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## **Town of Pike Road Hosts Annual Christmas Tree Lighting to Kick Off a Season of Giving**

*Tree Lighting Begins Holiday Collections Drive to Benefit Local Veterans & Local Food Pantry*

PIKE ROAD, Ala – On Friday, Dec. 1, the Town of Pike Road will host its annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Road). The event, which begins at 5:30 p.m., will feature music, a Christmas story read by Town of Pike Road Mayor Gordon Stone, hot chocolate, and even snow! The Christmas Tree Lighting is free, and everyone is invited to enjoy this evening of family fun.

The Christmas Tree Lighting will also kick off the Town of Pike Road's Annual Season of Giving Holiday Collections Drive. From Dec. 1 until noon on Dec. 20, the Town of Pike Road will be collecting items for the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System (CAVHCS), as well as a local Food Pantry at Woodland United Methodist Church (UMC).

The Town asks area residents to donate new and unopened items that will help veterans and others in need during the winter months. Some of the items often needed by patients in local Veterans Administration facilities include:

- Personal hygiene items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, hairbrushes, dry skin cream and razors.
- Winter weather items such as hats, regular and no-skid slipper socks, and lap robes.
- For a complete list of items needed by CAVHCS and the Food Pantry, [click here](#).

Residents are encouraged to bring their donations to the Town's Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec. 1, but donations can also be dropped off at Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd) on weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. until noon on Dec. 20.

The Season of Giving Holiday Collections Drive is now in its eighth year. Mayor Gordon Stone said that he is thankful for the people of the Town of Pike Road, whose generosity has allowed this drive to be a success for many years.

"Many Pike Road residents are veterans, and we are constantly aware that their service to our country is one of our greatest blessings," said Mayor Stone. "We know that many of the heroes in the River Region are in need, and we consider it an honor to return to them a small symbol of our gratitude through these contributions."

For more information or to schedule an interview, contact Turner Waddell by calling (334) 495-4109, (864) 958-6577 or by emailing [turner@pikeroad.us](mailto:turner@pikeroad.us). You can also visit [www.pikeroad.us](http://www.pikeroad.us) for more information about the event.

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