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We Have a Story to Tell

Throughout my career, my work has taken me to cities across this country, and I have learned much that has shaped my vision and passion for the Town of Pike Road. The more I travel and learn, the more I realize what an incredible feat we are accomplishing here. The past ten years of the Pike Road story have been awe-inspiring. We often compare our town's story to that of the early United States; it is a story of going to battle for the things we treasure and courageously facing down giants in the name of our shared beliefs. Those beliefs about what a town *should* be have led people here in Pike Road to take on projects and adopt methods that place us alongside some of the most progressive cities in the nation. The foresight of our founders made us the first town in the state to adopt SmartCode, a progressive zoning ordinance that places value on sustainable growth, an appreciation for the natural environment and neighborhoods that are safe and accessible for all residents. For two years, a group of committed citizens has worked tirelessly to secure funding and perfect plans for a natural trail that will rival those found in much older, larger cities across this country. The Natural Trail will become a reality within the next year, providing a recreational opportunity for our citizens and others from around the region, and adding to their quality of life without demanding any more money from their strained budgets. Pike Road's future school system will be a model for the nation of innovative teaching methods and community ownership. I am amazed by the many pieces of the Pike Road story, and I hope you are too. It is a story of courage, unity and a desire to create a better world by creating a better town. It is a story that needs to be told, to inspire others to take an active role in creating a brighter future. I hope you will join me in telling the Pike Road story to your neighbors, this state, our nation and the world.

God bless,

Gordon Stone

Mayor, Town of Pike Road

Don't Hesitate to Call!
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Pike Road Official Count in Full Swing

One of the main issues in the minds of Pike Road citizens over the past several years has been the establishment of a public school system in the town. A major hurdle in the path to realizing the dream of a new Pike Road school is certifying that the town has 5,000 residents, the population required by state law to establish a public school. With the next federal census not due to begin until 2010, the town is conducting an independent count which town leaders plan to use to confirm the town's population and gain approval to begin building the school.

Throughout the month of October, Pike Road citizen volunteers went door-to-door within the town limits, asking residents to complete short surveys to help determine the town's population. Approximately 80 people helped collect the information, which included number of adults and school-aged children per home. The surveys were completed on a voluntary basis and results were tallied by town officials. With 85% of the surveys counted, the total count is roughly 4,400 residents.

Regardless of the final count, the town already has the land for the campus and a design for the initial facility. The school will be built on a 40-acre site within the Waters community off Marler Road. The land was donated to the town for the purpose of building the school by Ed Welch and Dale Walker, developers of the Waters.

Mayor Gordon Stone reminded the public that the outcome of the count not only affects the future of education in the town, but will also allow town leaders to provide more effective services to residents. Town Clerk Charlene Rabren pointed out that, without an accurate population figure, it is difficult for the town to apply for grants that could help supply utilities and other similar services.

"The work of the volunteer counters is just further evidence of the excitement a progressive place like Pike Road creates. Our citizens appreciate the forward-thinking approach the town is taking, and they want to be part of creating a better future for themselves and their children," said Mayor Stone.

Town Selects Leaders for 2008-2012

Citizens of the Town of Pike Road went to the polls twice this election year to select those who will lead the town for the next four years. The mayor and four town council members ran without opposition and were elected on August 28. For the first time since incorporation, a run-off election was held and decided a close race for council place three on October 7. When all votes were counted, the following were chosen to lead the town: Mayor, Gordon Stone; Council Members Tommy Brassell, Chris Dunn, Wayne Rabren, Rob Steindorff and Leroy Tolliver.

The council reappointed Charlene Rabren as town clerk and voted to retain the law firm of Fuller and Copeland as the town's attorneys.

In a ceremony at Town Hall November 3, the mayor and council members were sworn in by Montgomery County Probate Judge Reese McKinney. Speaking to the council and citizens who gathered for the event, Mayor Gordon Stone reflected on his first term as mayor and encouraged the community to be involved in creating an even brighter future.

"It has been an honor to serve the town and to see ambitious projects like the trail network and the school tackled with such enthusiasm and community spirit. Serving with and for such dedicated people helps remind us all that we are charged with an awesome responsibility. We must keep our priorities of faith, family and others in perspective. God has truly blessed Pike Road and this evening's ceremony reminds us all that we are to be a blessing to others," Stone said.

Town Council meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Pike Road Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public.



2008-2012 Town Officials, L-R: Wayne Rabren, Charlene Rabren, Rob Steindorff, Gordon Stone, Chris Dunn, Tommy Brassell, Leroy Tolliver

Got ideas?

The Pike is looking for great historical tidbits, news stories and calendar items to include in upcoming issues. If you have an idea for a story your neighbors would enjoy, please let us know!

Call Charlene or Patty at Pike Road Town Hall, 272-9883, or email pikeroadnews@gmail.com.

Buzz about Business

The Town of Pike Road would like to welcome the following new businesses to our community:

Z-Tec Gas Station & Convenience Store

Vaughn Road and Pike Road

Pierce Automotive

6573 Troy Highway

Hissyfits Boutique

Pike Road Station Shopping Center

Fine Food Market

Pike Road Station Shopping Center

Every dollar earned by Pike Road businesses moves us closer to reaching our goals of providing quality public education, recreation and other vital services. Show your support for the Pike Road vision by keeping your dollars in the Town of Pike Road.

SummerFest Success Benefits P.R.I.C.E.

