and their orchestra for bringing us Pops in the Park in the VHHS auditorium. They do an incredible job. A special thanks to Vestavia Hills United Methodist for staffing the "children's area"....they do an awesome job with the children in spite of the last minute adjustments that had to be made. Watching this entire community come together to celebrate our freedom and make this event happen was awe inspiring so THANK YOU!



**Karen Odle**

And I have to give a shout out to the awesome volunteers that help with planning, setup and take-down....it certainly takes a village to put these events on and we are grateful for our village and our team leader, Katie Woodruff for all of the work you all put in for our community!

Savor the Summer is going strong! Be sure to continue to collect your receipts to area restaurants and turn them in to the Chamber by August 5<sup>th</sup>! Also check out our social media for features on our "restaurant of the week". That has been so fun getting to know more about each of our wonderful restaurants and their staff!

The 2019 *Vestavia Hills Living* is arriving at our office as I am writing this letter and will begin hitting mailboxes this week ....we look forward to sharing stories of our wonderful city with our residents. Thank you to all that advertised as that has enabled us to mail this to every household in Vestavia Hills.

Lastly, I know I have said this so many times before but please be sure to support local businesses during this slow time of the year. It is so hard to compete with the big box stores AND online retailers, especially during the summer when so many folks are out of town so think about your options before you leave the city to purchase goods and services.

Please let us know how we can better serve you! Our goal is to be a tool to help you and your business continue to grow. We look forward to working with you as together we work toward "A Life Above".

Unity. Prosperity. Family.

*Karen J. Odle*  
*President*

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

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## Luncheon Business Spotlights

As a benefit of Chamber membership, you are welcome to choose two luncheons to have a booth to showcase your business.

If you would like reserve your spots for 2019, please email [chamber@vestaviahills.org](mailto:chamber@vestaviahills.org).

2019 Luncheon Dates:

August 13  
September 10  
October 8  
November 12  
December 10

## Refer & Win

To be entered in the 2019 Third Quarter Refer and Win prize drawing, simply refer someone to the chamber who joins as a new member. Contact the chamber's Membership and Marketing Consultant, Lisa Christopher at 862-3445 or email [lisac@vestaviahills.org](mailto:lisac@vestaviahills.org). Lisa 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 2019 Third Quarter drawing for **(5) \$50 Gift Certificates from Satterfield's!** Enjoy the freshest and best ingredients, a friendly and knowledgeable staff-including their new Executive Chef Rita Bernhardt-and elegant ambiance.

Satterfield's



## Member Notes

- Order Lemonade for **Vapor Ministries**! On July 2, Chick-fil-A Inverness will donate \$1 to Vapor Ministries for every cup of lemonade sold, and \$5 for every gallon. 4620 Highway 280
- Three on a String is celebrating their 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary with lively back to back performances at **Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church** on July 7 during the 8:30 and 11:00 am services in Tyson Hall. Each service will feature the delightful mix of folk, jazz, bluegrass, gospel and country music with a generous helping of humor for which the group is so well known. 2061 Kentucky Avenue
- Don't miss summer camp at **Mason Music**! Princess and Pirate Preschool Music Camp for ages 3-5 will be from 9:00 am-12:00 pm on July 8-12 at the Bluff Park Studio and July 22-26 at the Greystone Studio. Overdrive Rock Band Camp from ages 13-18 will be from 9:00 am-3:00 pm July 22-27 at the Cahaba Heights Studio. Register at [masonmusicstudios.com](http://masonmusicstudios.com)
- Show your spots at **Chick-fil-A Vestavia's** Cow Appreciation Day on July 9! Wear anything cow-like and get one free breakfast, lunch or dinner entrée (salads not included) per person from store opening to 7:00 pm! 513 Montgomery Highway
- **Grace Klein Community** invites you to Networking for a Cause on July 16 from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Embassy Suites, 2960 John Hawkins Parkway. Enjoy free appetizers, Speed Networking 6:00-7:00 pm, amazing door prizes, and a silent auction. Bring a door prize to promote your business, and bring your canned goods to support Grace Klein Community's local efforts.
- Never run before but want to start? Looking to improve on your 5K time? Join the **Fleet Feet Running Club** for their summer 5K Finish or 5K Fast program! During the 8-week program, they'll meet you at your current fitness level and take you to the finish line of the Monkey C Monkey Run 5K in downtown Birmingham! The programs kick off on July 16 at 6:00 pm at Veterans Park. Register at <https://www.fleetfeet.com/s/birmingham/training>
- Find your poodle skirt or some Brylcreem and come have a great evening of dancing, food, and movie clips at **Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church's** Sock Hop on July 18, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10/person, which will include your meal of hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, and make your own sundae bar. Make your reservation by July 8. For more information contact Jim Frazier at [jfrazier@vhumc.org](mailto:jfrazier@vhumc.org) / 769-0126. 2061 Kentucky Avenue
- Don't miss **Vestavia Hills Rotary Club's** Iron City Chef on July 27 at the Jefferson Greek Orthodox Cathedral Banquet Hall (307 19th Street S)! Guests will enjoy a signature dish from each chef and vote for their top choice while enjoying an entertaining and appetizing evening for charity. The top two chefs will then compete for the title of Iron City Chef 2019. This year's participating Chefs are Patrick McCown of **Snapper Grabber's Land & Sea**, Andrea Griffith of Pursell Farms, and Made Bali of Shiki Asian Cuisine. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$55 each and can be purchased at [www.vestaviarotary.org](http://www.vestaviarotary.org).
- Save the date for **The Bell Center's** 10th Annual Tailgate Challenge on August 24 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm at The Bell Center! The Tailgate Challenge provides a fun way for football fans to celebrate and anticipate the upcoming football season while supporting The Bell Center for Early Intervention Programs. Event goers will enjoy tastes of tailgating food at various team tents during an afternoon of music, kid friendly events and team rivalry. Aubie, Big Al, Blaze and Spike have been known to come to this fun event each year, too! Celebrity judges will be on hand to judge each of the teams on most team spirit, best tasting food, best tasting drink and best all around. Team tent boosters are responsible for providing their

