



## News from Town Hall



Hi, just a reminder that you're receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in the Town of Pike Road. Don't forget to add our email address to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox! If you no longer wish to receive our emails, you may unsubscribe by clicking the link at the bottom of this email.

May 13, 2022



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"Thank you, Pike Road, for the many ways you connect with one another. It is your efforts that make the Town of Pike Road such a special place to call home!

We want to remind you that the Pike Road Area Your Emergency Response (PRAYER) Team is seeking volunteers to assist with a summer meals program for local families. This group is made up of local faith leaders from across our community who work together to help meet the needs of our neighbors. We invite you to get involved by emailing [stacyddickinson@gmail.com](mailto:stacyddickinson@gmail.com).

We are also pleased to invite you to participate in the variety of activities the Pike Road Arts Council provides. This weekend, enjoy the Colors of Grace art show presented in partnership with Grace Episcopal Church, and stop by the Arts Center next Saturday, May 21, for the Art in Bloom show's opening reception. Stay tuned for upcoming workshops from the Ag & Stewardship Club and make plans to join the Pike Road Business Association on June 16 for Lunch & Learn! We'll discuss generational differences and how to build harmony in the workplace.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for June 30: Our annual SummerFest celebration is just around the corner! Visit us online to learn more about upcoming events at [www.pikeroad.us](http://www.pikeroad.us), or just search @townofpikeroad on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and follow along as we continue to grow together.

As always, we will continue to pray for you, and we encourage you to pray for each other.

Thank you and God Bless."

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## Art Show Featuring Grace Episcopal Church & Gardens Continues on Saturdays All Month Long

The Pike Road Arts Council Presents:

# COLORS OF GRACE

Art Show & Sale Featuring Grace Episcopal Church & Gardens



**MAY 5 - JUNE 5**  
**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH & GARDENS**

Opening Reception: Thursday, May 5, 5 - 7 p.m.  
Open Hours: Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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Grace Episcopal Church & Gardens is a favorite of artists visiting - and living in - the Town of Pike Road. On weekends through June 5, experience the beauty of Grace Episcopal through the eyes of our artists during the Colors of Grace Art Show & Sale.

• Open Hours: Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
• Also available by appointment: Call 334.215.1422

*From Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne*  
If you are familiar with the Pike Road area, you might already know what a special place the Grace Episcopal Church is. Did you know it is an historic location? The Carpenter Gothic structure was built in 1892. The building was placed on the Alabama

Register of Landmarks and Heritage on January 29, 1980, and the National Register of Historic Places on February 19, 1982. It is a favorite destination for artists and this show is dedicated to the art Grace has inspired.

This event is presented in partnership by the Pike Road Arts Council, an ENHANCE initiative committee. For more information about the Arts Council, please contact Pike Road Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne by emailing [patty@pikeroad.us](mailto:patty@pikeroad.us).

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## Ag & Stewardship Club Tackles Water Runoff: Rain Gardens Bring Beauty, Function to Landscapes



Thank you to everyone who joined us this morning at the Pike Road Ag, Recreation & Performing Arts Center for our Rain Gardens workshop!

We had a great morning with Laura Bell, Project Manager with the Extension Water Program, Auburn Univ. Water Resources Center, learning all about rain gardens.

So, what are rain gardens? Whether small or large, rain gardens are a beautiful and

functional part of stormwater management, slowing water for a short time to encourage infiltration into the soil. This helps filter out pollutants, combat erosion and encourage native plants! Rain gardens are more important than ever as our landscapes experience development, increasing impervious surfaces like concrete and rooftops in places that once held soil and vegetation. Water and pollutants run over these hard surfaces and into our waterways.

Using native plants can help make your rain garden nearly maintenance-free, as they are biologically designed to thrive in our climate. Native grasses will help reduce weeds.

When evaluating a potential rain garden site, try to be 10 feet away from building foundations, 3 feet from a sidewalk, never on top of a septic system drain field and never

install uphill. Alabama 811 is a great resource to check potential sites for utilities because rain gardens require deep beds. Drill a two-foot deep hole in to test your site, fill it with water, and wait an hour to see where the water level is. Ideally, it should soak into the ground at about one inch per hour.

