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Welcome Home!



Your Voice is Valuable; Let it be Heard

Most residents of the Town of Pike Road know by now that the Town Council is currently gathering information so it can make a wise decision concerning the proposed tax referendum for the Pike Road school system. While there are some individuals that have heard that a millage rate for the ad valorem proposal has already been set, this is not the case! The current plan is to have an opportunity for the council to take action on the millage rate on June 13. **Town Council will not enact a tax at this meeting; a council vote on June 13 would merely set the millage rate.** Once a millage rate is determined, the people of the Town of Pike Road will be given the opportunity to vote on whether or not they support the ad valorem tax in support of the Pike Road school system. A voting date has not been determined, but it will likely be later this summer.

The leaders of the Town of Pike Road believe that information gathered from the comment cards, individual visits, council meetings and two upcoming listening sessions is essential to making a good decision. Therefore, we are announcing that there will be a Listening Session May 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Town Hall and a second Listening Session June 9 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Town Hall. Each of these two sessions is open to all citizens of the town.

During these two events, leaders will be on hand to field your questions and hear your input. The information gathered from these activities will help inform town leaders as they move forward in the process. If you have additional issues and questions, you are welcome to call Town Hall at 272-9883. We will do our best to provide you the input you are seeking.

It is our hope that every citizen of the Town of Pike Road will take advantage of these opportunities to learn about the school and engage town leaders in a conversation about the best way to proceed. Your voice is valuable; let it be heard.

God bless,

Gordon Stone
Mayor, Town of Pike Road

Deannexation Petitions Due May 23

To finalize the deannexation discussion and in keeping with all of the terms of the recent settlement agreement with the City of Montgomery, the Town of Pike Road Town Council has announced that it will consider deannexation requests at the May 25 council meeting. This will close the settlement agreement window for deannexations. A formal petition, available at Town Hall, must be signed and returned to Town Hall by Monday, May 23 at 5:00 p.m. in order for the proper documentation to be completed by May 25. The council's regularly scheduled meeting is at 7:00 a.m. on the 25th.

Property owners interested in deannexation should contact Town Clerk Charlene Rabren at Town Hall. Rabren can be reached by phone at 272-9883.

Tee Shirts for Tornado Victims

Under the leadership of resident and volunteer Jane Scoggins and her daughter, Abby, the Town of Pike Road collected, sorted and delivered approximately 2,500 new and gently used tee shirts for tornado victims in the Tuscaloosa area. Another 300 donated to the town were distributed by Woodland United Methodist Church.

Beginning Friday, April 29, the town asked members of the community to drop the shirts off at Town Hall, and the response was overwhelming. The number of shirts was so great, in fact, that the Scroggins family had to quickly improvise a "Plan B" for transporting them to west Alabama. Though St. James United Methodist Church had offered to deliver the shirts along with a truckload of school supplies its members had collected, there were simply too many tee shirts. The Scroggins family, instead, made the trip to Tuscaloosa to deliver the shirts to Tuscaloosa First United Methodist Church, from whence they were distributed to those in need.

Right: Town of Pike Road resident Cassandra Wheeler drops off a bag of tee shirts at Town Hall. The town collected and delivered approximately 2,800 tee shirts to a storm recovery center in Tuscaloosa and residents throughout the state.



Below: Town of Pike Road residents Molly Mitchell and her dad, Chris Mitchell, dropped by Town Hall to donate tee shirts to help victims of the April 27 storms.



Rolling Hills Park Dedication

Saturday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m., residents of the Town of Pike Road are invited to join town leaders for the dedication of the Rolling Hills Park. A new pavilion was recently completed at the park, as well as a picnic area.

Rolling Hills Park is located near the entrance to the Rolling Hills neighborhood off Trotman Road in the Town of Pike Road. For directions or more information on the dedication event, please contact Town Hall at 272-9883. Look for more information and photos of the dedication in the next edition of *The Pike*.

Town Yard Sale a Success

The Town of Pike Road Community Yard Sale, held April 9 at Town Hall, was a success, raising more than \$1,800 for the PRICE Foundation. With 33 vendors, the parking lot at Pike Station buzzed with activity.

The yard sale was a project of the town's Neighborhood Leaders. The Neighborhood Leaders group exists to bring leaders from each of the town's 36 neighborhoods together to build connections and provide communication among neighbors, neighborhoods and town government. The group meets the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall. For more information, contact Town Hall at 272-9883.



These friends enjoyed spending time together at the Town of Pike Road's Community Yard Sale Saturday, April 9, 2011.

 Be the missing link! 

Connect with your neighbors,
your neighborhood and your town.

Be a Neighborhood Leader.

Call Town Hall or email info@pikeroad.us to learn more.

Trail Construction Underway

Construction of the first phase of the Pike Road Natural Trail has begun. The first four-mile portion of the multi-use pedestrian trail will run alongside Meriwether Road, connecting staging areas at both ends.

Construction of the first phase of the trail system is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Meriwether Road segment will provide healthy transportation and recreation options to residents.

The Pike Road Natural Trail has been in the planning stages for several years and is part of the town's commitment to high quality outdoor recreation in a community long known for this asset. The Town of Pike Road encourages residents to utilize the trail as part of a commitment to family, community and health.