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own tailgate tent and team decorations to show their spirit. Each team will also provide a “taste” of tailgating food that may be prepared either on site or brought already prepared to the tent. Teams are not asked to provide enough food to fully feed the crowd, merely to give the attendees a taste of the tailgate food they have prepared. For sponsorship and/or team tent information, visit <https://thebellcenter.org/events/tailgate-challenge/>. 1700 29th Court S, Homewood

- The Vestavia Hills Professional Firefighter Local 2087 along with Forge Fitness are hosting a charitable crossfit competition, The Inferno, on September 28 at **Quad Sports & Fitness**, benefiting A4One and Camp Conquest. For information on sponsoring or participating, please email Josh Snyder at [theforgeinferno@gmail.com](mailto:theforgeinferno@gmail.com)

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

### Back to School Sales Tax Holiday

Alabama and Vestavia Hills' Annual Sales Tax Holiday will be Friday, July 19 through Sunday, July 21, giving shoppers the opportunity to purchase school supplies, computers and clothing free of city and state sales taxes (the Jefferson County 1% Special Revenue sales and use tax still apply). For a complete list of included items, visit <https://revenue.alabama.gov>.

Please send the details of any special promotions or events you are having for the Tax Holiday to [katie@vestaviiahills.org](mailto:katie@vestaviiahills.org) so we can help promote it.



### New Resident Welcome Bags

Summer is a busy time for families moving into Vestavia Hills. We will soon be packing Welcome Bags 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. **Now is the time to be thinking of what you would like to include!** You can bring up to 150 of your item to our office July 8-12.

- 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 throughout the year.



# 38th *I Love America* Night

**Many Thanks To All Our Sponsors**



Gwen Brannum-RealtySouth \* Caprine Engineering \* Commercial Realty Partners \* Conservatory of the Arts  
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# Back 2 School in the Hills

August 9 6:30 pm

at Philadelphia Baptist Church

3001 Pumphouse Road

Family Movie at Dusk

## 2019 Sponsor Information Package

### **Back 2 School Honor Society Sponsorship \$175:**

- Listed in printed materials: *News and Views* (the Chamber's newsletter), posters, press releases, *Vestavia Voice* ad\*, company logo on flyers to all Vestavia Hills Elementary Schools, Social Media, etc.,  
**\*Sponsorship form and logo must be submitted to the Chamber by July 8 to be included in *Vestavia Voice* ad.**
- A table and two chairs will be provided for your use to display promotional materials and information regarding your business. If you would like a 10' by 10' tent for your booth, you may use one of the Chamber's, but you will be responsible for setting it up and taking it down. \*If you would like access to electricity at your booth, it will cost an additional \$75. You will need to provide your own extension cord.
- Opportunity to provide a door prize to help create excitement, driving traffic to your booth to register to win through announcements during the evening. You may choose to draw for prize to be given away at the event or to be picked up at your business.
- Logo displayed on screen before the movie

### **Back 2 School Beta Club Sponsorship (Does NOT include booth at either event) \$75:**

- Listed in printed materials: *News and Views* (the Chamber's newsletter), posters, press releases, *Vestavia Voice* ad, company logo on flyers to all Vestavia Hills Elementary Schools, Social Media, etc.,  
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- Opportunity to provide a door prize to help create excitement about your business. Attendees can register to win at the Chamber's booth. You may choose to draw for prize to be given away at the event or to be picked up at your business
- Logo on screen before the movie

# Back 2 School in the Hills

## Sponsorship Form

Please complete the following and return to the  
Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce by **July 25, 2019**

(To be included in the *Vestavia Voice* ad, sponsorship form and logo must  
be submitted to the Chamber by **July 8**)

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

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

After Hours Phone \_\_\_\_\_ and/or Cell \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Honor Roll Sponsor-\$175

☐ I will need access to Electricity for my Booth– additional \$75

☐ NO, I will NOT need electricity

☐ I would like to use one of the Chamber's tents for my Booth. I understand I am responsible for setting it up and taking it down.

☐ Beta Club Sponsor-\$75

☐ Count me in! I want to give away a door prize

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Value: \_\_\_\_\_

You will need to provide your logo electronically (.pdf or .jpg format) to [chamber@vestaviiahills.org](mailto:chamber@vestaviiahills.org)

**Total Sponsorship:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check      ☐ Invoice      ☐ Credit Card

☐ Visa      ☐ MasterCard      ☐ Discover      ☐ American Express

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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