When all was said and done this July 4th, the Town of Pike Road's SummerFest celebration had made a profit of \$10,000, the largest net since the event began in 1999. This is exciting news for the Pike Road Investment in Community Education Foundation, or P.R.I.C.E., to which the event's proceeds are donated annually. The P.R.I.C.E. Foundation is a 501-c-3 organization established to provide an avenue for Pike Road supporters to make tax-deductible contributions to the town's unique initiatives.

"The fact that SummerFest continues to draw a great crowd and produce increasing profits each year is evidence that the people of this region like what they see us doing in Pike Road," said Mayor Gordon Stone.

Mayor Stone added that SummerFest accomplishes two goals at once: adding to the high quality of life already enjoyed in Pike Road and moving the town toward the goals of even higher quality of life through top-notch public education, recreation and services.

Soon citizens and supporters of the town will have the opportunity to contribute to these goals by participating in the upcoming P.R.I.C.E. Foundation capital campaign. The campaign will begin in early 2009.

Read more about the P.R.I.C.E. Foundation on the town's website, www.pikeroad.us.

Trunk-or-Treat Makes Halloween Sweet in Pike Road

The Town of Pike Road celebrated Halloween with an old-fashioned small-town flavor at Trunk-or-Treat at Town Hall October 30, 2008. Trunk-or-Treat is so-named because of the unique twist on the custom of trick-or-treating that takes place at the annual event.

"Families from the community decorate the trunks of their vehicles, load them with goodies, and invite the children to visit each vehicle for a treat. It's a safe, fun alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating," explained Mayor Gordon Stone.

Held on the lawn of Town Hall, Trunk-or-Treat features carnival-style games, costumes contests, an old-fashioned hayride and, making its debut this year, a chili cook-off. The event is coordinated by a dedicated group of volunteers, led this year by Patty Payne and Jane Scroggins.

"This is the type of event that brings communities together and displays that small-town America is still alive and well," said Payne, who has been part of the planning group for several years.

Jay Hinton, who led the hayride, said "Things like this illustrate why Pike Road is the place you want to live."

This year's event was made possible by the following sponsors: Carmike Cinemas, Christie's Salon and Spa, Crockmier's, Fine Foods Market, Hissyfits Boutique, Home Depot, Rave Theater, Seven Oaks Equestrian Center and Steaks DeVine.

The following awards were given in the costume contests:

Costume Contest Infant – 7 years old

1st place: Little Lamb;

2nd place: Mickey Mouse

3rd place: King and Queen

Costume Contest 8 years old and up

1st place: Hula "Girls"

2nd place: Astronaut

3rd place: Shrek

Winners of the chili cook-off were Pete Petitti, first place; Mikelle Maddox, second place; and Richard Payne, third place.

In the trunk decorating competition, the follow home prizes: Kimbal Scroggins, first place; Patty Payne, second place; and Rick and Nita Forks, third place.

In addition to the fun and games, the Pike Road Vounteer Fire Department was on hand at the event, offering free fire safety training. As always, the Montgomery County Sherriff's Department ensured a safe evening for everyone by providing traffic control during the event.

The Trunk-or-Treat volunteer committee and town officials thank everyone who participated in Trunk-or-Treat 2008 and encourage citizens to join their neighbors for two more great events in December (details on page 4).



Tell us *Your* Pike Road Story

Stories well told bring people together, and the Pike Road story is no exception. *The Pike* would like to share *your* Pike Road story on the pages of this newsletter. In doing so, you will help shed light on what has made this place special to so many over the years. Your unique view of this community—what brought you here, memories of days gone by, visions for a bright future—can unite us in shaping that future. If there is a Pike Road story you would like to tell, we would like to share it. Please email your stories (or story ideas) to pikeroadnews@gmail.com.

Fall Fun at the Pike Road Branch Library

With shorter days and cooler temperatures quickly approaching, the Pike Road library is just the place to have a little fun *inside* this fall and winter. Have some free time this weekend? Swing by the library's new location in the Pike Road Station Shopping Center near the corner of Vaughn and Pike Roads. And be sure to put the following events on your calendar so you will not miss out!

Join your friends at the Pike Road library Saturday, December 13 beginning at 11:00 a.m. There will be costumed readers from the Alabama Shakespeare Festival reading books for all ages, as well as local celebrity readers and free refreshments.

With all this fun right around the corner, having a library card makes more sense than ever. **During December and January, the town will give a free gift to anyone who gets a library card for the first time.** Sign up today to receive your free gift!

For more details on events at the Pike Road library, visit the website at <http://mccpl.lib.al.us> or call the library at 244-8679.

Town of Pike Road Holiday Events

Fall is upon us, and the holidays will be here in the blink of an eye! Before your calendar is full, be sure to add these two special holiday gatherings.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Tune your voice for some old-fashioned caroling and stick around after the tree lighting for refreshments!

Sunday, December 7 at 4:30 p.m.

On the lawn at Town Hall



Christmas Candlelight Service

Enjoy the Christmas story and traditional hymns with your family and neighbors at this inspiring service.

Sunday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m.

The Meeting House on Chapel Hill, The Waters



Town of Pike Road

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Planning is drawing to a close, and construction will begin soon on the

PIKE ROAD NATURAL TRAIL!

Your help will be needed to construct the trailhead park near the corner of Meriwether Rd. and Highway 231. Get your toolbelt ready and

WATCH YOUR MAILBOX FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Donations of materials and labor are necessary and will be greatly appreciated, as this portion of the trail cannot be funded by grants. For more information, please contact Town Hall at 272-9883.