

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"The holiday season is in full swing, and we look forward to celebrating with you! This week will be an exciting one in the Town of Pike Road, beginning with the Pike Road Arts Council's Christmas Open House on Sunday, Dec. 4, followed by Mondays with the Mayor on Dec. 5 and the Christmas Spectacular on Dec. 6! What makes these events so special, though, is your participation. Thank you, Pike Road, for your engagement in our community!

This Sunday, Dec. 4, explore handmade gifts and original art for everyone on your shopping list at the Pike Road Arts Council's Christmas Open House. One visitor will even receive a \$50 gift card to the Arts Center's Water House Gallery and Gift Gallery! Then, On Dec. 5, join the conversation as the Mondays with the Mayor radio program visits our local Home Depot on Chantilly Parkway. Stop by and see us, or tune in on your radio, smartphone, or computer. We can't wait to connect with you!

Finally, on Tuesday, Dec. 6, celebrate the season with us at the annual Christmas Spectacular! We will enjoy holiday performances from local groups, hot cocoa, a Christmas story, and even the magic of snow! This evening of family-friendly, holiday cheer will kick off the annual Season of Giving Holiday Collections Drive. From Dec. 6 – 20, we invite you to donate non-perishable food items, hygiene items, and warm clothing items for both the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care Systems and the Food Pantry at Woodland UMC.

That's not all: On Dec. 13, you can give the greatest gift of all: Life! LifeSouth Community Blood Centers will be at Town Hall to receive your life-saving blood donations. When you donate through LifeSouth, your efforts benefit neighbors in need across the River Region. Finally, prepare to lead your way into the new year by attending the Dec. 15 Pike Road Business Association Lunch & Learn networking and professional development event. We will wrap up this year's series, "Back to Basics," and prepare for success in the year to come.

Visit us online at www.pikeroad.us to learn more about these events and everything happening in our hometown!

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

Thank you and God Bless."