

# NEWS & VIEWS

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## December 9 Luncheon Holiday Program: Birmingham Boys Choir

For over four decades, the Birmingham Boys Choir has been shaped by the extraordinary leadership of Ken and Susan Berg. Since 1978, Ken has served as Music Director, blending artistry, discipline, and heartfelt mentorship to cultivate not only world-class vocalists but also strong, principled young men. Susan, serving alongside him as Pianist, Theory Program Coordinator, and later as Junior Chorister Director, has been equally instrumental—developing the foundational skills and confidence of our youngest singers. Their dedication has left an indelible mark on thousands of lives and established a legacy of excellence that defines the BBC to this day.



Now guiding the organization into its next chapter is Executive Director Jeff Caulk, whose leadership ensures that the mission, structure, and community reach of the BBC remain strong and forward-thinking. Jeff brings both administrative skill and a deep appreciation for the choir's values, helping build a future that honors the past while embracing growth. Together, this team exemplifies what it means to lead with passion, purpose, and faith.

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From soundcheck to system design, we do it all! Audio & video integration, lighting design, room draping and décor, LED video walls, and more. Every show and every system is handled with preci-

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## Shades Mountain Baptist Church

Shades Mountain Baptist Church is proud to sponsor the December Chamber luncheon!



**Shades Mountain  
Baptist Church**

The Shades Mission Statement is "Leveraging who we are and what we've been given for the sake of the Gospel, wherever we are and wherever God takes us."

In our community of Vestavia Hills, this means we want to be a light in our city and be involved in areas where we can show the love of Jesus.

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## Hello and Happy Holidays!

As the year comes to a close, our community is filled with the excitement and joy of the season. December is a wonderful time to celebrate our accomplishments, strengthen connections, and support the many local businesses that make Vestavia Hills special.

You are invited to join us for our **Christmas Chamber Luncheon** on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, featuring a special performance by the **Birmingham Boys Choir**. Networking begins at 11:30 AM and the buffet opens at 11:45 AM. Register at [vestaviiahills.org](http://vestaviiahills.org)



**Michelle Hawkins**

We also welcome new businesses to Vestavia Hills through our upcoming **Ribbon Cuttings**:

**Calista Esthetics Studio** – Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 4:00 PM, 3254 Cahaba Heights Road

**Let's Lose Weight Loss & Wellness** – Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 12:00 PM, 614 Montgomery Hwy

**Member Appreciation Day** will be held Wednesday, December 17, 2025—sign up to have your Cutco knives sharpened for free. Schedule a time at [vestaviiahills.org](http://vestaviiahills.org)

**Holiday in the Hills** is in full swing, and our Events Calendar is filled with fantastic seasonal activities happening throughout Vestavia Hills. Check out the calendar on our website.

This time of year is essential for our local businesses. When you choose to Shop, Dine, and Play in Vestavia Hills, you're investing in the heart of our community. Every purchase strengthens local jobs, supports entrepreneurs, and keeps our hometown thriving.

As always, and especially during this holiday season—

**SHOP. DINE. PLAY. in Vestavia Hills!**

It is my honor and joy to serve all our Vestavia Hills Chamber members.

Happy Holidays! Merry Christmas! and Happy New Year!

Warmly,

*Michelle Hawkins*

*President*

## December 9 Luncheon

Reservations must be made by 4:00 PM Thursday, December 4, 2025 and cost \$25. Late reservations will cost \$30. Make your reservation by visiting [www.vestaviahills.org](http://www.vestaviahills.org) or by calling 823-5011.

### Please Note:

- Reservations that are made and not cancelled by 4:00 pm Thursday, December 4 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.
- **Please make every effort to make your reservation on time. The number of reservations we have by the deadline is the number that we and the Vestavia Country Club prepare for.**

**Please remember the Vestavia Country Club policy of NO JEANS in the ballroom where we hold our monthly luncheons.**

## 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 2025, please email [katiew@vestaviahills.org](mailto:katiew@vestaviahills.org)

2025 Dates:  
December 9

2026 Dates:  
January 13  
February 10  
March 10  
April 14  
May 12  
June 9  
August 11  
September 8  
October 13  
November 10  
December 8

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sion and care. Our clients chose us again and again for our creative vision, technical mastery, and reliable support. Whether your event is in a corporate ballroom or a community church, our commitment to excellence travels wherever your vision takes us.

We believe audio, video, and lighting should do more than work — they should connect people and elevate every experience. For over a decade, we've helped organizations across Birmingham and the Southeast create professional AV systems and live event production that look stunning, sound clear, and leave a lasting impact.

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We do this in practical ways by supporting our schools through our School Serve Teams and providing Cop Stop meals for our police officers.

Each year during the Christmas season we help provide gifts for children and families in need through our Gift of Hope campaign. With the donations given to this fund we are able to give clothing, toys and hygiene kits and let these families know they are loved by God and by us.

