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December 14 Luncheon Holiday Program with Opera Birmingham

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Hi, I'm Kerry Adkins, the president of OnTime Service. Thank you for your interest in our company. If I may, I'll tell you a little more about On-Time Service and about how we work to serve our customers.



My father, George Adkins, began the business in 1975. Eight years later, I joined him as an apprentice electrician. For almost four decades, we focused primarily on residential electrical service, repair and construction. In 2014, we began a heating and cooling division. In November 2016, we starting offering plumbing services to our customers. We have worked in thousands of homes and hundreds of commercial projects in Alabama.

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On Time Service has memberships in Electricians' Success InternationalTM, an association of the top five percent of electrical contractors in the United States and Canada, Airtime 500, an international association of the very best HVAC contractors, and Plumbers Success International an association of the best plumbing companies in North America. These organizations provide outstanding training and best-practice systems to help us provide outstanding service to our customers. Our team members have received numerous awards and recognition from these organizations for their performance.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

We have made it to the end of the year and what a year it has been. The Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce had a very active year in 2021 as we all started to move back to our normal activities. Starting back with our monthly luncheons, having a great I Love America Day complete with an amazing fireworks show, having the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast with Brodie Croyle as our speaker along with a large number of ribbon cuttings and new businesses opening in our community it has been a great year.



John Henley

While it has been a great year, many of our local businesses continue to struggle with supply chain issues and finding enough workers to continue to make their business successful. As we move into the busiest time of

year for our Vestavia Hills retailers and small businesses, please remember to support all of them with keeping your shopping dollars local. Please be patient as everyone is having challenges just opening their doors every day whether it is a local grocery store, pharmacy or your favorite local retailer.

Please remember to attend the Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 11th from 7:30 am until 10:00 am. I enjoy this every year, working with a large number of volunteers to make pancakes, chocolate chip pancakes and bacon with all of the sides. I want to these volunteers in advance for their continued time and commitment to make this event possible. Also a special thanks to the City of Vestavia Hills for sponsoring this and making this event possible for all of our citizens. Merry Christmas to you and your families. I know I am going to enjoy the time we have with our family. Thanks to all our board members, chamber staff, ambassadors, chamber champions and trustees. We could not do all of the things we do with everyone's support.

John Henley John Henley-State Farm Insurance Board Chair, 2021 As we come to the close of another year, I want to take this opportunity to thank the many wonderful people that spend countless hours making our community a better place for everyone. Even with the pandemic hopefully coming to an end, our businesses have continued to struggle with getting supplies but mostly with getting labor back to a level that is needed but they will persevere and continue to serve our community to the best of their ability so please be patient as they deal with these difficulties. Our citizens continue to amaze me with their energy and focus on making Vestavia Hills a great place to work, play and live and for that we are very grateful.

rom the President...



Karen Odle

As importantly, I would like to thank you, our Chamber member, who is the heart and soul of not only this organization but this community. Your continued support means so much to me. Our organization is blessed by your commitment to our community. The success of our businesses enables us to enjoy the many services provided to us as residents. THANK YOU for your perseverance and your commitment to Vestavia Hills. You are simply the best!

I would like to thank the Board for all of their support and hard work this year and to John Henley with John Henley State Farm Insurance for his fantastic leadership as Board Chair for TWO YEARS! That is definitely going beyond what is called for but is so typical of John to give back to the community so willingly. The Board of Directors are fantastic....we are so blessed to have so many folks willing to serve their community and your board has been so supportive and helped guide us as we all struggled through the last couple of years! My sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Chamber staff for their dedication and commitment to our goals in 2021. We must continually "sharpen our saws" with new programs and offerings and Katie Woodruff has been incredible in her leadership and diligence toward this end and keeps us on track with our goals and events. Betsy Webster has continued working to enhance our social media program and brings an incredible talent to her job with her creativity. Our Membership and Marketing Consultant Lisa Christopher is unparalleled in her passion and commitment to the Vestavia Hills Chamber, the business community and Vestavia Hills as a whole. They are each to be commended for their unequalled commitment in their efforts to make a difference for each business they work with in Vestavia Hills and the greater Birmingham area. Their efforts have made the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce the premiere chamber in Alabama! YOU ARE THE BEST! It is my distinct pleasure to work with you and to have your support.

