

COMMUNITY NEWS

News & Events for the City of Vestavia Hills • October 2018

A joint publication of the City of Vestavia Hills, Vestavia Hills City Schools & Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 2018

- 2 Community Night Out
Vestavia Hills City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 4 Design Review Board
Executive Conference Room, 6 p.m.
- 8 Senior Citizens Luncheon
Dogwood Room, 11:30 a.m.
- 8 City Council Meeting
Council Chamber, 6 p.m.
- 9 Chamber Luncheon
Vestavia Country Club, 11:30 a.m.
- 11 Planning and Zoning Commission
Council Chamber, 6 p.m.
- 15 Beautification Board Meeting
Council Chamber, 9:00 a.m.
- 15 Vestavia Hills Historical Society
Library in the Forest, 2 p.m.
- 15 Council Work Session
Executive Conference Room, 6 p.m.
- 18 Board of Zoning Adjustment
Council Chamber, 6 p.m.
- 20 Heights Heroes 5K & Fun Run
The Heights Village, 8 a.m.
- 20 Touch-a-Truck
Vestavia Hills City Hall, 10 a.m.
- 22 Council Meeting
Council Chamber, 6 p.m.
- 24 Library Board Meeting
Library in the Forest, 4 p.m.
- 25 Viva Vestavia Hills XVI
Hollywood Pools, 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Storybook Run
Vestavia Hills City Hall, 8 a.m.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Ashley C. Curry, Vestavia Hills Mayor

We had a very successful “Crimes against the Elderly” conference this past month. This informational seminar was video recorded by our library technical staff and it will be made available for our citizens by way of a link from the City’s website. This seminar was well received and, in the near future, we will host another seminar to address “computer-related crimes.” Information about this event will be forthcoming.

As you know, Vestavia Hills is a partner with Homewood, Mountain Brook and Hoover in the newly formed Freedom from Addiction Coalition (FFAC). We began a series of awareness breakfast meetings in March of this year, with Vestavia Hills hosting the first event. Subsequently, Mountain Brook hosted an awareness breakfast in June. The next breakfast event is being hosted by Hoover and will be held on October 9 at 7:30 a.m. at the Hoover Metropolitan Stadium. This event, like the previous ones, is being held to raise awareness about the opioid epidemic that is sweeping our cities, our state and the nation.

With the assistance of our Vestavia Hills FFAC Advisory Board, I have prepared an Addiction Resource Guide. The purpose of this brochure

is to serve as a resource to help individuals, parents or loved ones in need of assistance with drug or alcohol addiction. This resource guide will be made available through our schools, our library and at City Hall. Our Police and Fire departments will also have this material available and can assist our citizens if contacted. It is our hope that raising awareness and providing ready access to resources will curb the high incidence of drug abuse problems.

In November, the City will have two separate events to honor our veterans. The first event will be held on Thursday, November 8 at the Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church. This event will feature the Vestavia Hills High School band (brass ensemble), the VHHS Honors Choir and other entertainment. Our guest speaker will be retired Major General Paulette Risher. The second event will be held on Friday, November 9 at the New Merkel House in Cahaba Heights. This event will feature Della Fancher-Smith of the Alabama Veterans Memorial. These two events are intended to pay tribute to the men and women that have served our country in all branches of the military, Coast Guard and the U.S. Merchant Marine. Please join us at these events as we salute our veterans.



CHAMBER NEWS

Karen J. Odle, Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce President

A special thanks to all of the volunteers that helped our disabled or senior citizens in

Vestavia Hills on our 4th Annual Helping Hands in the Hills. We had over 300 volunteers take on 27 projects in the community and have had many notes and phone calls of appreciation from the recipients. This type of event is truly what

makes Vestavia Hills “A Life Above” as our tagline suggests.

