

NEWS & VIEWS

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April 8 Luncheon Brian Stockard, Turning Point Foundation

Brian Stockard joined the Turning Point team in June 2018 as a member of the Board of Directors and transitioned into the role of Executive Director in June 2019. His journey in the recovery community is deeply personal, as his own path to sobriety began in 2013. Alongside his wife, Rachel, Brian has been dedicated to supporting men battling addiction and the families affected by it. With a strong commitment to serving those in need, he is passionate about helping individuals find freedom from addiction and develop a deeper relationship with God.



Brian grew up in Vestavia Hills and graduated from VHHS in 1991. He earned a degree in Accounting from Auburn University and more recently expanded his education at Highlands College, where he focused on Ministry and Leadership. He and Rachel reside in the Birmingham area and have three children.

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LUNCHEON SPONSOR

Liberty Park Joint Venture

Liberty Park's story began with nearly 4,000 acres of spectacular land and a heartfelt mission to responsibly create a community so grand in thought and design that it would seamlessly blend the traditions of yesterday, the lifestyle of today, and the promises of tomorrow.



Designed as a Master-Planned Community, Liberty Park is home to Vestavia Hills' highly rated Liberty Park Elementary and Middle Schools. With more than 1,700 families already calling Liberty Park home, it's a place where children ride bikes to school and race to the playgrounds, where families gather at the pool, tennis courts, and each other's backyards, and where lakes, parks, and walking trails keep the great outdoors an integral part of everyday life.

The vision of The Bray at Liberty Park is coming to life with a vibrant town center that blends hospitality, dining, retail, and diverse residential options around the inviting Great Lawn. As The Bray continues to evolve, we are excited to announce several new additions that will further enhance this dynamic live-work-play environment. A premier early childhood learning center is on the horizon, providing top-tier education and care for young families. A luxury day spa will offer an oasis of relaxation and rejuvenation. Opening in The Bray in 2025 is Livano at Liberty Park, a modern apartment community that combines upscale living with high-end amenities, and Filmont, an elegant active adult development offering sophisticated urban living within Liberty Park.

Ranked among Birmingham's best places to live, Liberty Park is a sanctuary—small enough to know your neighbors yet expansive enough to support your family's brightest future. We invite you to explore The Bray and experience the vibrant community taking shape at Liberty Park!

Happy April from Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce!

Spring is in full swing, and we're excited about the opportunities blooming for our local businesses! This month, we have networking events, community initiatives, and exciting updates to share. Read on to stay informed and engaged with your business community. Please join us for our inaugural Mini Masters Putt Putt Event this Saturday, April 5th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Scout Square - 741 Montgomery Hwy. There will be Prizes, Local Vendors, and Food Trucks! Plus, a portion of the proceeds go to RISE.



Michelle Hawkins

We have two terrific inspirational Tuesdays coming up!

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, is our monthly **Chamber Luncheon**, networking begins at 11:30 AM and the buffet opens at 11:45 AM. Our guest speaker is **Brian Stockard**, the Executive Director of **Turning Point**.

Tuesday April 22, 2025, the doors will open at 6:45 AM for our **34th Annual Dogwood Prayer Breakfast**. You will be inspired and impacted by our special guest speakers, **GARY & CAROL GODFREY & KERRY & TANJA GOODE** Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Advocates. Please note this event will be at the Vestavia Hills Civic Center this year. Get your tickets at vestaviiahills.org or if you want to sponsor a table please contact our office at: 205-823-5011.

Our Vestavia Hills Dogwood Festival is the longest running festival in the state and is in full swing! There is something for everyone. Enjoy all that our wonderful City has to offer – for more info visit <https://vhal.org/community/dogwood-festival/>.

We are blessed to have a vibrant and active Chamber, and we are working on new ways to keep everyone informed and up to date as we grow our events and programs. You can now subscribe to our Chamber Events Calendar at vestaviiahills.org

As a Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce member, you all are the heart, soul, and future success of the Chamber and it is my honor and joy to serve you.

