



# News from Town Hall



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March 15, 2024

## Updates from Mayor Stone



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The Pike Road Business Association Presents

# BUSINESS OVER BISCUITS

Professional Development Masterclass  
**March 21 | 8 - 11 a.m.**  
**Pike Road Town Hall**

Mastering Business Etiquette | Effective Communication | Time Management

## INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING AG & STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

**Discover the basics of beekeeping  
in this beginners course!**

**MARCH 21 • 4 - 6 PM**

Presented in Partnership by the Montgomery County Extension (ACES) and the Pike Road Ag & Stewardship Club

The Pike Road Arts Council Presents:

# PYSANKY EGG DYEING WORKSHOPS

**MARCH 22 & 23**

At the Pike Road Arts Center

[Click here or click the image above for weekly updates from Mayor Stone!](#)

"This month is packed full of events - read below to discover how YOU want to participate!

This Thursday, March 21, we have the "Business Over Biscuits" Professional Development Masterclass and the Introduction to Beekeeping Workshop! Whether you decide to refresh your business etiquette or learn how to care for a hive, we hope to see your smiling faces this week. If you attend either of these events (or both!), we encourage you to share your pictures with us using #mypikeroad.

Tune into the MAX Round Table on March 25 for Mondays with the Mayor! Hosted at Goodwin Animal Hospital, this month's program will tackle upcoming events - like Spring Cleanup - and show how you can get involved.

From desserts to perspectives to traditional Ukranian egg dyeing, the Pike Road Arts Council has something for you! Stop by the Pike Road Arts Council for the Just Desserts! Art Show & Sale Opening Reception, the Pysanky Egg Dyeing Workshops, Introduction to Perspectives Workshop, or Glazing with Oil Paints Workshop - whatever you choose, the

Pike Road Arts Council will be glad to have you! Share your art with us using #pikeroadarts.

If you're only subscribed to our newsletter, you're only getting half the story - search @townofpikeroad on Facebook, Instagram, and X so you never miss an event in the Town of Pike Road.

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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## The Pike Road Business Association Invites YOU to Business Over Biscuits on March 21!

The Pike Road Business Association Presents

# BUSINESS OVER BISCUITS

**Professional Development Masterclass**

**March 21 | 8 - 11 a.m.**  
**Pike Road Town Hall**

- + Mastering Business Etiquette
- + Effective Communication
- + Time Management



Start your morning off right with the "[Business Over Biscuits](#)" [Professional Development Masterclass](#) as the Pike Road Business Association kicks off the 2024 professional development and networking series!

This [Masterclass](#) will be held from 8:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. on March 21 at Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Road). Check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m.

The Pike Road Business Association is excited to partner with Troy University's Continuing Education and Outreach Department to provide the March 21 program, which will focus on mastering business etiquette, time management, and

effective communication. Troy University's Professional Trainers, Joel Hughes and Laura Chambliss, will lead us through the following topics:

- Choosing the best attire for different events (including a look at generational dress standards)
- Networking practice (techniques in 2024 to make a lasting impression)
- Communication within and outside the workplace (text vs. call vs. email)
- Time management (structuring your day in our "always connected world")

This workshop costs \$10 per person, which includes breakfast and workshop materials! Registration is required and must be complete by March 19. Register [here](#) today!

[Business Over Biscuits](#) is a presentation of the Town of Pike Road's Business Association, an ENHANCE initiative committee. The March 21 programming is presented in partnership with Troy University's Continuing Education and Outreach Department. Learn more: Email [katy@pikeroad.us](mailto:katy@pikeroad.us).

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## Sweet Like Honey: Introduction to Beekeeping Workshop on March 21

Join us this **Thursday, March 21**, at the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation, & Performing Arts Park (6281 Trotman Rd), for the [Introduction to Beekeeping Workshop](#) with the The Alabama Cooperative Extension System and Town of Pike Road's Agriculture & Stewardship ENHANCE Committee.

Together, we will learn all things pollinators,

## MARCH 21: INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING WORKSHOP



from who they are to how to attract them. More specifically, we'll learn about Honey Bees and how to take care of them with Jack Rowe, Alabama Extension Regional Agent. This workshop is a great crash course for beginners who are interested in taking up beekeeping, or for those who would just like to learn more!