In addition to Helping Hands in the Hills, we continued Hazardous Waste Disposal as well as Medication Take Back along with the popular Shredding and e-Recycle event on September 8 at Wald Park in the pool parking lot. A special thanks to the Vestavia Hills Police Department for handling the



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Todd Freeman, Ed.D., Vestavia Hills City Schools Superintendent

Multiple Pathways to a Bold Future

One pillar undergirding the Vestavia Hills City Schools strategic plan is to provide students with multiple pathways to a bold future. Our goal is that each student be ready to pursue and achieve their personal aspirations when they graduate. This requires that we continually evaluate progress toward our mission of “learning without limits.”

Several years ago, the Alabama Board of Education launched an initiative entitled Plan 2020. The core objective of the plan is that students graduating high school should demonstrate “readiness” for their college and career plans. Readiness measures include reaching a benchmark score on the ACT; a qualifying score for college credit on an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam; earning college course credit or a career credential; scoring above proficiency on WorkKeys; or acceptance into the military.

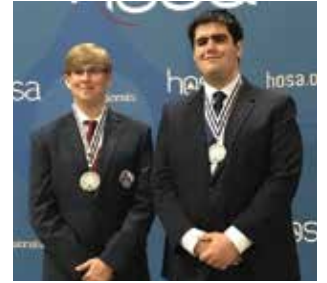
Are Vestavia Hills City Schools students ready when they graduate? The Public Affairs and Research Council of Alabama says that VHCS graduates in 2017 were among the top three systems in the state in achieving ACT benchmark and Advanced Placement qualifying scores. The Alabama Council for Higher Education reports that our students have some of the highest college completion rates and lowest English and math remediation rates in the state. These are very encouraging results given that about 90% of our graduates plan to attend college.

Achievements like these demonstrate a commitment to the tradition of setting high standards in Vestavia Hills. They also compel us to be even more intentional in raising the expectation that all of our students are fully ready for college, career, and life. Author Jim Collins says *good* is the enemy of *great*; so too is *great* the enemy of *excellent*.

Our challenge in the future is to reach even higher platitudes by learning from our successful past. Pathways to a bold future must inherently connect academic rigor to relevant learning opportunities. Authentic college and career readiness must be complemented by enhancing important life and employment skills. When those elements are integrated, the possibilities for our students are limitless!

VHHS STUDENTS PLACE IN TOP 3

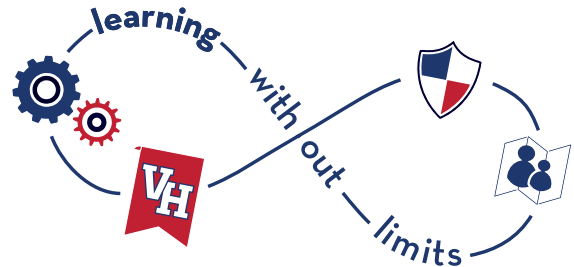
Two Vestavia Hills High School students in the school's Health Science Pathway recently placed second in an international health science competition.



VHHS juniors Aaron Bard and Luke Byrd qualified to participate in the International HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) competition in Dallas this summer after placing third in the state competition. Bard and Byrd qualified in the Forensic Medicine category of competition.

At the international competition in June, Bard and Byrd placed second in Forensic Medicine in just their first year of competition.

The achievement of these two students highlights the early successes being seen in the high school's Health Science Pathway, which prepares students for a variety of rewarding careers in the medical field.



MUSIC EDUCATORS ENHANCE LEARNING

Music education has been valued and prioritized for many years at all Vestavia Hills schools, and

two Vestavia music teachers have taken steps to gain a prestigious national music certification.

Deanna Bell, music teacher at Vestavia Hills Elementary East, and Trudye Confessore, music teacher at Vestavia Hills Elementary West, both participated over the summer in professional development in the Kodály Concept of music education. Bell completed Phase III of her training and is now a Certified Kodály Educator. Confessore completed Phase II and will have the opportunity to become certified next summer.

There are fewer than 10 Certified Kodály Educators in Alabama. This certification will increase proficiency and skills development in music for all students.

