

May 13 Luncheon Greg Canfield, Burr & Forman Managing Director of Economic Development

Greg Canfield serves as Managing Director of Economic Development at Burr & Forman. In this role, he works closely with the firm's Economic Development Team, which includes lawyers across five states. The team handles economic development matters in support of the site selection process, and directly regarding incentive negotiation & implementation, choice of entity & tax structure, construction, real estate, environmental permitting, contraction negotiations, and government relations.



Prior to joining Burr, Greg served as Secretary of Commerce for the State of Alabama. Greg served in this Cabinet-level position for two Governors for just over 12 years. In this role, Greg is credited with securing a record of more than \$76 billion in new investments, creating 188,000 jobs; launching Commerce's successful Made in Alabama brand; initiating Alabama's first-ever rural development strategy; and leading trade missions to 30 countries setting export records in 2017, 2022, and 2023. His efforts resulted in recognition in the Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association

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Tyler Kime
General Manager

Dear Chamber Members,

I recently attended the Dogwood Prayer Breakfast, and I hope you did too, because what an inspiring morning it was! I was amazed at the attendance in the room and thought to myself that God truly had a plan for all of us to be there in that very moment. Each of us needed to hear the powerful and heartfelt messages—not only from Kerry Goode and Gary Godfrey, but also from their incredible wives, Tanja and Carol. Some of us will walk through difficult seasons ourselves, and others will watch loved ones go through those challenging times. No matter our role in the moment, we are called by God to lift one another up and be a source of strength and hope.



The love, encouragement, and sense of unity in that room was deeply moving. I walked away feeling refreshed—ready to bring that same spirit into my daily life, whether at work, at home, or around our community. Sometimes we all need that reminder, a pause to refocus and reconnect beyond the daily routines that can wear us down. It's so easy to let the small frustrations build, but gatherings like this breathe life back into us.

I'm incredibly thankful for the community we share here in Vestavia Hills. Each day, I experience the power of connection—whether it's a kind word from a pharmacy patient, encouragement from a fellow business owner, or a spontaneous chat with a neighbor. There is real power in gathering together to encourage, brainstorm, discuss, argue, and collaborate. It creates momentum, energy, and community spirit.

A perfect example of this was the recent “oRIDGEinals” Dinner Crawl in the Rocky Ridge Business District, hosted by Leadership Vestavia Hills. I had the privilege of sampling Mark's Mart, and let me tell you—the tuna tartare and truffle grilled cheese were nothing short of amazing! My husband and I will definitely be adding it to our growing list of local favorites. Huge thanks to The Ridge and Sunshine Creamery as well for making the event such a delicious and fun success!

Let's keep showing up for each other. Let's keep building this incredible community together.

Warm regards,

Keri Bates
Board Chair, 2025

Hello and Happy May from the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce!

As we step closer to summer, we hope you're as energized as we are for a season full of opportunities. Your Chamber is always working hard to serve and promote our members, and we invite you to reach out and let us know how we can better support you.

April was action-packed with the finale of our Dogwood Festival events. We were inspired at our 34th Annual Dogwood Prayer Breakfast, enjoyed the energy of Wing Ding and Heights Hangout. We wrapped up the month as we celebrated student success at the VHHS Awards Ceremony, where the Vestavia Hills Chamber Foundation awarded two Vestavia Hills seniors with \$2,500 scholarships each.



Michelle Hawkins

We're also looking forward to our Community Partners and Adopt A School Sponsor Recognition Breakfast on Friday, May 9, 2025—a special opportunity for the Chamber to thank those businesses who support our schools throughout the year.

Don't miss our May Chamber Luncheon on Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Location: Vestavia Country Club

Networking begins at 11:30 AM | Buffet opens at 11:45 AM

We're thrilled to welcome one of our own from Vestavia Hills, Greg Canfield, Managing Director of Economic Development at Burr & Forman, as our guest speaker. He'll share valuable insights into economic development in Vestavia Hills and the greater Birmingham area—don't miss this opportunity to connect and learn!

And mark your calendars—our biggest event of the year is coming up:

I Love America Night – June 26, 2025

Have an event coming up? Let us help you promote it!