On Wednesday, December 24 we will have three Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 1:00pm, 3:00pm and 5:00pm. These services are open to the public and are a great way to start your family's Christmas celebration.

We are also proud to support the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce by sponsoring several community events including the Dogwood Prayer Breakfast and I Love America Night. Shades also serves as a sponsor of the Vestavia Hills Police Foundation's Community Night Out event.

Each Sunday at Shades we have Worship Services at 9:00am and 10:30am. If you don't have a church home we invite you to join us to hear the good news of the Gospel.

From all of us at Shades we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



## Holiday Wine Game



Instead of the wine game, this year we will be having a raffle at our December 9 Luncheon with the proceeds going to the Vestavia Hills City Schools Rebels Helping Rebels Fund.

Tickets will cost \$10 each to enter to win a Holiday Hosting Basket valued at \$350.

Cash, Check or Venmo ONLY.



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

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**HOLIDAY in the HILLS**  
Vestavia Hills

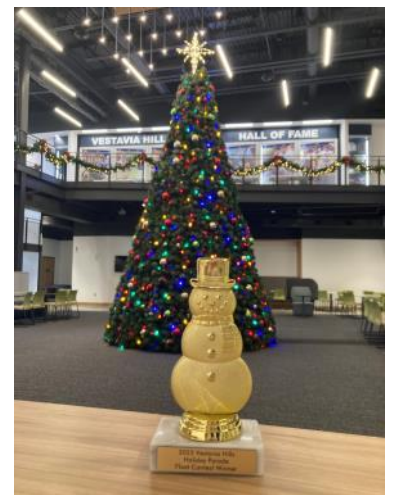
**Mark your calendar! For more information, visit <https://vhal.org/community/city-events>.**

<p><i>Saturday, November 15</i>  <b>Deck the Heights</b>   2-7pm                      The Heights Village   3162 Heights Village</p>	<p><i>Thursday, December 4</i>  <b>All is Bright</b>   6-8pm                      Vestavia City Center   700 Montgomery Highway</p>
<p><i>Monday, November 17</i>  <b>Holiday Photo Booth Opens</b>                      Reservation required: <a href="https://app.link/holidaystudio">app.link/holidaystudio</a>                      Library in the Forest   1221 Montgomery Highway</p>	<p><i>Sunday, December 7</i>  <b>Holiday Parade &amp; Party in the Park</b>   2pm                      Liberty Park (Rain Date: December 14)</p>
<p><i>Thursday, November 20</i>  <b>Tree Lighting Festival</b>   6pm                      City Hall Complex   1032 Montgomery Highway</p>	<p><i>Saturday, December 13</i>  <b>Breakfast with Santa</b>   7:30-10am                      Civic Center   1090 Montgomery Highway</p>
<p><i>Monday, December 1</i>  <b>Light Up Vestavia Hills</b>                      City-Wide</p>	<p><i>Sunday, December 21</i>  <b>Menorah Lighting</b>   5:30pm                      City Hall   1032 Montgomery Highway</p>

## Be in the Holiday Parade and/or set up a booth at the Party in the Park!

New this year: Best Float Contest! Categories: Business, Civic Groups, School Groups and Golfcarts. Winners in each category will receive a trophy and have their photo in the 2026 Vestavia Hills Living magazine.

New Route! The Holiday Parade will take place at the new Bray Town Center in Liberty Park.



# Membership Appreciation Day *Thank You*



VESTAVIA HILLS

CHAMBER of COMMERCE

**December 17, 2025**

**8am -4:15 pm**

- Schedule your knives to be sharpened
- Enjoy a holiday treat on us
- Hot Chocolate Bar



**FREE CUTCO  
SHARPENING AND  
SERVICE EVENT**

**Vestavia Hills Chamber of  
Commerce  
8am-4:15pm**

As a thank you to our members, we have partnered with Cutco to host a free knife sharpening, no need to send your knives in for sharpening! Sharpenings are by appointment only. You can schedule at the link below!