There is a \$5 registration fee for this workshop, but registration is required. [Click here to register for this beginners guide to beekeeping!](#)

Registration must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, in order to participate. If you are unable to register please email Jennifer Grace Arnold at [jarnold@pikeroad.us](mailto:jarnold@pikeroad.us).

online or have additional questions, [jarnold@pikeroad.us](mailto:jarnold@pikeroad.us).

The [Introduction to Beekeeping Workshop](#) is the March installation of the 2024 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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### Next Week: Pysanky Egg Dyeing Workshops on March 22 & 23!



This spring, join us for another round of the [Pysanky Egg Dyeing Workshops](#) on March 22 & 23 at the Pike Road Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd). These were so popular last year, there was no way we could go without!

The Pysanky technique features beeswax designs applied to the surface of eggs, which are then dipped in special dyes to create intricate and vibrant keepsakes. This three-hour class is suitable for ages 12+, and participants will take home as many pysanky as they can create! Tuition is \$40 per person and includes ALL materials. Please register individually or in groups of two.

There will be two Pysanky workshops at the Pike Road Arts Center, so plan to attend one or both!

- Mar. 22, 1 - 4 p.m.
- Mar. 23, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Registration is required, and space is limited. Please email Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne at [patty@pikeroad.us](mailto:patty@pikeroad.us) to register today!

The Pike Road Arts Center is located at 944 Wallahatchie Rd, under the water tower. It is home to the Water House Gallery, studio space, and a variety of events presented by the Pike Road Arts Council, an ENHANCE initiative committee. For more information, please contact Pike Road Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne by emailing [patty@pikeroad.us](mailto:patty@pikeroad.us).

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### Sugary Sweet: Just Desserts! Art Show & Sale Begins March 24



Have your cake and eat it too at the [Just Desserts! Art Show & Sale](#). From March 24 - April 21, you can shamelessly indulge in artists' renditions of their favorite sweet treats. Join in on the fun at the opening reception from 2 - 4 p.m. on March 24 at the Pike Road Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd), or during PRAC open hours through April 21.

Artists are encouraged to submit their work for this art show! There is no fee for entry, and artists may submit multiple pieces. Pieces must be submitted between March 16 - 23 during PRAC open hours. Tip: a dessert can also be interpreted as simply a well-earned reward at the end of an endeavor (such as a diploma, vacation, or medal), so

use your imagination for this art show!

**PRAC Open Hours:**

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

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**Who Let the Dogs Out?**

**Mondays with the Mayor at Goodwin Animal Hospital on March 25!**



[Join the conversation on Monday, March 25!](#)

We're so excited to visit Goodwin Animal Hospital for this radio program, LIVE from 12 - 1 p.m. on the MAX Round Table, WTXK 107.5 FM/1210 AM. Stop by to see us (11485 Chantilly Pkwy Suite A) and join the conversation. Tune in to hear about one of our favorite annual events, Spring Cleanup! This event is right around the corner, and you can get a sneak peek into what this year's program has in store.

REMINDER: The Mondays with the Mayor show is all about giving YOU the opportunity to connect with Mayor Stone, share your thoughts, and learn more about what's happening in our community, and we hope to hear from you. If you have questions for

the mayor, you may send them to [info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us) anytime,\* or plan to call in during the show!

- Text in to the show: 334.313.1170
- Call in to the show: 334.517.1210
- [Click here to tune in on your web browser.](#)
- [Click here to tune in on your smartphone or desktop with the FREE TuneIn App.](#)

\*Please designate questions sent to [info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us) as "Mondays with the Mayor" to be addressed during the March 25 show.

**Come One, Come All:  
Glazing with Oil Paints Workshop for ALL Skill Levels**



Join the Pike Road Arts Council for Glazing with Oil Paints with Charles Payne at the Pike Road Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd)! On March 30 and April 9, Charles will lead beginners through the traditional technique of glazing, from start to finish.

Glazing is used to increase the depth and intensify colors in a painting, taking your art to the next level. Glazing with oil was around before the Renaissance, but it was not used for fine art. After Jan Van Eyck and Leonardo Da Vinci, glazing with oil paints became a common tool for painters. Together, participants will uncover these old techniques and how to use them effectively! Beginners are welcomed - and encouraged - to develop their skills at this introductory

course.