Michelle Hawkins
President

April 8 Luncheon

Reservations must be made by 4:00 PM Thursday, April 3, 2025 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 Thursday, April 3 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.

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Turning Point is a 501c3, in-house recovery center located in Thorsby, AL that helps men battling Substance Use Disorder. We offer a serene environment where our residents can focus on healing and recovery without distractions. For more than 30 years, the Turning Point program has helped men break free from the bondage of addiction from drugs and alcohol. Our residents discover freedom, joy, and peace by means of one-on-one counseling, group sessions and a unique curriculum taught in a classroom setting.

Turning Point program graduates once again have hope for a better future and a new chance to become the sons, husbands, fathers, friends and leaders that they were all intended to be.

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@vestaviiahills.org

2025 Dates:

April 8
May 13
June 10
August 12

September 9
October 14
November 18
December 9

Sponsor a Luncheon!

We have a few spots open this year for luncheon sponsors. Luncheon sponsors are featured in that month's newsletter, have their logo on tent cards on each table, get a spotlight table and a few minutes to speak about their business. Sponsorships cost \$750. Contact katiew@vestaviiahills.org if you are interested in being a sponsor.



2024-2025 Vestavia Hills Shares Card

On Sale Now at vestaviiahills.org!

Shop Dine and Play Vestavia Hills!! Shop locally and support our schools while you support our community.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

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elitenutrition.us
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thewindowsourceofbirmingham.com
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birminghambuilder.com
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drymedicbirminghamal.com
Category: Restoration

Vestavia Hills DOGWOOD FESTIVAL *Spring into Fun!*

The Vestavia Hills Dogwood Festival is a celebration all of the incredible things Vestavia Hills has to offer!
THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE DURING THE DOGWOOD FESTIVAL!

March

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| 1: Dogwood Dink Pickleball Tournament
VH Civic Center, 8am | 1: RISE Rebel 5K Color Run
VHHS, 9am | 15: RISE Character Party & Touch-A-Truck Kids Day
VHHS, 9am | 23-29: Spring Break Staycation!
Visit website for list of city-wide events and deals! |
| 1: RISE Fun Run
VHHS, 8am | 2: Paw-Di Gras Parade
Meadowlawn Park, 3:30-6:30pm | 15: Teen Art Market
Library in the Forest, 1-4pm | 28: Spring Yard Judging Begins, City-wide |

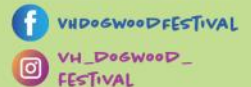
April

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| 2: Dogwood Luncheon
Vestavia Country Club, 10am | 10: Dogwood Festival Market: Liberty Park
Liberty Park, 4-7pm | 19: Battle of the Bands
Rocky Ridge Plaza, 5-9pm | 26: Wing Ding
VH City Hall Lawn, 4-7pm |
| 4 & 5: Hunt the Heights
Cahaba Heights Business District, 10am-5pm | 12: RISE Day
VHHS, 4-10pm | 21: Historical Society Presentation: Patrick Boone, Esq.
Vestavia Hills City Hall, 2pm | 27: Heights Hangout
The Heights Village, 2-7pm |
| 5: Mini Masters
Location TBD, 9am | 12: Historical Society Self-Guided Home Tour Begins, City-wide | 22: Dogwood Prayer Breakfast
VH Civic Center, 7-9am | 27: Historical Society Self-Guided Home Tour Concludes, City-wide |
| 6: Spring Yard Judging Concludes | 18: Easter Extravaganza
Wald Park, 11am-1pm | | |



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or visit
https://bit.ly/Dogwood_Fest