2011 has been designated the Year of the Child in the Town of Pike Road, and with summer vacation just around the corner, several child-centered events are on the town's calendar. Designed to combine good, old-fashioned fun with an opportunity to learn about the community, each event promises an avenue for children and their parents to meet their neighbors and become more connected to their hometown. Most of the activities will be free of charge, but reservations will be required. Appropriate ages for each event are indicated in the calendar below. For more information or to register for an event, call the Town of Pike Road at 272-9883.

- June 4: Summer kick-off at Town Hall, 9 a.m. to noon. Participants will tie-dye a tee shirt, plant a vegetable plant to take home, envision the future of the town as a sidewalk chalk artist, add your handprint to a giant American flag and get up-close and personal with some farm animal friends as they learn about the past, present and future of the Town of Pike Road. This event is open to children ages six through 12, and a reservation is required.
- July 4: Town of Pike Road Fourth of July Parade and Summer Fest. Families, neighborhoods and individuals are encouraged to decorate a "float" and participate in the annual parade, which begins at 10:00 a.m. at Pike Road Baptist Church and ends just around the corner at The Feed Lot. The Waters will host Summer Fest again this year, and gates open at 5:00 p.m. As always, Summer Fest will feature lots of fun and games for children of all ages and will culminate with a fireworks show after dark. Check the summer edition of *The Pike* for more information on each of the following Year of the Child events:
- August 4: Back-to-School Bash
- September 11: Grandparents' Day Patriotic Art Show
- October 23: Town of Pike Road Founders' Day celebration and Fall Family Fun Day
- November 4: Fifth Quarter
- December 4: Town of Pike Road Christmas Tree Lighting

Summer Fest 2011

Planning is underway for Summer Fest, the Town of Pike Road's annual Fourth of July celebration. The event will be held at The Waters on Monday, July 4 at 5:00 p.m. As in years past, Summer Fest 2011 will feature live music, old-fashioned fun and games for children and families, food vendors and a free fireworks show after dark.

Volunteers are needed to help plan Summer Fest and to oversee various activities during the event. If you are interested in contributing to this fun, old-fashioned celebration, please contact Town Hall at 272-9883., or email info@pikeroad.us. Planning team meetings will begin soon.



Summer Fest Volunteers Needed!
 Call or email Town Hall to be part of
 the Summer Fest Team.
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Pike Road Library Events

- Children's events, Mondays at 3:30 p.m.:
- June 6: Cowboys Around the World with Cowboy Bruce and Vern
- June 13: The Wonders of Thailand
- June 20: The "Imagi-Nation" of the Russell Davis Magic Show
- June 27: Captain Matt's Pirate Day
- July 11: Go to the Land Down Under
- July 18: The Lost Fountain of Chocolate
- NEW Teen Book Club for ages 13 and up:
- June 1, 4:00 p.m.: *Goblin Wars, Book I: Tyger, Tyger* by Kersten Hamilton
- June 29, 4:00 p.m.: *The Infernal Devices, Book I: Clockwork Angel* by Cassandra Clare
- Awesome Book Club for ages 9 and up:
- June 8, 4:00 p.m.: *Kane Chronicles, Book II: The Throne of Fire* by Rick Riordan
- Pike Road Bookies
- June 16, 11:15 p.m.: *Extraordinary, Ordinary People: A Memoir of My Family* by Condoleezza Rice



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Listening Sessions at Town Hall May 26 and June 9

Residents are invited to join elected leaders at Town Hall from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to ask questions and share your thoughts on the proposed ad valorem tax to fund the Pike Road public school system.

Millage Rate Determination on Town Council Agenda June 13

Town council will consider a millage rate to be voted on by residents in the referendum later this summer. A vote by the town council does not impose a tax; council merely sets the millage rate on which residents will vote.

Summer Kick-off at Town Hall, June 4

Round up your friends and make plans to be at Pike Road Town Hall Saturday, June 4 from 9:00 a.m. to noon for a Summer Kick-off celebration! Enjoy fun projects and activities while you learn things you never knew about the past, present and future of your hometown. Meet some furry and feathered farm friends, plant a vegetable and learn how to make it grow, tie-dye a patriotic tee shirt and even lend your hand—or your handprint—as we make a giant American flag. And don't leave your creativity at home; you will need it to help draw your vision for the future of the

Town of Pike Road on the sidewalk in front of Town Hall!

Reservations are needed for this event, which is open to children ages six through 12. Please call 272-9883 or register online at www.pikeroad.us by Friday, May 27.

Children's Art Show, September 11

September's Year of the Child event will be an art show featuring the work of local young people. Art displayed should follow a patriotic theme, as the town and nation celebrate the great gifts of freedom and the sacrifices of those individuals who protect our lives and liberties.

An entry form and official rules will be printed in the next edition of *The Pike*, and will also be available online this summer. All school-aged children are encouraged to create an entry. Prizes will be awarded, and all entries will be displayed during the show, which will take place September 11 at

Pike Road Town Hall. Since that day is also designated as Grandparents Day, young artists are encouraged to invite or bring their grandparents to the show. Watch the town's website, www.pikeroad.us for more information.

