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March 25, 2022



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"Thank you, Pike Road, for your continued engagement in our community! This week, we had a great edition of the Mondays with the Mayor radio program, and we appreciate you taking the time to connect with us. Today, we had a great group gather at the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Park for a Native Plants Ag & Stewardship workshop. Next Thursday, March 31, we are fortunate to be partnering with multiple agricultural organizations to host "Down to Earth Day" at the Town of Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Center. We hope to see you there!

Then, we look forward to your efforts during the April 1 - 30 Spring Cleanup. The beauty of our local landscapes is one of the things that makes the Town of Pike Road such a special place to call home, and we need YOUR help to keep Pike Road beautiful. The Spring Cleanup is a community-wide effort to pick up litter across our community. Gather a group of friends, neighbors, or coworkers, and pick a place to beautify. We will provide all the supplies, so all we need is you!

Don't miss an opportunity to get involved! Connect with us online to stay in-the-know. 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.

Tomorrow & Sunday, Mar. 26-27: *Art All Around Us* Still Life Art Show Continues at the Pike Road Arts Center



There is art in everything if you know how to see it! This weekend, explore the beauty and meaning behind everyday objects through the "<u>Art All Around Us," a still life</u> <u>art show</u> at the Pike Road Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd).

Find the perfect piece to spruce up your home for spring or pick up a gift for a friend - stop by on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as next Thursday, Apr. 7!

Visit During Open Hours: Saturdays, 10 AM - 4 PM Sundays, 1 - 4 PM First Thursday of Every Month (Apr. 7), 5 - 7 p.m.

About the show, from Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne: "Still life art evokes meditation. It is sometimes a challenge to determine what was the artist thinking when the scene was put to the canvas! ... Think of all of the objects around you, why do you keep them? Perhaps for their color (think of pottery), their age (think of an old pair of Aunt Annie's gloves), or their memories (think of the homerun baseball). Still life art provides a bridge to our memories. Artists will bring life to still life art through lights and darks and create the mood they wish to evoke for the viewer. Light is unbelievably complicated to portray and artists spend endless hours perfecting the skill! Sometimes, the object of the art is not in the object at all, but in the reflections, or what is behind the art."

This event is presented by the Town of Pike Road Arts Council. For more information about the Arts Council, or to schedule an appointment to visit the Pike Road Arts Center outside of open hours, please contact Pike Road Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne by emailing <u>patty@pikeroad.us</u>.



Help Us Pick Up Pike Road! Spring Cleanup Begins April 1 - Register Now.

The Spring Cleanup returns in April 2022! We are excited to host this annual beautification initiative in partnership with Alabama People Against a Littered State. The 2022 Cleanup will run throughout the month of April, and we hope you will join us in the fight against litter!

Gather your friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, or work alone. All you have to do is choose a location to pick up - we'll supply everything you need to help beautify our community. Is your family, neighborhood, class, organization, or business interested in participating? Let us know! Contact Community Involvement Coordinator Katy Brasfield at <u>katy@pikeroad.us</u> register or to learn more. You can also call 334.272.9883.

Coordinator

How to Participate:

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Katy Brasfield

(<u>katy@pikeroad.us</u>) so that we can prepare the right number of kits and the roadway/area you have in mind so that we can prepare a recognition sign! You can also provide this information at sign-in when you pick up your kit.

- Supply kits and walk-in registration are available for pickup on weekdays in April (8 a.m. 5 p.m.) at Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd) and Founders Station (4902 Pike Rd).
- Pick up your area, and drop off your trash collections at Town Hall or Founders Station for us to dispose of. If you pick up more than one area, or if you pick up a different area than you planned, feel encouraged to let us know so that we can recognize your team with a sign in the appropriate location(s).
- Tip: Wear bright colors on your pickup day so you are more easily visible to drivers.
- Bonus Points: Share photos of your pickup crew with us on social media by using #mypikeroad and tagging @townofpikeroad! Or, email photos to <u>info@pikeroad.us</u>.