On March 30, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., participants will create a grisaille. A grisaille is a painting executed entirely in shades of grey or another neutral color. March 30's class will focus on creating the illusion of form through light and shade, forming the basis for the glazing in week two.

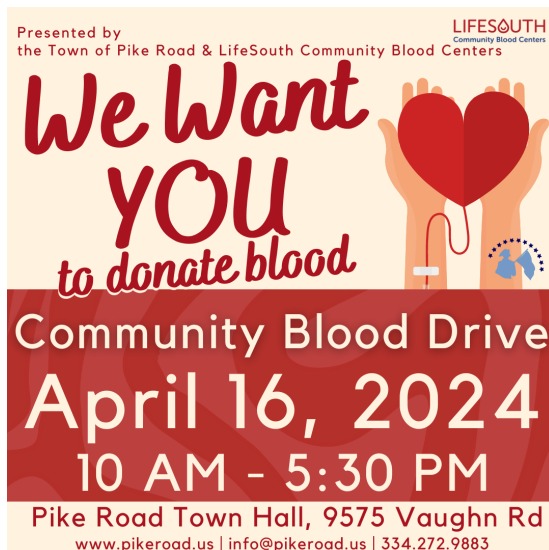
A week later, on April 6, artists will reconvene from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. to glaze color onto the grisaille, bringing it to life. April 6's class will emphasize creating the illusion of form through light and shade.

There are registration fees associated with this workshop. The registration fee for this event is \$120 and includes the cost of all materials. There are very limited seats for this workshop! Email [patty@pikeroad.us](mailto:patty@pikeroad.us) to register today.

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**We Want YOU... to Donate Blood! April 16, Blood Drive at Town Hall**



LifeSouth is facing an unprecedented blood shortage, just like many other blood centers across the nation. Taking twenty minutes out of your day to give back to your community could give someone else the rest of their life, and blood donated through LifeSouth saves lives in OUR community.

Please consider giving blood on Tuesday, April 16, at Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd)! LifeSouth Community Blood Centers will have a mobile blood drive onsite from 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. to receive your life-saving blood donations.

Stop by anytime, or make an appointment for a convenient time: Walk-in donors are

welcome! Call 334.260.0803 to make an appointment. Thank you, Pike Road, for all you do to support one another and our neighbors in need!

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## New Workshop Alert: Introduction to Perspectives on April 18 & 19!



Get a whole new perspective at the [Introduction to Perspectives Workshop](#) on April 18 & 19 at the Pike Road Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd)! Artist Charles Payne will guide participants as they learn and utilize different perspective techniques.

Learning perspective is an excellent opportunity to relearn seeing. Perspective uses different methods to create a scene with a feeling of depth and clarity of relationships between the objects in it. From 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on April 18 & 19, artists will mainly practice Geometric Perspective (including 1, 2, and multi-point perspective), but will also touch on other topics: finding the vanishing point, Size Diminution Perspective, Aerial Perspective, and other

perspective methods. Artists will be provided with a booklet to help remember the lessons.

About the Artist: Charles D. Payne Jr. started his art career in the animation industry in 1984. Charles' experience centered on background design, a perspective-intensive job. Charles is a formally trained artist who graduated from MICA in Baltimore. He has shared his knowledge and experience teaching storyboarding and sketching at the Cogswell Polytechnical College in San Jose, California.

This event has a \$150 registration fee. Artists must pay a \$50 nonrefundable reservation is due in advance, and the remaining \$100 is due at the first class. Email [patty@pikeroad.us](mailto:patty@pikeroad.us) for registration and a supply list.

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## It's Time to *Spring* into Action: Spring Clean Up is Almost Here!



Spring Cleanup is back for 2024! This April, we are so excited to host this annual beautification initiative in partnership with [Alabama PALS \(People Against A Littered State\)](#). Throughout the month of April, the Town of Pike Road wants to help YOU keep Pike Road beautiful. Join us in the fight against litter for Spring Cleanup 2024!

Take action against litter with your friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, or solo! We supply everything you'll need to keep our community beautiful, just choose a location to pick up!

