



HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN VESTAVIA HILLS

There are many ways to get involved in the civic life of Vestavia Hills! The strong engagement of our residents and businesses make ours a truly great community ... "A Life Above."

CITY

Elected Official – Mayor, Council

The City of Vestavia Hills has a Council-Manager form of government. Members are elected at-large and serve four-year terms with the Mayor presiding over the City Council.

Interested in running for municipal office? Visit www.AlabamaVotes.gov or contact the Alabama Secretary of State at 800.274.8683. Additional information is also available by visiting the Alabama League of Municipalities at www.alalm.org and searching "Municipal Election Information."

City Council Meetings

Regular meetings of the Vestavia Hills City Council are typically held monthly on the 2nd and 4th Monday at 6pm in the Council Chamber at City Hall. To be added to the agenda distribution email list, contact the City Clerk at rlavings@vhal.org or 205.978.0183. Requests to be on the meeting agenda must be received by the City Clerk no later than Tuesday of the week prior to a meeting.

City Council Work Sessions

Council work sessions are typically held monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 5pm in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall. The Mayor, City Council and invited presenters meet to gather and discuss information about pending City business prior to action in the regular Council meetings. Work sessions are open to the public, but comment may only be made at the invitation of the Mayor.

City Boards – By Appointment

Members of these boards are appointed by the Mayor: Beautification Board, Board of Education, Board of Zoning Adjustment, Design Review Board, Library Board of Trustees and Parks & Recreation Board. For more information about any of these boards, visit www.vhal.org/government/board-pages/.

City Commissions

Anyone interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission or the Tree Commission should contact the Mayor at 205.978.0100 or administration@vhal.org.

City Committees

Members of the Education Committee and Financial Advisory Committee are appointed by the Mayor.

COMMUNITY GROUPS, BOARDS & CLUBS

C.E.R.T. Emergency Training

Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) is offered to the community by the Vestavia Hills Fire Department. C.E.R.T. training teaches participants how to prepare homes and families for the critical period following a disaster. Classes are typically offered quarterly. For more information, visit www.vhal.org/departments/fire-department/cert/ or call 205.978.0225.

Chamber of Commerce

The mission of the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce is to promote and improve the economic, civic, education and general business conditions of its members and the Vestavia Hills community, and to work with other organizations in these endeavors in a non-partisan manner. For more information or to join the Chamber, visit www.vestaviiahills.org.

Civic Groups

Vestavia Hills has several civic groups, including two Rotary clubs, a Civitans club and more. To become involved, visit the website of the organization you are interested in and search for chapters in or near Vestavia Hills.

Flag Foundation

The Flag Foundation sponsors the Vestavia Hills Avenue of Flags, located in the medians along U.S. Highway 31, Columbiana Road, Cahaba Heights business district and Liberty Parkway. The group also assists residents with old flags in need of disposal.

Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library are individuals committed to supporting the Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest through volunteer and monetary support. New members are accepted throughout the year. For more information or to join the Friends, visit www.vestavialibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/.

Garden Club

The Vestavia Garden Club (established 1949) owns the Sibyl Temple monument on U.S. Highway 31 near Shades Crest Road. Members of the Vestavia Garden Club, along with members of the Sibyl Temple Foundation volunteer to maintain the Temple grounds. New members are nominated annually by existing members and most activities take place September through May.

Historical Society

The Vestavia Hills Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the history of our City. The Historical Society meets quarterly at the Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest and presents interesting speakers on local and state history and points of interest. For more information or to join the Historical Society, contact Shelia Bruce at 205.979.1356 or sbruce8710@gmail.com.

Leadership Vestavia Hills

Persons interested in leadership roles in Vestavia Hills meet to learn about various aspects of the community such as its government, economy and school system. Participants are nominated to apply by existing members and class meets monthly, September through April. For more information, visit www.leadershipvestaviiahills.com.

Library Foundation & Junior Board

Membership to the Vestavia Hills Library Foundation or Foundation Junior Board is by invitation. For more information, contact the VHLF Executive Director at 205.978.4632 or foundation@libraryintheforest.org or visit www.vhlibraryfoundation.org.

Men's Garden Club

The Men's Garden Club keeps the Men's Garden Corner on Shades Crest Road opposite Sibyl Temple. This small park is open to visitors and includes a short walking path and benches.

Parks & Recreation Foundation

The mission of the Foundation is to strengthen the Vestavia Hills community through investments in parks and recreational activities for people of all ages by investing time and resources into community parks, green spaces and the environment. For more information on how to become a member of this Foundation, visit www.vhprf.org.

Parks & Recreation Programs

If you are interested in volunteering as a coach, sports board member, etc. for the various athletic programs offered through Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation, contact the board for the particular sport where you would like to volunteer. Visit www.vhal.org/departments/parks-recreation/athletics/ for a list of sports boards and their websites or call 205.978.0166 for assistance. (Individual sports boards operate under the governance of the Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board.)

Senior Citizens Association

This group of Vestavia Hills senior citizens meets monthly for lunch and entertainment, typically the second Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Ruby Denson at 205.822.8788.

Senior Transportation

Volunteer drivers use a City car to take Vestavia Hills residents to doctor's offices in the Birmingham area and errands within Vestavia Hills. Volunteers meet every other month to coordinate the driver schedule and usually drive once or twice per month, Tuesday through Friday. For more information or to volunteer, contact Julie Harper at jharper@vhal.org or call 205.978.0166.

Sibyl Temple Foundation

The mission of the Sibyl Temple Foundation is to raise funds to preserve and maintain the Temple and its grounds and facilities. Members of the Sibyl Temple Foundation volunteer alongside the Vestavia Garden Club. For more information about donating or becoming a member of the Sibyl Temple Foundation, email sibylbricks@gmail.com.

CITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Vestavia Hills City Schools is renowned for excellence, with its schools, programs and students receiving state and national recognition. As an entity, Vestavia Hills City Schools is separate from the City government and the Board of Education is its governing body. When there is a vacancy, applications are available at the City Clerk's office in March with appointments made in April.

City Schools Foundation

The Vestavia Hills City Schools Foundation (VHCSF) is the fund-raising arm of the Vestavia Hills City Schools system. For more information, visit www.vestaviafoundation.org.

Parent Teacher Organization

For more information, including volunteer needs, call or visit the website for the school in which you are interested in volunteering. The contact information for all Vestavia Hills City Schools can be found at www.vestavia.k12.al.us.

OTHER WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

Join the Fun!

There is so much to do in Vestavia Hills – I Love America Day, events and programs at the Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest, VHPD Community Night Out, Wing Ding, Dogwood Festival, Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and Holiday in the Hills – just to name a few!

Social Media

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for breaking City news, fun facts, tips and more. We are listed as "City of Vestavia Hills Government" or [@VestaviaHillsAL](https://twitter.com/VestaviaHillsAL).

Vote!

Be sure your registration is up-to-date! See upcoming elections you may participate in, check your voter registration status, and print a registration application card at www.AlabamaVotes.gov. Remember that your polling place may be different for municipal elections versus state elections.