As this is the last issue for 2021, my family and I would like to wish you and your family a blessed holiday season, abundant peace and joy and may 2022 be a year blessed with good health and prosperity for each of you. As always our doors are always open at the Chamber office. We look forward to working with you as we strive for "A Life Above".

Karen J. Odle President

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December 14 Luncheon

Reservations must be made by 4:00 PM Friday, December 10, 2021 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 Friday, December 10 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.
- <u>Please make every effort to make your reservation on time. The number of reservations we have</u> by the deadline is the number that we and the Vestavia Country Club prepare for.

Please remember the Vestavia Country Club policy of <u>NO JEANS</u> in the ballroom where we hold our monthly luncheons.

Holiday Wine Game

We will again be playing the Wine Game at the December 14th Luncheon. This year's proceeds will go to Vestavia Hills Schools to help provide holiday gifts and meals for families.

- Pay \$10 to play the Christmas Wine Game
- Draw a card and tear it in half.
- Keep your half until the drawing begins.
- After the invocation and pledge, cards will be drawn for you to choose a wrapped bottle of wine.
- DO NOT unwrap the bottle of wine until you are told to do so.
- Each participant will receive a bottle of wine with a minimum value of \$10.
- One lucky winner will find a \$100 bill taped to their bottle!

We have a limited number of bottles, so come early to be sure you are able to participate.

Cash, checks and credit cards accepted. No Invoices-Payment is required when you enter the drawing.

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We love to support local charities. If you are aware of a worthy and effective local charity please contact us with their information. We host representatives from charities periodically to educate our team about their work and then we decide as a team which charity we will support. We really enjoy hearing firsthand about the great work some of these organizations are doing in our community.

My wife, Carol, and I are Christians and are actively involved in our local church, so our business is based on Christian principles and ethics. We are honest and upfront with everything we do. That is why we quote all jobs before we start and offer a 100 percent satisfaction guaranty. We are not perfect but we make every effort to take responsibility for our mistakes and correct them. I believe it is possible to operate our business in a way that creates a win, win, win situation. That is, our client wins by receiving outstanding service and value, our team member wins by earning a good wage and having a positive, supportive work environment and our company wins by earning a reasonable profit for our effort which allows us to grow and provide more opportunities.

Carol and I are blessed to have a team of professionals who work with us. And we are humbled by the thousands of homeowners who have entrusted us to take care of their heating, cooling, electrical and plumbing needs. Call either our Birmingham or Eastern Shores office and talk to us today for your next Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling job.

Kerry Adkins



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 2021, please email chamber@vestaviahills.org.

2021 Date: December 14

2022 Dates:
January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
May 10
June 14
August 9
September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13

*Depending on number of participants each month, you may be sharing a table with another business.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2021 Fourth Quarter Refer and Win Prize Drawing! They will be entered in the drawing at the December luncheon for ten (10) \$25 gift certificates to Leaf & Petal and just in time for their always amazing holiday selections! For fall, people come from all around for their incredible selection of heirloom pumpkins, wreaths, candles, home decor and more (not to mention the plants!). For Christmas, Leaf & Petal's fresh wreaths, garland, and signature "Silver Tip" Christmas trees even draw folks to our area from neighboring states. Leaf & Petal is a store that changes by the day and has incredible offerings for all seasons every

season.



To be entered in the 2022 First 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 2022 First Quarter drawing.



Vestavia Hills

Presented by the City of Vestavia Hills & the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce Visit www.vestaviahills.org for more details and an extended list of events.

Tree Lighting Festival

November 30

Vestavia Hills City Hall, 6:00 pm 1032 Montgomery Highway

Enjoy entertainment, merchant give-aways, a visit with Santa & the lighting of the tree!