Is your family, neighborhood, class, organization, or business interested in

participating? Let us know! Contact Community Development Specialist Jennifer Grace Arnold at [jarnold@pikeroad.us](mailto:jarnold@pikeroad.us) to register or learn more. You can also call [334.272.9883](tel:334.272.9883).

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## P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team Plans For Future, and They Need YOUR Help!



Yesterday, the P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team (Pike Road Area Your Emergency Response) gathered together at Founders Station (4902 Pike Rd) to begin planning for the 2024 Summer Feeding Program! In 2023, this annual initiative assisted over 500 Montgomery County families by supplementing healthy food options over the summer. This year, they are hoping to reach even more families, and they need YOUR help to do it! You can get involved by:

- Making a monetary contribution! Donating to the Summer Feeding Program feeds the supply and operational costs of this growing initiative. The reach of this program would not be possible without these tax-deductible contributions. Without your tax-deductible donations, the reach of this program simply would not be possible. To make a monetary donation, please send checks made out to Woodland Methodist Church with "Summer Feeding Program" in the memo line to 4428 Wallahatchie Rd OR [click here to donate online](#).
- Volunteering on distribution days! You can grab your friends, family, or neighbors to volunteer alongside you. Distribution days are the heart of this program, and you'll be able to see firsthand how impactful this program is for disadvantaged families.

One of the defining traits of the Town of Pike Road is how we care for one another. Thank you, Pike Road, for embodying the "Welcome Home!" spirit while serving local families!

Want to get involved? Have a question? Email Community Development Specialist Jennifer Grace Arnold at [jarnold@pikeroad.us](mailto:jarnold@pikeroad.us).

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## Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road!



Spring is in full bloom here in the Town of Pike Road! We love how beautiful our hometown is during the spring months. Thank you, Cathy, for sharing these vibrant flowers with us using #mypikeroad. Show us how you're celebrating springtime using #mypikeroad to be featured in our weekly e-newsletter and social media!

What makes the Town of Pike Road home to you? Let us know with #mypikeroad! Share your photos with us 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!

Don't miss upcoming events from the Town of Pike Road & our community.

[Click here to view upcoming activities on our website.](#)

- March 15 - 17:** [Southeastern Livestock Expo \(SLE\) Rodeo,](#) Garrett Coliseum (1555 Federal Drive)\*
- March 18:** [Pike Road Lions Club Yard Sale Booth Sales begins,](#) Pike Road Town Hall\*
- March 20:** Town Council Meeting, 7 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall
- March 21:** ["Business over Biscuits" Professional Development Masterclass,](#) 8 - 11 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd)
- March 21:** [Introduction to Beekeeping Workshop,](#) 4 - 6 p.m., Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation, & Performing Arts Park
- March 22 & 23:** [Pysanky Egg Dyeing Workshops,](#) Pike Road Arts Center
- March 23:** "Beef: It's What's for Dinner Steak Championship", 1 a.m. - 6 p.m., BBQ Hill\*
- March 24 - April 21:** [Just Desserts! Art Show & Sale,](#) Pike Road Arts Center
- March 25:** [Mondays with the Mayor at Goodwin Animal Hospital,](#) 12 - 1 p.m., 11485 Chantilly Pkwy Suite A
- March 30 & April 6:** [Glazing with Oil Painting Workshop with Charles Payne,](#) 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Pike Road Arts Center
- March 30:** [Montgomery County Clean Up Day,](#) 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., County Lot Office (across from the Feed Lot on Meriwether Rd)\*
- April 1:** Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall
- April 6:** Goodwin Animal Hospital Spring Block Party, 1 - 4 p.m., 11485 Chantilly Pkwy\*
- April 8:** Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall
- April 13:** Pike Road Lions Club Yard Sale, 7 a.m. - 11 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall\*
- April 16:** [LifeSouth Blood Drive,](#) 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall
- April 18 & 19:** [Introduction to Perspectives Workshop with Charles Payne,](#) 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Pike Road Arts Center

*\*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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We love to see what is happening in your Pike Road. Use hashtag [#mypikeroad](#) and be



sure to tag us in your posts on Facebook, Instagram, and X. Your posts could be featured in our newsletter, or even on our digital billboard!



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