April 14 Luncheon Canceled

We Have a New Website!
The new [www.vestaviahills.org](http://www.vestaviahills.org) launched March 27 and we are loving our new look! Make sure you are using it to the fullest.

Did you know you could post pictures, link to a YouTube video, Special Offers, Member-to-Member offers, Events and Job Listings on the Chamber's Website? **NOW** is a great time to start utilizing these benefits!

How to:
- Go to our website, [www.vestaviahills.org](http://www.vestaviahills.org).
- Click on the MEMBER LOGIN button or Scroll over the MEMBERS tab and choose Login from the drop down menu.
- Enter your Username and Password.
- Contact the Chamber Office if you don't know it-(205) 823-5011 or chamber@vestaviahills.org
- Once you are logged in to the Member Information Center (MIC), you'll be able to make updates to your contact information and add photos, and videos in the Company Information section, Events*, Special Offers, Member to Member Benefits, and Job Postings.

*Even though we can't have in person events right now, you can post if you are doing any virtual events.*
When we started 2020, I could never have imagined the City of Vestavia Hills, the State of Alabama, The United States and our world community would be in our current state with the spread of the Covid-19 virus. We now have new vocabulary terms, such as social distancing and sheltering in place. These words and phrases have been given to us over the past 30 days and are part of our daily conversation now and for the foreseeable future.

Small Businesses are an integral part of our community and it is very important we continue to support our local businesses both now and in the future due to the impact this pandemic will have on their business in the short and long term.

The Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce staff is here to help with any questions you may have. Please be sure to follow the Chamber Facebook page and check for updates in regard to the services our local restaurants and other businesses are offering to their customers. We will also continue to update the website and social media sites as we move forward with updated information both for and about our businesses.

We are all praying for each of you and your families as we all try to navigate our new normal, at least in the near term. Please know we are here to help you as we move forward. Once we are ready to resume our Chamber Events we will notify everyone over the same channels.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce staff if we can provide any additional information.

John Henley  
John Henley-State Farm Insurance  
Board Chair, 2020
From the President…

These are unprecedented times in our city, state, nation and world. And with that, your Chamber staff is still working hard to see how to best serve our members. Besides the important information that we are sharing on a daily basis, we have also been doing some fun things to keep community members looking at our social media and website so they can also see things are businesses are doing to remain open.

Each Tuesday at 2:00 PM, the staff will be hosting a Facebook Live event called Tuesday Trivia at 2:00 with a business sponsoring each one. It has garnered a lot of family interest as they are using the concept of “Are you smarter than a 5th grader” so it gets eyes on our Facebook page to see all of the innovative ways our businesses are remaining viable. To date, our sponsors have been Bruster’s Real Ice Cream, Family Medical Supply & next week will be Pure Fitness. Thanks to all!

Also as I write this letter, we have also put together bags for families to come curbside to pick up that will have coupons from our local businesses. Again, in an effort to encourage “Shop Local”. Please be sure to support our local businesses as they are the lifeblood of our community.

Our luncheon scheduled for April 14th with Auburn Athletic Director Allen Greene has been canceled and since we have all of the months slotted already, we hope to reschedule AD Greene in 2021.

The Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast scheduled for Tuesday, April 28th will be rescheduled. We will be working with Brodie Croyle to find a date in the next few months that will work for him and Vestavia Country Club so watch for a new date to be announced in the next few weeks.

Our 2020 Vestavia Hills Living is in process but due to the current pandemic, we are putting this on pause until our businesses get back and operational. Again, we will keep you posted on this as decisions are made.

Lastly, we launched our new website this past weekend and it looks FANTASTIC! Please take time to look at our website at www.vestaviahills.org and give us your feedback. Let us know if there are other items you would like to see on it.

Stay tuned for pertinent announcements to be made in the near future. In the meantime, please support our area businesses….they need us but we also need them to be successful more than ever as we strive together for “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’!!

- **LSS, Inc.**
  
  Tammy Means  
  2249 Ross Avenue  
  Hoover, AL 35226  
  (601) 434-3457  
  www.lssinctech.com  
  Category: Project Management

- **EW Motion Therapy-Hoover**
  
  Joan Bryant  
  1021 Brocks Gap Parkway, Suite 115  
  Hoover, AL 35244  
  (205) 307-0525  
  www.ewmotiontherapy.com  
  Category: Healthcare

- **EW Motion Therapy-Homewood**
  
  Joan Bryant  
  3125 Independence Drive, Suite 300B  
  Homewood, AL 35209  
  (205) 999-5391  
  www.ewmotiontherapy.com  
  Category: Healthcare

Postponed
New Date TBD
Tickets and Sponsorships that have already been purchased will be carried over to the new date.