Menorah Lighting

December 1

Vestavia Hills City Hall, 5:00 pm 1032 Montgomery Highway

See the lighting of the Menorah and enjoy refreshments and activities!

Breakfast with Santa

December 11

Vestavia Hills Civic Center, 7:30-10:00 am, 1975 Merryvale Road

Bring the whole family for a pancake breakfast with Santa! Free to attend-Breakfast courtesy of Vestavia Hills.

Vestavia Hills Christmas Parade

December 12

Liberty Park Sports Complex to Alston Meadows, 2:00-4:00 pm

Enjoy the city's official parade!

Register to be in the Parade! Find the form at www.vestaviahills.org.



Extended Calendar of Events

November 28-December 6 Happy Hanukkah!

December 1-5

Karen's Hallmark-Trim the Tree Event 620 Montgomery Highway Shop event-exclusive offers and find ornaments that help capture memories that can be shared year after year.

December 3

Unless U Drama Company: A Christmas Carol 737 Chestnut Street, 2:00 and 6:00 pm Join the Unless U Drama Company for a performance of A Christmas Carol! Purchase tickets at https:// www.unlessu.org/drama

Mountaintop Community Church-Jingle Jam 225 Centerview Drive, 6:30 pm

Wear your pajamas and get ready to experience a fun-filled family service with music, games, skits, glow sticks and lots of laughter! Stay for the after party to enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and Christmas karaoke!

December 3-5, 10-12, 17-19

Vulcan Park & Museum: Magical Nights1701 Valley View Drive, 6:00-8:00 pm

Vulcan Park and Museum is transforming the park into a magical holiday experience on weekends through December 19. Come out and the holiday light experience along with food trucks, music, Santa, and so much more. We can't wait to see you atop Red Mountain!

December 3 & 4

Monograms Plus-Hand-cut Silhouettes 1360 Montgomery Highway

Tim Arnold, The Silhouette Man will be at Monograms Plus hand-cutting silhouettes. Working from life or profile photos, Tim transforms black paper into perfect profile likenesses. All ages are welcome and pets too! Two silhouettes (a facing pair) of the same person for \$45, and additional copies of the same person for \$10. Call (205) 822-3353 to reserve an appointment.

December 4

Board & Brush Vestavia Hills-Make & Take Ornament Workshop

2017 Canyon Road, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm Join us for a FAMILY FRIENDLY DIY holiday ornament workshop and create three fun, holiday ornaments for your tree! Cost for the workshop is \$15. Please note, due to the size of these projects, no personalization is accepted. Register at https://boardandbrush.com/vestaviahills

December 5

Vestavia Hills High School RISE-A Santa Celebration 2235 Lime Rock Road, 4:00-6:00 pm

Pictures with Santa, Cookie Decorating, Sing-a-long with Jovie the Elf, Snowball Fights with Buddy the Elf, make Reindeer Food, Christmas Crafts, Coloring Station and More! Purchase tickets at https://gofan.co/app/events/437725

Mountaintop Community Church-Hope for the Holidays Service

225 Centerview Drive, 7:00 pm

For some of us, the holidays can be particularly challenging. The season is often filled with anxiety, stress, grief, and loss. We will take a Sunday evening to spend time acknowledging our feelings and inviting God into our situations as we rest in His comfort. Mark your calendar and make plans to join us on December 5 at 7:00 pm.

December 7

Vestavia Hills High School-Celebrate the Season 2235 Lime Rock Road, 6:00 pm Featuring performances by the Band, Choir, Dance, and Theater Departments.