**Register Here**





## Member Notes

- Santa Claus is coming to **Village Dermatology** on December 2 from 12-4 pm. Bring your children for great pictures! Get some last minute shopping completed while your children are getting to talk to Santa!
- Santa Claus is coming to **Unless U Scoops!** Join them for ice cream and a picture with Santa on December 3rd from 1:00 - 4:00!
- All Is Bright is back at **Vestavia City Center** to kick off the holiday season on Thursday, December 4th from 6-8pm! We will have complimentary hot chocolate, popcorn, a visit from Santa, free holiday kids activities, and a showing of the movie Elf. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, and we will bring the heaters and popcorn. We can't wait to see you there!
- **Mountaintop Church's** Jingle Jam on December 5 at 6:30 pm is the perfect night to invite friends, family and neighbors! Wear your pajamas and get ready to experience a fun-filled family program with music, games, skits and lots of laughter! Stay for the AFTER PARTY to enjoy a hot chocolate bar, cookies, Christmas Karaoke and more!
- **Pappas' Grill** is now open on Sundays from 11 am-2 pm! Stop in for lunch!
- **Glenwood's** annual Pecans for Autism sale is underway, now through January 11! Order at [pecansforautism.org](http://pecansforautism.org)
- Join **Vulcan Park & Museum** for a new holiday tradition at Vulcan's Holidays on the Mountain, debuting Saturday, December 6, from 4 PM to 8 PM, and experience a joyful celebration at Vulcan Park & Museum. Enjoy an evening filled with twinkle and cheer as you capture photos with Santa, dance to merry tunes spun by a DJ, sip complimentary hot cocoa, snack on sweet treats, shop with local vendors, partake in fun activities, and meet our beloved mascot "V."
- Keith, @icutyouout, will be at **The Lili Pad** December 11th & 12th hand cutting silhouettes! These make the best Gifts for Grandparents and Moms! Give us a call to book your 10 minute appointment. 205-298-1811
- Showcase your house at the **Megan Montgomery Foundation's** 2025 Gingerbread Jam from 8-11 am on December 13 at the Vestavia Hills Civic Center. This unique holiday event is currently the only Gingerbread House Competition in the Birmingham Area. If you love to build gingerbread houses, we invite you to enter the competition! All proceeds from this event will go to the Megan Montgomery Foundation to Prevent Domestic Violence, Inc. Reserve your spot at <https://gingerbreadjam.swell.gives/>
- Celebrate the season with **Arise Knox Square's** Winter Wonderland Open House from 3-5 pm on December 11! Food, treats, warm drinks, community tours and PICTURES WITH SANTA!!
- The **Library in the Forest's** Holiday Photo Studio is open! We have the setting and lights, so bring your phone or camera and make some holiday magic! Schedule your appointment at [vestavialibrary.org](http://vestavialibrary.org)
- Join **Town Village Vestavia** for Rolls & Referrals Professional Networking with local business providers on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All types of businesses are welcome. Pop in anytime between 8-9:30 am. Coffee and cinnamon rolls are provided. Register for your chance to win door prizes! All FREE of charge!

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## Member Notes (continued)

- Your business can help change lives — One paw at a time. Join other local businesses in supporting **FIDOS Facility Dogs, Inc.**, a Hoover-based nonprofit organization connecting professionals in schools, health care, and other nonprofits with expertly trained standard poodles who bring comfort, motivation, and hope to our community.
- Read the latest issue of **Birmingham Christian Family** magazine 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@vestaviiahills.org](mailto:chamber@vestaviiahills.org).*



## RIBBON CUTTINGS



Ribbon Cutting



Thursday, December 11, 2025  
4:00 pm  
3254 Cahaba Heights Road  
Vestavia Hills, AL 35243

Ribbon Cutting



December 16, 2025  
12:00 pm  
614 Montgomery Highway



## Vestavia Hills Shares

The Vestavia Hills Shares Card is a fundraiser partnership between the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce and Vestavia Hills Schools. Shares Cards can be used to receive deals at local businesses now through May 2026!

\$30 Each

**Bulk Orders available! Shares Cards make great gifts!**

Contact Tracy Thornton at [tracyt@vestaviiahills.org](mailto:tracyt@vestaviiahills.org) for Bulk Orders



Scan here to purchase



Save the card to your phone's wallet or pick up a physical card at the Chamber Office

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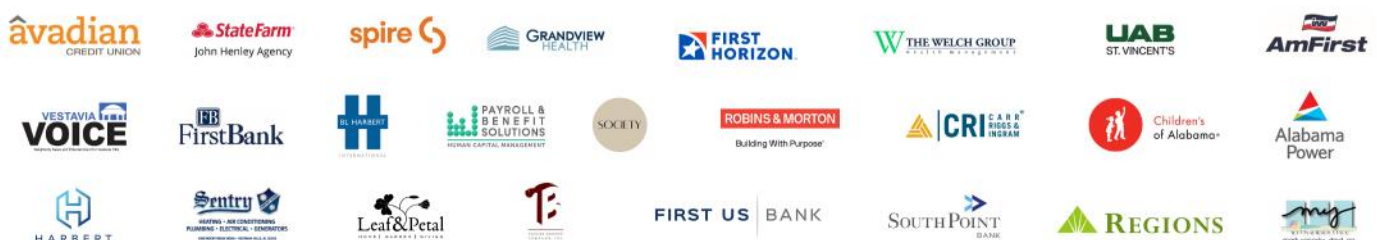
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## Upcoming Chamber Meetings

Dec 9

Monthly Luncheon, 11:30 am, Vestavia Country Club

Dec 18

Board of Directors, 7:45 am, Chamber Office

## Events

Dec 7

Holiday Parade & Party in the Park, 2 pm Liberty Park

Dec 11

Ribbon Cutting: Calista Esthetics Studio, 4 pm

Dec 16

Ribbon Cutting: LetsLose Weight Loss & Wellness, 12 pm

Dec 17

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