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REMEMBER TO VOTE TODAY



Today is an important vote to renew the existing 10.5 mill tax for our schools. This is NOT a new tax, only a renewal of an existing tax that was approved by the citizens of Vestavia Hills in 1990. The existing tax is due to expire in 2017.

For more information visit the city website @ www.vhal.org and click on the Election Information link on the right-hand side of the home page.

POLLS ARE OPEN UNTIL 7 PM

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LVH Graduates 2014

Class Project Presentation and Graduation Date April 1, 2014
Vestavia Country Club

Reynolds Anderson
Lee Baker
Tyler Bradford
Cecilia Crenshaw
Tracy Davis
Shera Grant
Keith Johns
Clifton Kew
David Martin
Chip McCallum
Jason Nabors
Shanta Owens
Dan Pahos
Shelia Phillips
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Scott Register
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Class Coordinators: Brian Davis and Ann Hamiter
Class Facilitators: Julie Ellis and Rebecca Olsen

George Pierce Member Spotlight



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Once a week you will find George Pierce (Class of 2008), Vestavia Hills City Council Member, having lunch at a restaurant in Vestavia Hills meeting with citizens to answer questions or address concerns about our city. When asked about the purpose of his weekly lunch sessions, George responded, "I'm not a politician, I'm a public servant." George has been a public servant for the city of Vestavia Hills for over 17 years. He is currently serving his second term on the City Council, where he serves as the liaison to the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce ("VH Chamber"), as well as, the Chairman of the Vestavia Hills Standing Annexation Committee. George also served on the Board of Zoning Adjustment for 12 years, chairing that committee for 6 years, and was also Chairman of the Mayor's Ordinance Revision Committee.

In addition to his leadership roles in city government, George has been a leader in his church and the VH Chamber. He has been a member of the Chamber since 2000, serving on the Board of Directors from 2004 - 2008. George was Vice-President of the VH Chamber's Business Development Committee. In 2007, he was chosen as the Chamber's Board Member of the Year. George is also a member of Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church, where he has been an usher since 2001.

George and his wife Kacy, who is principal of Liberty Park Middle School, have called Vestavia Hills home since 1986. They raised their three children, Ali, Amy and Adam, in Vestavia Hills, where all three graduated from Vestavia Hills High School. All three graduated from Auburn University returning to the area to raise their families, which include George and Kacy's five grandchildren. "Vestavia Hills is a great family-oriented community," said George.

George grew up in Auburn, Alabama and is a graduate of Auburn High School and Auburn University. He was a member of the Student Government Association and Kappa Alpha Order while a student at Auburn University.

George is employed locally at Associated Builders and Contractors.

Announcements

The City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills is currently accepting applications for an upcoming vacancy on the Vestavia Hills Board of Education. This is a five-year voluntary non-compensated appointment to the Board which begins June 1, 2014. The deadline for application is 5 PM, central time, April 14, 2014. A copy of the application may be obtained at www.vhal.org and click on the Public Notices link on the right-hand side of the home page. A personal interview will be set up at a later date and the appointment will be announced on April 28, 2014. Any questions, please contact Rebecca Leavings, City Clerk, 205-978-0184.

The 2nd Annual Vestavia Hills Health & Wellness Fair will be held on May 3 from 9 am - 1 pm at the Vestavia Hills Civic Center. The event is free to the public. This year's event will include a Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, giving the public an opportunity to turn in unwanted prescription drugs, and a Family Run/Walk Fundraiser.

Youth Leadership Vestavia Hills is asking for volunteers for the Purple People Run to be held this Saturday, March 15. Interested volunteers should contact Lindy Walker at davidandlindy5@bellsouth.net.

Wald Park has been selected for "Heart Your Park," a program introduced as a part of Macy's "Secret Garden" campaign, which aims to raise awareness and dollars for local parks across the country. From March 7 to March 31, customers at Macy's can donate \$1 or more at the register, with 100 percent of the donations benefiting Wald Park. To further spread the love, Macy's will match the total customer donation across all stores, dollar for dollar, up to \$250,000 in total.

Visit the LVH website to see recent upgrades to the LVH webpage making it easier to access profiles and personal information. Logon to the webpage by using either your work email or home email address. If you want to change your logon, update your profile and create a user name. If you have forgotten your password or wish to change it, this can be done from the LVH website. If you have any questions or need assistance contact Burke Swearingen at bswearingen@bellsouth.net.

Spring Baseball Clinic with the Birmingham Barons

The 4th Annual Spring Baseball Clinic with the Birmingham Barons will be held at Wald Park on April 22 from 11 am until 1 pm. Special needs students from Vestavia Hills City School and The Exceptional Foundation will have a day of baseball including having their names announced over the loudspeaker, on-field greeting from Barons players, training in four baseball skills, photo ops, autograph sessions and lunch at the ball park.

Volunteers are needed for the event. Please contact Brent Irby at birby@mhcilaw.com for more information.



Applications for LVH Class of 2014-2015

Leadership Vestavia Hills will be accepting Applications for the 2014-2015 Class from March 1 through March 31. Nominations of potential class members may be made through the "Join LVH" tab on the Leadership Vestavia Hills website, www.leadershipvestaviiahills.com. Nominated candidates should submit a completed application online between March 1 through March 31. For more information, please visit www.leadershipvestaviiahills.com.



Youth Leadership Vestavia Hills (YLVH)

Youth Leadership Vestavia Hills (YLVH) is participating in many great events this spring to support Relay For Life, so mark your calendars and join them:

March 15 - Purple People 5K Run/Walk

The 5K will take place at the Vestavia Hills High School at 9 am and will include a one-mile fun run. Participants of all ages are welcome to join the event. Everyone is welcome to come out dressed in their best purple attire for a fun morning run and the chance to fight cancer. The cost to participate is \$25.00 and proceeds benefit Relay For Life. YLVH needs volunteers, if you can help, please contact Lindy Walker at davidandlindy5@bellsouth.net.

March 18 - Knock Cancer Out of the Ballpark

Come support Vestavia Hills High School baseball and help raise money for

Relay For Life. Game time 4 pm at Vestavia Hills High School.

April 5 - Vestavia Hills Relay For Life

This event will take place from 3 pm until 11 pm at Vestavia Hills High School. Come and enjoy this fun-filled family day and support the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. To donate to Relay For Life and for more information, please visit www.relayforlife.org/VestaviaAL. Follow VHHS Relay For Life on Twitter (@VHHSRelay4Life) and Instagram (@VHHSRELAYFORLIFE).

Calendar of Events

March 15

Purple People Run
Vestavia Hills High School
9 am

March 18

LVH Board Meeting
Vestavia Hills Civic Center
Civic Room (across from Chamber
Board Room)
7:45 am

April 1

LVH Graduation and Class
Presentation
Vestavia Country Club
8 am - 1:30 pm

April 5

Relay For Life
Vestavia Hills High School
3 pm - 11 pm

April 22

Spring Baseball Clinic with
the Birmingham Barons
Wald Park
11 am - 1 pm

May 31

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