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If no candidate gets fifty percent (50%) of the vote in their party on August 15, a runoff will be held on Tuesday, September 26. The general election is Tuesday, December 12.

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## **Welcome the LVH Class of 2017-2018**

Robert Barker  
Amory Booher  
Steve Browning  
Brian Burns  
Merryl Cooper  
Jacob Couch  
Ashley Curry  
William Dobbs  
Greg Ellis  
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**HELPING HANDS IN THE HILLS**

## **3rd Annual Community Service Day**

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017**

The third annual Helping Hands in the Hills Community Service Day is set for Saturday, September 9, 2017. 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.

This year's day of service will kick off at 8:30 am at the Wald Park pool pavilion with breakfast provided by a sponsor. From there volunteers will disperse throughout the city to serve residents in need and help with various projects. Afterwards, lunch will be provided to all volunteers by another sponsor.

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 or if you know of any Vestavia Hills residents that need assistance on this service day, please visit [www.vestaviiahills.org/helping-hands-in-the-hills](http://www.vestaviiahills.org/helping-hands-in-the-hills) or contact the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce at [chamber@vestaviiahills.org](mailto:chamber@vestaviiahills.org) or call 205/823-5011. The website listed above has links to register a team, volunteer or register a project request.

## **MEMBER PROFILE**

### **KYM PREWITT**

Kym Prewitt (Class of 2003 and former LVH Board Member) has been a part of Vestavia Hills since 1970 and serves our community in many special ways. After college, Kym joined the staff at Vestavia Hills High School

as an English teacher for 8 years. Since that time, she has focused on raising her children and serving the community through volunteerism.



Kym's main focus for the last 14 years has been through Youth Leadership Vestavia Hills (YLVH). Volunteering her time to help the students of our high school has continued to be her passion. YLVH was started by Kym and a small team of dedicated people as a part of a LVH class project in 2003. Since that time, the program has grown and had a positive impact on hundreds of students. Kym and the team organize, run and facilitate summer training retreats for new members. In addition, throughout the year, they work with the Youth Leadership class to train students to become leaders who have and show respect for all. Recently, Kym moved back into the classroom to write the curriculum for and teach the Youth Leadership class at the high school. She plans to continue this classroom work and looks forward to seeing the program grow by engaging in many of the ongoing projects. One of the projects especially important is the newly created Help the Hills Student Team. This group of students will act as mentors for middle school students and lead by example to help their mentees make healthy and wise choices to avoid alcohol and drug use.

Additionally, Kym serves on the Youth Council of Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church. She recently returned from a mission trip to Jonesville, Virginia, where she and 150 more people worked on houses in that region - making them warmer, safer and drier. Kym says, "This is the best week of the year as she is able to share the love of Jesus to those less fortunate."

Kym has been affiliated with numerous other organizations and held leadership positions in many of them. Some of these include:

- PTO Council - past President
- Vestavia Hills City Schools Foundation Board
- Vestavia Hills Board of Education
- Auburn University College of Education National Advisory Board - past Chairperson
- Auburn University National Alumni Association Board of Directors

- Children's Literacy Guild - Founder and past volunteer Executive Director
- Better Basics Board

Kym and her husband, Johnny, both graduated from Vestavia Hills High School and they have three children - Jack (23), Addie (21) and Billy (19). After graduating from high school, Kym earned a bachelor of science degree from Auburn University in Secondary Education Language Arts. In her spare time, she enjoys helping her parents with their small business, King Cotton Decorator Fabrics, which is celebrating their 50th year in business.

Kym has a true passion for the community and has made a huge impact in Vestavia Hills and beyond. As she states, "It has been my honor and privilege to contribute to a place I love and call home."

\* For more information on YLVH please see the LVH website.

## **LVH Board of Directors 2017 - 2018**

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## **LVH 2017 - 2018 Class Schedule**

September 7, 2017

Introduction to LVH and Vestavia Hills History Day

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

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

October 5, 2017

Leadership Boot Camp

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

Location TBA

November 2, 2017

Team Building Day

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

Location TBA

December 7, 2017

Government Day

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

Location TBA

January 4, 2018

Economic Development Day

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

Vestavia Hills City Hall, Council Chamber Room

February 1, 2018

Education Day

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

Vestavia Hills Board of Education Bldg., 1st Floor Board Room

March 1, 2018

Quality of Life Day

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

Location TBA

April 10, 2018

Project Presentations and Graduation Reception

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

Vestavia Hills City Hall