Refer & Win

To be entered in the 2020 Second 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. 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 2020 Second Quarter drawing for **$250 gift certificate to Bistro V, courtesy of Roger Steur with Method Mortgage**. When it comes to your mortgage, you need a helpful roadmap. And a friendly guide, too. Let Method Mortgage lead you to The Smartest Way Home. To learn more, visit www.methodmortgage.com, call 205.705.1650, or email us at rsteur@methodmortgage.com.
Scott Jenkins-Southern States Bank

The most important thing to us at Southern States Bank is our relationships with our customers. We are a true community bank that understands the value of providing our customers the very best in banking products and services. Our seasoned banking professionals are committed to our mission of giving our customers the personal attention and service they would expect from their bank.

With an extensive focus on customer service and staying adept with the latest and greatest banking products and services, Southern States Bank has an account or service that meets just about every personal and business banking need. We work with our customers to create a banking plan that complements their lifestyle or helps their business grow.

Community involvement is another focus for Southern States Bank and we pride ourselves on being able to provide resources to help grow the communities we serve. Being involved in our communities is important to us because our banking professionals live, work and play in the communities we serve. We get involved in local sponsorships, community activities, non-profit volunteer work and we will be cheering alongside you at local sporting events. Our goal is to create a sense of partnership with the communities we serve and being a part of the Vestavia Chamber of Commerce helps make it happen.

Founded in 2007, Southern States Bank has grown with ten full-service banking branches in Alabama, five full-service banking branches in Georgia, in addition to an LPO in Atlanta. Southern States Bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of Southern States Bancshares, Inc. and is headquartered in Anniston, Alabama. For more information, visit us at www.southernstatesbank.net.

Tyler Kime-Standard Air, Plumbing & Insulation

Tyler Kime is a long-time resident of Vestavia Hills having attended Vestavia Hills East, Central, Pizitz, and Vestavia Hills High School. During that time, he participated in the Vestavia recreational program playing soccer and baseball. He graduated from VHHS in 1999 where he participated in the Drum Line for all four years, serving as Section Leader during his senior year. As a result of these life experiences, he and his wife, Jenni, decided to move to Vestavia when it came time to raise their family. He and Jenni have three children who attend or will attend schools in the Vestavia school system. Their children are Thomas (9), Kinley (7), and Karaline (5).

Tyler graduated from Auburn University in 2003 with a degree in Finance. Even though Tyler and Jenni attended Auburn at the same time, they didn’t meet until after Tyler graduated. Needless to say, they are both huge Auburn fans.

After college Tyler worked for two different banks in two different cities, Montgomery and Panama City for a couple of years. It was then that he decided that he wanted to work in the family business in Birmingham, Standard Heating & Air Conditioning Company. He traded a suit for blue jeans as his first job at Standard was as an apprentice installing heating and air conditioning systems. He later served as an accounting clerk, project manager, salesman, home performance specialist, and general manager before assuming his current position as President. He loves what he does because his efforts not only make homeowners and business owners more comfortable but he also has the opportunity to lead a group of co-workers who are dedicated to providing the best customer service possible.

In 2017 The News, a national HVAC publication named Tyler to their “Top 40 Under 40” in the industry. Tyler was part of the 2017-18 Leadership Vestavia Hills class and is now a board member of LVH and will serve as president for 2020-2021. He also serves on the boards of the Better Business Bureau and SubAla.
THE SIMPSON LAW OFFICE, LLC.
Marvin Earl Simpson
Attorney at Law

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**Safety Seminar Series 2020**

In partnership with the Vestavia Hills Police Department, the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce will be offering some programs over the next few months for our area businesses in an effort to help our businesses with safety awareness and things you should be considering for your business and employees.

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Register online at [www.vestaviahills.org](http://www.vestaviahills.org). Seating is limited to the first 35 that sign up. Free to attend.

**April 29 Seminar postponed.**

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Our Shop Local Guide located on our website, www.vestaviahills.org has become a valuable resource for the community in being able to see which businesses are open and they ways they are adjusting during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please send your information or updates to katiw@vestaviahills.org.

We also have a resource page for businesses available.
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