December 8-11

Shades Mountain Baptist Church-One Starry Night 2017 Columbiana Road, 5:00-8:00 pm

The One Starry Night experience will guide guests through The City Gate, Stargazer Hill, The Marketplace, The Shepherds' Field, and finally, The Stable. Families will sign in with the Census taker, pay the tax collector, enjoy a snack in the Marketplace, Roundup the Sheep at the Field, and make a star craft at Stargazer Hill. Tours start every 15 minutes starting at 5:00, with the last one at 7:15. The whole "experience" will take approximately one hour. The event is free, but tickets are required. Reserve tickets at https://www.shades.org/events

December 9

Magic City Needlepoint-Vulcan Holiday Lights Class 2531 Rocky Ridge Road, Suite 121, 9:00 am-12:00 pm Get in the holiday spirit with our Vulcan Holiday Lights class on Thursday, December 9th from 9-12! Come learn fun filled techniques and decorative stitches from instructor Cathy Gerachis. Select from a "day" or "night" sky for this canvas. Class is \$90 and includes the canvas, stitch guide and class fee. Register on our website. https://

December 9 (continued)

Vestavia Hills High School Jazz Band-Holiday Concert Vestavia Hills Civic Center Dogwood Room, 3:00-5:00 pm Get in the holiday spirit with the VHHS Jazz Band! All seniors are invited to attend.

Pizitz Middle School Band-Holiday Concert Pizitz Middle School Upper Gym, 2826 Columbiana Road, 6:00 pm

December 9 & 10

The Lili Pad-Silhouettes
3138 Heights Village, 10:00 am-4 pm
Your favorite Silhouette Artist is back! Icutyouout.com will
be at The Lili Pad on December 9 & 10. It only takes 5
Minutes and is the perfect gift for any grandparent!
\$40 for 2 matted copies. Call 205-298-1811 to schedule an
appointment.

December 12

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension-A Service of Lessons and Carols 1912 Canyon Road, 5:00 pm

The Ascension Choir joins our friends and colleagues from St. John's Decatur in presenting a service of Lessons and Carols for Advent on Sunday, December 12, at 5:00. A reception in Terrill Foyer will follow. Childcare provided.

December 14

Birmingham Boys Choir Christmas Concert Samford University Wright Center, 7:00 pm Celebrate the sounds of the season with the Birmingham Boys Choir, as 150 voices join in singing your favorite beloved carols as well as Christmas anthems! Free to attend.

December 18

Pure Fitness-Reindeer Dash
1425 Montgomery Highway, Suite 115
Ready, Set, Dash! Come out on Saturday December 18th at
7:30am for our 5th Annual 5k and 1mile fun run at Pure Fitness in Vestavia Hills. Come dressed as your favorite holiday character and bring your family. Register by December 1st to get a guaranteed t-shirt and race packet with all the goodies!
Race packet pick up is Friday December 17th from 8am-Noon or the morning of the race at 7am at Pure Fitness. Register at https://runsignup.com/thereindeerdash2021

December 21

Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church-Service of Healing & Light

2061 Kentucky Avenue, 6:00 pm

The holly-jolly Christmas atmosphere can be difficult if we are experiencing the recent loss of a loved one or a significant life-changing event. We need the space to acknowledge our grief and hold it up to the light of the Christmas message: God is with us. Come be a part of this very special service on Tuesday, December 21, at 6:00 pm, in the Sanctuary!

December 24

Vestavia Methodist Church-Christmas Eve Services 2061 Kentucky Avenue, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 and 11:00 pm Join us for Candlelight Communion services at 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 and 11:00 pm, or a 30-minute communion service at 8:00 pm. Childcare will be available for the 2:00, 4:00 and 6:00 services.

Shades Mountain Baptist Church-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

2017 Columbiana Road, 3:00 and 5:00 pm Christmas Eve is the most memorable service of the year at Shades, and this year we're making it even better! We'll worship together through music, preaching, and at the end of our time together, enjoy a beautiful candlelight moment remembering the meaning of Christmas.

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension-Christmas Eve Services

1912 Canyon Road, 4:00 and 6:00 pm

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church-Christmas Eve Services 3775 Crosshaven Drive, 3:00, 5:00 and 10:30 pm

Mountaintop Community Church-Christmas Eve Service

225 Centerview Drive, 3:30 and 5:00 pm Join us for a Celebration with Christmas Carols, and Candlelight.

December 25 Merry Christmas!