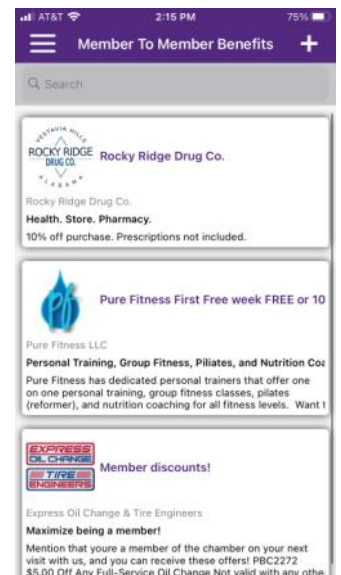
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WANT TO INCLUDE YOUR VESTAVIA HILLS EVENT IN THE DOGWOOD FESTIVAL?
Contact Cinnamon McCulley at 205.978.0143 or cmcculley@vhal.org.

Member2Member Discount

Did you know discounts are available from your fellow Vestavia Hills Chamber members? Login to your Member account either through www.vestaviiahills.org or the MemberPlus mobile app to see what's available or add one of your own!



34th Annual
**DOGWOOD
PRAYER BREAKFAST†**

**Get your tickets today
for this year's
Dogwood Prayer Breakfast!**

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Vestavia Hills Civic Center
1090 Montgomery Highway
Vestavia Hills, AL

6:45 a.m. Buffet Opens
7:30 a.m. Program Begins

This year's speakers are amyotrophic
lateral sclerosis (ALS) advocates,
Gary & Carol Godfrey and **Kerry & Tanja Goode.**

Tickets are **\$30** each and sell out fast!
To purchase, scan the QR code below
or visit www.vestaviiahills.org.



For more information: www.vestaviiahills.org or 205.823.5011

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9 AM- 1 PM

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Limited spots available



Member Notes

- Hunt the Heights April 4 & 5! Cahaba Heights Merchants will be hiding Easter Eggs filled with Goodies and Discounts in businesses in Cahaba Heights.
- Renowned columnist, humorist, and musician Sean Dietrich, popularly known as "Sean of the South," is set to join forces with the esteemed **Birmingham Boys Choir** for a special afternoon of music and storytelling. This unique event will take place on Sunday April 6, 2025, at 2:30 pm in the newly renovated Mountain Brook High School Auditorium in Birmingham, Alabama. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at birminghamboyschoir.org
- Don't miss this year's **Vestavia Hills Garden Club** Yard Sale at Scout Square from 8am-1pm Saturday, April 12! Lots of treasures and bargains! Proceeds benefit the Sybil Temple Foundation and will be used for the continued maintenance of the Temple.
- Join **BMSS** for a free webinar on April 17 from 8:30-10:00 am as Mark Peterson, Executive Vice President, Advocacy of the AICPA, breaks down the President's first 100 days in office and what we may expect to see over the next four years. Register at [/info.bmss.com/bmss-presents-trump100](http://info.bmss.com/bmss-presents-trump100)
- The **Cookie Fix** Cookie Crusher VH5K is the first of many new races joining the Alabama Race Series, expanding our mission to even more communities brought to you by the team behind BHM26.2! Presented by Cookie Fix, this deliciously fun race takes place at Heights Village in Vestavia Hills on Saturday, April 19th! Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/Birmingham/CookieFixCookieCrusherVH5K>
- Voting for **Vestavia Hills Magazine's** Best of the Best is now open! Visit vestaviahillsmagazine.com/vestavia-hills-best-of-the-best-2025 to cast your vote!
- Read the latest issue of **Birmingham Christian Family** magazine that features Chamber members Jimmie Hale Mission, Sav-A-Life, and more 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@vestaviahills.org.

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2025



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Upcoming Chamber Meetings

April 8

Monthly Luncheon, 11:30 am, Vestavia Country Club

April 17

Board of Directors, 7:45 am, Chamber Office

Events

April 5

Mini Masters, 9 am-1 pm, Scout Square

April 22

Dogwood Prayer Breakfast, 7 am, Vestavia Hills Civic Center



News and Views

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