And remember—the more you get involved, the more you'll benefit.

JOIN US and get connected—your Vestavia Hills Chamber is here for you!

Michelle Hawkins
President

May 13 Luncheon

Reservations must be made by 4:00 PM Thursday, May 8, 2025 and cost \$25. Late reservations will cost \$30. Make your reservation by visiting www.vestaviiahills.org or by calling 823-5011.

Please Note:

- Reservations that are made and not cancelled by 4:00 pm Thursday, May 8 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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Hall of Fame; the Southern Automotive Manufacturers Alliance Hall of Fame; was awarded the Alabama-Germany Partnership Rainer Bauer Award; and Japan's Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette.

Greg also served as a State Representative for the State of Alabama from 2006-2011. During his tenure, he served on the House Leadership Team and as Chairman of the House Committee on Commerce and Small Business. Greg's legislative tenure is most noted for his 3-year effort to reform Alabama's education budget process through his Rolling Reserve Budget Act, which since becoming law in 2010 has ended proration in education budgeting every year since its passage.

Greg served as the 1997 Board Chair of the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce and served on the Vestavia Hills City Council from 2000-2006.

Greg attended the University of Alabama and the University of Alabama at Birmingham where he earned his B.S. in Finance. Greg has been married to his wife Denise since 1983, and they are the parents of Rachel Canfield Young and John Canfield.

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:

May 13
June 10
August 12
September 9

October 14
November 18
December 9

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ The Window Source
Greg Mihaly
245 Riverchase Parkway E, Suite G
Hoover, AL 35244
(205) 946-3008
thewindowsourceofbirmingham.com
Category: Windows/Window Treatments◆ ARC Realty-Jennifer Harris
Jennifer Harris
4274 Cahaba Heights Court, Suite 200
Vestavia Hills, AL 35243
(205) 965-1129
jenniferharrisrealty.com
Category: Real Estate (Agent)◆ Keller Williams Realty-Frances Knox
Frances Knox
3040 Independence Drive
Homewood, AL 35209
(205) 936-8062
soldonservice4u.com
Category: Real Estate (Agent)◆ homeRN Hoover Vestavia
Alyssa Weyandt
Vestavia Hills, AL 35243
(205) 725-9158
homerncare.com
Category: Home Health Care; Senior Services◆ Mark's Mart Vestavia
Jacob King
2501 Rocky Ridge Road
Vestavia Hills, AL 35243
(205) 593-4713
chickenswirl.com◆ LDI Pro Printing
Cameron Boudreaux
4851 Cahaba River Road, Suite 113
Vestavia Hills, AL 35243
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ldiproprinting.com
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Justin Ragland
150 Glenwood Lane
Birmingham, AL 35242
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Category: Organizations; Healthcare◆ Adobe Acrobat
Ellen Sartin
345 Park Avenue
San Jose, CA 95110
(408) 753-5826
adobe.com
Office Technology◆ Bangkok Street Food
Mantana Damrongsak
3735 Corporate Woods Drive, Suite 113
Vestavia Hills, AL 35242
(205) 706-2563
bangkokstreetfoodsbbm.com
Category: Restaurants |
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43rd Annual I Love America Night

June 26, 6:00 pm at Wald Park
2025 Sponsor Information Package

Businesses must be a member of the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce to be a sponsor.

Standard Levels

GOLD LEVEL - \$375

- A 10' X 10' tent provided for your use with a 6' table and two chairs to display promotional materials and information regarding your business, with optional access to electricity; Sponsor booths are open from 6:00 -8:00 pm.
- Logo on posters
 - will be included on flyers sent home with Vestavia Hills elementary students & in Vestavia Voice ad if sponsor form is received by May 8
 - logo will need to be provided to the Chamber in a pdf or jpg format
- Business Name listed in Over the Mountain Journal ad and News and Views (the Chamber's newsletter) and smaller flyers
- I Love America Night Sponsor Gift

SILVER LEVEL - \$250

- Booth space at event-business must provide their own table and chairs (and tent if they want one). No access to electricity will be available-you may bring your own generator if you need electricity.
- Business name listed in printed materials: News and Views (the Chamber's newsletter), Over the Mountain Journal ad, posters, press releases, etc.
 - will be included on flyers sent home with Vestavia Hills elementary students & in Vestavia Voice ad if sponsor form received by May 8
- I Love America Night Sponsor Gift

Register by May 8 to be included in Vestavia Voice ad and School Flyers, and May 23 for all other advertising.

