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TONIGHT

6:00 pm

Hosted by:

Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce

Leadership Vestavia Hills

Vestavia Voice

Vestavia Hills City Hall

1032 Montgomery Highway

The public is invited and encouraged to attend a candidates forum for candidates seeking to serve as Mayor and on the Vestavia Hills City Council.

**VESTAVIA HILLS MUNICIPAL ELECTION -
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016**

**Welcome the LVH Class of
2016-2017**

Robert Belcher
Christina Crowe
Ty Dedmon
Jeffrey Florio
Daniel Gantzhorn
Deana Goodwine
Lauren Helmer
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MEMBER PROFILE
JULIE ELLIS



Julie Ellis (Class of 2011) is employed by Bridgeworth, LLC as the Director of Marketing and Business Development. She earned a bachelor of arts from the University of the South (Sewanee) and a master of arts from the University of Alabama. Julie is very active in LVH where she has served on the Board of Directors, been a class facilitator as well as a project mentor.

Julie is affiliated with several other organizations and holds leadership positions in many of them. These other organizations include:

- Teach for America Alabama: Advisory Board
- Higher Academics Summer School: Advisory Board
- Yellowhammer Learning Program: Design Team
- Vestavia Hills Board of Education Drug Task Force Awareness: Volunteer
- Sawyerville Day Camp: Volunteer

Julie's biggest reward comes from bringing great people together. Be it at work or for a community cause, the accomplishment that occurs as a result of working together as positive agents of change is the ultimate measure of success for her. One huge success has been Help the Hills, an LVH Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program. Julie has been an active committee member and her work has been widely recognized in this area. As another LVH graduate stated, "She is a workhorse that has served Vestavia Hills without fanfare."

About six years ago, Julie became involved in improving education for all of Alabama's students. Through her work with the organizations noted above, she has seen the positive impact that one person can have in the lives of students. This impact reaches far beyond the classroom and lasts much longer than a school year. Julie understands that we are so blessed to live in Vestavia

Hills, with excellent schools, wonderful teachers, and so many resources at our disposal. She plans to continue to advocate bringing this same experience to all of Alabama's students and never take it for granted.

Most recently, Julie has become involved in the local Vestavia Hills' elections where she has enjoyed learning about the issues that are important to residents.

A native of Decatur, Alabama, Julie and her family have resided in Vestavia Hills for 16 years and are active members of All Saints Episcopal Church. She and her husband, John, have two children, John Hardin (age 17) who attends Vestavia Hills High School and Will (age 12) who attends Pizitz Middle School.

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LVH Members in the News

Alicia Hunsberger (Class of 2016) was named the new principal of Vestavia Hills Elementary Cahaba Heights in June 2016 by the Vestavia Hills Board of Education.

Life Labs, founded by **Noelle Ward (Class of 2015)**, a series of workshops that teach students life skills to help them cultivate relationships and obtain employment, will start back at Vestavia Hills schools this year. The one-hour workshops will take place one day a week after school. Life Labs teaches soft skills not typically taught in the classroom, including, but not limited to, communication skills, thank you note writing and study habits. Once month of Life Labs workshops, or four classes, is \$50.00. Visit www.thelifelabs.net for the list of Vestavia Hills schools participating and more information.

HELPING HANDS IN THE HILLS

Community Service Day

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

The second annual Helping Hands in the Hills Community Service Day is set for Saturday, September 10, 2016. The event, sponsored by the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce and the City of Vestavia Hills, is a day of service in the city to assist residents (senior citizens, disabled, etc.) who need a helping hand with minor projects around their homes.

All persons under the age of 19 must have a parent or guardian signature on a waiver. Children under the age of 16 must have an adult in their service group/team. There must be one adult for every four youths under the age of 16 on a service group/team. No children below middle school age may participate unless they have their parent/guardian on the team with them.

Anyone interested in serving please contact the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce. If you know of any Vestavia Hills residents that might need

assistance on this service day, please contact the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce.

LVH 2016 - 2017 Class Schedule

Ann Hamiter and Shannon Stewart, Class Coordinators

Sam Duffey, Class Facilitator

September 1, 2016

Introduction to LVH and History Day

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

October 6, 2016

Leadership Boot Camp

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

VH Board of Education Bldg. 2nd Floor

November 3, 2016

Team Building Day

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

VH Board of Education Bldg. 2nd Floor

December 1, 2016

Government Day

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

VH Board of Education Bldg. 2nd Floor

January 5, 2017

Economic Development Day

8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.

VH City Hall, Council Chamber Room

February 2, 2017

Quality of Life Day

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

VH Board of Education Bldg. 2nd Floor

March 2, 2017

Education Day

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

VH Board of Education Bldg. 2nd Floor

April 3, 2017

Graduation Day

2:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Vestavia Hills City Hall