Rain Gardens is the May installation of the 2022 Agriculture & Stewardship Seminar Series. This event is presented in partnership by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Town of Pike Road's Ag & Stewardship Club, an ENHANCE initiative committee.

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## Arts Council Hosts Successful 5x7 Art Show & Sale - Explore Remaining Pieces at the Arts Center



Last weekend, the community enjoyed the annual [5x7 Art Show & Sale](#), featuring \$57 pieces by local, Alabama artists. Although many paintings were sold, there are a few still available at this jaw-dropping price.

Stop by the Pike Road Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd) on weekends to browse and shop both the 5x7 pieces and everything else available at the Pike Road Arts Center's Waterhouse Gallery and Gift Gallery! When you buy local art, you

support our neighbors and take home a special piece of Alabama.

Weekend Hours:

- Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Sundays, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Artists, the Arts Council is already gearing up for the next show. Submit work for *Art In Bloom* beginning this weekend! The show will be held at the Arts Center from May 21 - June 26.

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## In Our Schools: Robotics Teams Compete Internationally and More



Over the past two weeks, FOUR Pike Road Schools Robotics teams have participated in the VEX Robotics World Championship competition in Dallas! As they progressed through the competition, one team even received the VEX Worlds 2022 Sportsmanship Award, a meaningful recognition of their character and attitudes. Congratulations, Patriots! We are so proud of you.

In addition, the Pike Road Schools Patriot Band has been busy this spring! From performing in the Fiesta Flambeau parade in Texas to performing closer to home in the Tallassee Jazz Fest. Most recently, the Pike Road Jazz Band had the honor of performing at the Alabama Teacher of the Year Awards! What a special opportunity to say "thank-you" to Alabama's educators.

We also want to congratulate the Pike Road Lady Patriots' golf team for their success, bringing home the AHSAA 4A-5A State Championship earlier this week! There are so many exciting things happening in our community's schools - [Visit Pike Road Schools online to learn more!](#)

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**Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road!**



Every day, someone in our community is celebrating a special milestone, and we love to celebrate with you. Thank you to [The Pastry Vault](#) for sharing your family's special occasion, the [Pike Road Dance Academy](#) Spring Recital with us using #mypikeroad! This beautiful photo captures such a joyful moment.

Share YOUR activities by using #mypikeroad and tagging [@townofpikeroad](#) on social media to be featured on our billboard, in our e-newsletter, and on our social media!

\*Reminder: Posts must be set to "public" for our team to see them.

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## Save the Date!

Take advantage of digital activities during the ongoing season of social distancing! [Click here to view several upcoming activities on our website.](#)

**May 14:** [Colors of Grace Art Show](#) - each Saturday through June 5, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church

**May 14:** [10th Annual Pike Road Patriot Fund Crawfish Boil](#) 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., 1001 Marler Rd\*

**May 15:** [Music in May at The Waters - Michael Jay Hughes](#) 4 - 6 p.m., The Square at The Waters\*

**May 21:** [Art In Bloom Art Show Opening Reception](#), 2 - 4 p.m., Pike Road Arts Center - Show continues on weekends through June 26.

**May 22:** [Music in May at The Waters - Dixon Darling](#) 4 - 6 p.m., The Square at The Waters\*

**May 23:** Mondays with the Mayor Radio Show, 12 - 1 p.m., New Waters Realty

**May 25:** Town Council Meeting, 7 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall

**May 28:** [Montgomery County Cleanup Day](#), 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the County Lot Office on Meriwether Road, across from The Feed Lot\*

**May 30:** *Town Hall Closed in Observance of Memorial Day*

**June 2:** [First Thursdays at the Pike Road Arts Center](#) 5 - 8 p.m., Pike Road Arts Center

**June 11:** [Abstractions Art Show Opening Reception](#), 2 - 4 p.m., Pike Road Arts Center

**June 13:** Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

**June 13:** Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

**June 16:** Pike Road Business Association Lunch & Learn, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

*\*Please note: All items provided above are submitted to the town and approved for inclusion according to the Town of Pike Road's Communications Policy. To submit an event, please email [info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us).*

For more events and details, please call 334-272-9883 or email [info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us). You can also access our online calendar at [www.pikeroad.us](http://www.pikeroad.us). Please [click here for the Pike Road Schools calendar](#).

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