*Rain Date: July 1

*Please note: This event would not be possible without our sponsors, therefore, only sponsors will be allowed hand anything out at the event.

I Love America Night

Sponsorship Form

Please complete the following and return to the
Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce by May 23*.

*Turn sponsorship form in by May 8 to be included in School Flyers & Vestavia Voice ad

Business Name _____
As you would like the publicity to read. Please print legibly.

Contact _____

Phone _____ Email _____

After Hours Phone _____ and/or Cell _____

Sponsorship Package

☐ **\$375** Gold Level (10x10 tent for event)
☐ I will need electricity at my booth for _____

☐ **\$250** Level (option to bring and set up own table for booth)

☐ Check ☐ Invoice ☐ Credit Card

Credit Card # _____ Exp. _____ Security Code: _____

Name on Card _____ Zip Code: _____

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RIBBON CUTTINGS



RIBBON CUTTING

burn boot camp
VESTAVIA HILLS, AL

MAY 6, 2025

3:15 PM

1425 MONTGOMERY HIGHWAY
VESTAVIA HILLS, AL 35216



Ribbon Cutting

THE
PICKLR

May 20, 2025

Noon

1031 Montgomery Highway
Suite 101
Vestavia Hills, AL 35216



Ribbon Cutting

Mark's
MART

May 22, 2025

4:00 pm

2501 Rocky Ridge Road
Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

Cultivating Hiring & Revenue Success through Small Business Fellowship

We will dive deep into Michael Gerber's "The E-Myth Revisited" with fellow entrepreneurs and uncover transformative strategies to elevate your business. This mastermind will offer practical insights, collaborative problem-solving, and actionable steps to implement Gerber's principals effectively.

Meet Our Facilitator



Monica Drake

Pinnacle Financial Partners

Monica is currently the Community Development Coordinator and Vice President for Pinnacle Financial Partners.



📅 **May 14, 2025**

🕒 **8:00 AM CDT**

🍳 Breakfast will be provided.

🚫 The event is free of charge!

Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce
1090 Montgomery Hwy, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

Member Notes

- **Glenwood** proudly welcomes Amy Wright, founder of the Bitty & Beau's Coffee chain, as the keynote speaker for the Power of Possibilities Luncheon on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at Old Overton Club (7251 Old Overton Club Dr, Vestavia Hills, AL 35242). This inspiring event will showcase Amy's journey of advocacy and inclusion while highlighting the impact of meaningful employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Tickets available to purchase at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/HZC/>
- **Vestavia City Center** is excited to announce a new event, Barks & Brews happening on Thursday, May 8th from 6-8PM on the green space! Enjoy coupons or specials from select restaurants, live music by Daniel Bowden, adoptable dogs from Greater Birmingham Humane Society, dog-friendly vendors, and kids' activities! This is an evening you won't want to miss!
- Mark your calendars for **Birmingham Therapy Services'** Spring Networking Event on May 13 from 5-7 pm at Otey's Tavern Edgewood! Bring business cards and any marketing materials - grow your professional network in minutes with our speed networking sessions.
- 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@vestaviiahills.org.

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Upcoming Chamber Meetings

May 13

Monthly Luncheon, 11:30 am, Vestavia Country Club

May 15

Board of Directors, 7:45 am, Chamber Office

Events

May 6

Ribbon Cutting: Burn Boot Camp, 3:15 pm

May 7

Lunch & Learn, 11:30 am, Chamber Office

May 14

Masterminds Workshop, 8 am, Chamber Office

May 20

Ribbon Cutting: The Picklr, noon

May 22

Ribbon Cutting: Mark's Mart, 4 pm



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