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church-Christmas Day Service 3775 Crosshaven Drive, 10:15 am

January 1 Happy New Year!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

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- **Method Mortgage** is a Toys for Tots Drop-Off Location this holiday season! Bring a new, unwrapped toy to their office by December 15. 601 Vestavia Parkway, Suite 300
- Read the December issue of Birmingham Christian Family featuring Chamber members featuring Chamber Members Children's of Alabama, Chick-fil-A Cahaba Heights and more! Read it online at https:// birminghamchristian.com/issues/
- Apricot Lane Boutique is now open at The Summit! Visit them at 225 Summit Blvd, Suite 99
- Iz Café is taking Christmas orders online at www.everythingiz.com or call (205) 979-7522. Iz Cafe also has a variety of holiday treats to gift or enjoy this season! 3325 Rocky Ridge Plz., Vestavia Hills, 35243.
- Save the date for Sojourn Counseling's first annual RUN, RIDE and RUMBLE for PTSD Awareness on June 11, 2022 at Cahaba Brewing Company! Learn more at www.runriderumble.com
- Vestavia Toastmasters Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6pm and would love to have you visit! Learn about them at www.vestavia.toastmastersclubs.org
- Join Birmingham Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine from 12-1 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays for a small group functional fitness class for people 55+ years of age and able to walk without assistance/ device to improve fitness and functional mobility to help participants live the lives they want! Classes will be led by our Doctor of Physical Therapy, Melanie Cosio, who is also a CrossFit Level 2 Trainer with 10+ years of experience as a fitness instructor. Classes are \$185/month or \$25 drop in fee. Email melaniecosio.dpt@gmail.com for more info and to sign up!
- Chick-fil-A Cahaba Heights is now open! Come see them at 3949 Crosshaven Drive.
- Help Home Instead Senior Care Be a Santa to a Senior this holiday season! Visit www.beasantatoasenior.com for information or find their Amazon wish list at https://a.co/7j5OgPD
- Become a Charter Member of the new Vestavia Hills Kiwanis Club! Contact David LeCompte at (205) 568-2076 or davidlecompte@hotmail.com for information on joining.

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|---|--------|---|
| Chair: John Henley, State Farm Insurance Chair Elect: Sandra Cleveland, BCR Wealth | D== 44 | |
| Vice Chair Membership Development: Erin Holtz, | Dec 14 | Chamber Luncheon, 11:30 am, Vestavia Country Club |
| Pure Fitness | Dec 16 | Board of Directors, 7:45 am, Chamber Office |
| Vice Chair Business Development: Taylor Burton, | | |
| Taylor Burton Co., Inc. Vice Chair Community Affairs: Marty Martin, | | Events |
| B.L. Harbert | Dec 7 | — 1 2 1 2 2 |
| Vice Chair Programming: James Robinson, Spire | | Ribbon Cutting: StoneCreek Dental Care, 12:00 pm |
| Vice Chair Public Education: Kelly Bottcher, VHUMC | Dec 11 | Breakfast with Santa, Dogwood Room, 7:30-10:00 am |
| Treasurer: Ben Chambliss Jackson, Howard & Whatley, CPAs | Dec 12 | Christmas Parade, 2:00 pm, Liberty Park |
| Secretary/Legal Counsel: Mark Macoy | | |
| Mark W. Macoy, LLC | | Other Meetings 9 Helideys |
| Immediate Past Chair: Gary Jordan, | | Other Meetings & Holidays |
| Summit Franchising Group Past Chair: Roger Steur, Method Mortgage | Dec 9 | Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 pm |
| | Dec 13 | City Council Meeting, Council Chambers 6 pm |
| Directors Keri Bates, Rocky Ridge Drug Co. | Dec 16 | Board of Zoning Adjustment, 6 pm |
| Doug Dean, Children's of Alabama | | |
| Donnie Dobbins, IberiaBank | Dec 20 | City Council Meeting, Council Chambers 6 pm |
| Clabe Dobbs, Progress Bank | | |
| Linda Parker, Dream Vacations Rachel Patterson, Bradford Health Services | | |
| Jamie Pursell, Leaf & Petal | | |
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