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medication take back – they collected 95.5 pounds of unneeded or expired medication. Republic Services did an outstanding job of helping to dispose of unwanted paint/cans; pesticides; light bulbs and batteries, collecting four large dumpsters full of these items. Protec eRecycling handled our electronic recycling and collected 12,954 pounds of electronic items. Secure Destruction handled our shredding and helped recycle 15,900 pounds of residential paper that was able to be kept out of the landfills.

Before the volunteers began their project, we gathered at Wald Park and had muffins courtesy of **First Watch**, donuts and orange juice courtesy of **Publix** and coffee courtesy of the **Vestavia Hills McDonald's**. When the teams finished the project(s) they were assigned, they returned to Wald Park for a lunch provided courtesy of **Jimmy Johns**, **Chick-fil-A** and **Bruster's Real Ice Cream**. It was a wonderful way to start and end a great effort thanks to the many volunteers in our city and the great businesses that supported the teams! Volunteers included: Crossfit Mudtown; Girl Scout Troops; Horizon Church; Montclair Neighbors; Philadelphia Baptist Church; Shades Mountain Baptist Church; Sisk Family; Sunrise Rotary; Trinity Presbyterian Church; VH Elementary Central; VH Mens Garden Club; VH Chamber Board; VH Rotary; VHHS Baseball Team; and VHHS Robotics Team.

Thank you to every individual and business that worked so hard to make Vestavia Hills "A Life Above"!



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The 5 BR / 5 BA, 3-car-garage, 3,700 square foot Tobe has soaring 10' ceilings and an abundance of windows. With the master suite on the main floor, you'll have the convenience of a large laundry room off the master bedroom and you'll enjoy an expansive master bathroom with his & hers vanities and an oversized shower.

THE CLAYTON

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BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration for **Vestavia Hills Girls Basketball** (grades K-7) is open now through October 19. The cost is \$140 per player with a \$10 early registration discount. (Price does not include the cost of a uniform, if needed.) The 2018-2019 season starts November 17 and ends February 10. For more information or to register, visit www.vhygbasketball.com.

Registration for **Vestavia Hills Boys Basketball** (grades 1-12) is open now through October 19. (Registration for 7th and 8th grade only will be extended through October 26 to allow for middle school basketball tryouts.) The cost is \$150 per player. The 2018-2019 season starts December 1 and ends February 10 for 1st through 8th grades; November 5 through January 25 for 9th through 12th grades. For more information or to register, visit www.vhybasketball.org.



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Thursday: Tech Talk Thursdays

October 8: New Merkel will be open; pizza will be served

October 9: Art with Tina Chaffin

October 19: Planting of the Fall Garden "Garden Party"

October 31: Halloween Costume Party

More information, including the **full calendar of Senior Programming activities**, can be found on the City website at <https://vhal.org/community/senior-living/> or by contacting Melanie Perry at 205.967.5977.



JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FAMILY FUN!!

Saturday, October 20, 2018

10 a.m. - noon

Vestavia Hills City Hall

1032 Montgomery Highway • Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

Touch trucks from Vestavia Hills Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works and Board of Education. Also be sure to check out trucks from Specialty Turf Supply, Republic Services, Vestavia Tire Express and Barber Motorsports!!

Children can play in inflatables, take a train ride, have their face painted and take home a balloon animal.

No time for breakfast ... No worries! The Heavenly Donuts food truck will be onsite selling donuts and coffee.



VESTAVIA HILLS

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Leadership Vestavia Hills is accepting nominations for its 29th annual Community Leadership Awards now through Friday, October 12. The Distinguished Leadership Award recognizes citizens of Vestavia Hills who have made significant artistic, scientific, social, political, economic or academic contributions regionally, nationally or worldwide. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes citizens of Vestavia Hills who have contributed to the community and the quality of life in Vestavia Hills for many years.

Please help us by suggesting any Vestavia Hills residents whose efforts should be recognized. Indicate the category that best suits their accomplishments and send nominations, the reason you are nominating them, and a short bio to Jennifer Philpot (jennifer.philpot@ascension.org) by October 12 for consideration by the committee.

Our community is enriched by individuals who have made a significant impact through their life's work and who have made Vestavia Hills a remarkable place to live, play and do business. Please help us continue to honor these outstanding citizens.

Honorees will be celebrated at the Community Leadership Awards dinner in early 2019. For more information on Leadership Vestavia Hills, visit leadershipvestaviiahills.com.



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Mayor Ashley Curry and the City of Vestavia Hills
are honored to present

Salute to Veterans

This Veterans Day celebration will feature patriotic-themed
musical performances and speakers.

We hope you will join us to honor those who served.

Thursday, November 8, 2018

Time TBD

Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church
2061 Kentucky Avenue • Vestavia Hills 35216

We Need Your Photos!!

This event will feature a video loop of photos and we need your help! Please email a scanned photo of yourself, family members or friends who have served or are currently serving in any branch of the military to vestaviiahillsgovt@gmail.com so that we can honor them in the Veterans Day video. Be sure to include the following information for each photo:

- (1) first and last name;
- (2) military rank;
- (3) branch of service;
- (4) military conflict/theater of operation; and
- (5) dates of military service (if available).



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HELP VHFD FIND THE WAY

Each year calls for the Vestavia Hills Fire Department (VHFD) continue to rise, and 2018 is on pace to be the busiest year to date. History and science show a correlation between the timely arrival of first responders to fire and emergency medical incidents and positive outcomes. When time is of the essence, it is important that VHFD units arrive at the emergency scene as quickly as possible. It is not uncommon for our personnel to approach an incident scene and be delayed in arriving due to missing or obstructed address numbers. This issue is especially true during the night time hours when visibility is diminished. You can help us better serve you, your family and neighbors with this issue by:



- Placing address numbers in a plainly visible location from the street – preferably on the mailbox for residential structures.
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 2061 Kentucky Ave Vestavia Hills, AL 35216
 822-9631 | www.vhumc.org/live2lead

LIBRARY IN THE FOREST



Following are highlights of the programming available during the month of October at the Library in the Forest. To view the full calendar, including program descriptions, visit <https://vestavialibrary.org/events>.

CHILDREN: 205.978.0158

- M* **Toddler A-Go-Go.** 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Tu* **P.J. Storytime.** 6:30 p.m.
- W* **Story Friends.** 10:30 a.m.
- Th* **L.I.F.T. (Library in the Forest Time)** 9:30 a.m.
- Th* **Book Babies.** 10 a.m. (*Registration suggested*)
- 3* **This & That: Trivia.** 3:30 p.m.
- 6* **Ms. Casey's Marvelous Music and Movement.** 10:30 a.m.
- 10* **This & That: Crazy Crafting.** 3:30 p.m.
- 17* **This & That: Gaming.** 3:30 p.m.
- 20* **Ms. Casey's Marvelous Music & Movement.** 10:30 a.m.
- 24* **This & That: Pumpkin Decorating.** 3:30 p.m.
- 26* **Spooktacular.** 6:30 p.m.
- 27* **Storybook Fun Run.** 8 a.m.
- 27* **Lego Wars.** 11 a.m. (*Grades 1-6*)
- 31* **This & That: Movie & Snack.** 3:30 p.m.
(*Halloween-themed children's movie*)

TEENS: 205.978.3683 (Grades 6-12)

- 2* **Scary Movie Night.** 4 p.m.
- 3* **Teen Art Group.** 4 p.m.
- 5* **Open Gaming.** 4 p.m.
- 6* **Writing Workshop.** 10 a.m. (*Registration required; grades 9-12 only*)
- 9* **Fortnite Night.** 4 p.m.
- 10* **Writing Group.** 4 p.m.
- 12* **Open Gaming.** 4 p.m.
- 16* **The Escape Room.** 4 p.m.
- 17* **Pumpkin Painting.** 4 p.m.
- 19* **Open Gaming.** 4 p.m.
- 23* **Anime Night.** 4 p.m.
- 24* **Writing Group.** 4 p.m.

- 26* **Super Smash Bros. Tournament.** 4 p.m.
- 27* **Teenspeak: Public Speaking Workshop.**
10 a.m. (*Registration required*)
- 30* **Dia de los Muertos Celebration.** 4 p.m.

ADULTS: 205.978.4678 (Ages 18+)

- 1* **Knit Night in the Forest.** 6 p.m.
- 4* **OLLI Presents Birmingham Noir: A Virtual Tour of Notorious Downtown Sites.** 1:30 p.m.
- 4* **Read & Feed Book Group at Taziki's Liberty Park.**
6:30 p.m.
- 5* **First Friday Fiber Arts.** 10 a.m.
- 8* **Tai Chi: Beginners.** 6 p.m.
- 9* **Ms. Olivia's Evening Reads Book Group.** 6 p.m.
- 10* **ABCs of Medicare.** 1 p.m.
- 10* **Treehouse Poetry Reading Series.** 6 p.m.
- 11* **Tai Chi: Beginner & Intermediate.** 2 p.m.
- 15* **Fall Series: Beginner Belly Dance with Bethany.** 6 p.m.
- 22* **Tai Chi: Beginners.** 6 p.m.
- 25* **Friends of the Library: Alabama Wildlife Center.** 10 a.m.
- 25* **Tai Chi: Beginner & Intermediate.** 2 p.m.
- 25* **Rock & Roll Bingo: 70s Boogie Fever.** 6 p.m.
- 29* **Beginner Belly Dance with Bethany.** 6 p.m.

MAKERSPACE/TECH CLASSES: 205.978.4679

- 3* **Mac 101.** 2 p.m. (*Registration required*)
- 9* **Apple Mobile Devices with Tech Ease.** 2 p.m.
- 11* **Basic Microsoft Word.** 4 p.m. (*Registration required*)
- 18* **Intro to 3D Printing.** 4 p.m. (*Registration required*)
- 22* **Basic Microsoft Excel.** 6 p.m. (*Registration required*)
- 30* **Facebook 101.** 10 a.m. (*Registration required*)



The 3rd annual Storybook 5K & Fun Run, hosted by the Junior Board of the Vestavia Hills Library Foundation, will be Saturday, October 27. The 5K will begin at 8:00 a.m.; the 2 Mile Run at 8:10 a.m.; and the 1 Mile Fun Run at 9:00 a.m. Official chip timing is available for 5K and 2 Mile Run participants. Register by October 15 at <https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/VestaviaHills/2018Storybook5KandFunRun> to guarantee an event T-shirt. Packet pick-up will be at Vestavia Hills City Hall on Friday, October 26 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

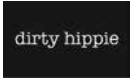
We hope you will join us at Vestavia Hills City Hall for this all ages event benefiting the Children and Teen Departments of the Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest. There will be live music, bounce houses, carnival games, balloon animals, storybook characters, ballet dancers

in costume, face painting and complimentary food and drinks. Children's activities are included in race fees or can be purchased separately for \$5. Include your four-legged family members in this event by also registering for the Run, Walk or Wag event for an additional \$5. There will even be a pet costume contest! (Participating dogs must be leashed at all times.)



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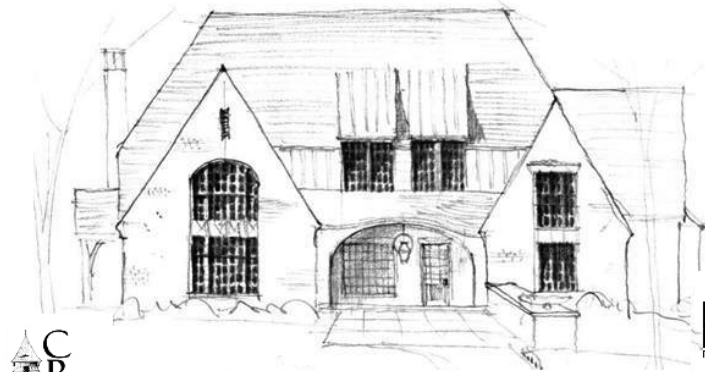


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