Thanks for Joining Us for Mondays with the Mayor!



Thank you for tuning in to join us for the Mondays with the Mayor Radio Show on Monday! We had a great time at the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Park, sharing info about events like the ongoing <u>Art All Around Us Art Show</u>, the Landscaping with Native Plants workshop, and the <u>2022 Pike Road Spring Cleanup</u>.

We were also joined by Caleb Hicks of the Alabama Poultry & Egg Association & Kayla Greer of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association to talk <u>Down to Earth - Agriculture Sustains</u> <u>Alabama</u>, and the Mar. 31 Down to Earth Day event, which will be held at the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Park! We're looking forward to seeing you at these upcoming events.

Pike Road Community Explores Native Plants, Landscaping Basics with Ag & Stewardship Club's Native Plants Workshop



Thank you to everyone who joined us this morning for the Pike Road Agriculture & Stewardship Club's <u>Native Plants &</u> <u>Landscaping</u> workshop, presented in partnership with the <u>Alabama Cooperative</u> <u>Extension System</u> and <u>Petals from the Past</u>.

Sue Webb, Native Plant Specialist with Petals from the Past Nursery, led the workshop and shared all about native plants and how to plant them for beauty and function.

Here are a few top tips & takeaways:

- Native plants are adapted to our local soil and weather patterns. This means they will live longer and healthier than other plants!
- Naturalistic-style landscapes provide great food and refuge for wildlife, including bees, birds, and butterflies. Sue recommends planting 10-15% structural plants, including shrubs, trees and tall plants. Then, add 35-40% seasonal plants, including medium-sized flowers and grasses to give your garden rhythm. Fill out your garden with 50% ground cover plants, like short grasses and spreading blooming plants.
- Plant for all seasons! Include plants that will bloom in spring, summer, and fall to provide both beauty to your landscape and sustenance for wildlife.

• Sue suggests the book <u>Planting in a Post-Wild World</u> by Claudia West.

A Few Native Plant Suggestions:



Structure: The spring-blooming Spice Bush is known as the Forsythia of the native world.

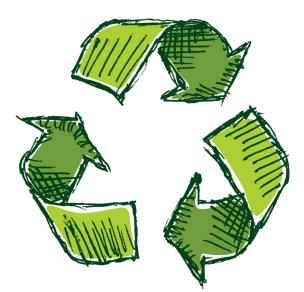


Rhythm: Wild Indigo comes in a variety of colors and sizes that bloom at different times of the year.



Matrix: Blooming phlox is a great option for ground cover!

Native Trees & Landscaping is the March 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.

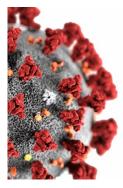


Recycling Updates: Recycling Depot Open Again with Regular Hours

The Town of Pike Road Recycling Depot has reopened with regular hours (opens Tuesdays at 8 a.m. and remains open 24 hours/day until closing at 5 p.m. on Thursday). Thank you for your patience and understanding during the recent closure.

For updates and more information about the Town of Pike Road Recycling Depot, <u>please</u> <u>click here or visit our FAQ page.</u>

COVID-19 Reminders



COVID-19 INFORMATION AND UPDATES As we begin the new year, COVID-19 continues to significantly affect our community and our state. Data from the Alabama Department of Public Health shows high community transmission of the COVID-19 virus in Montgomery County and all of Alabama, indicating that the virus is actively spreading statewide. With this in mind, we encourage you to be thoughtful and make smart, safe decisions that help protect your health and the

health of those around you. ADPH has released updated guidance for what to do if you test positive for COVID-19 or if you are exposed to someone who is COVID-19 positive. Click here for a quarantine & isolation flowchart. Click here for more detailed information and timelines.

One of the most effective tools to combat COVID-19 is vaccination. Initial vaccines and

additional booster doses are free and readily available at multiple locations within our community. Individuals ages 5+ are eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine. In addition, the Alabama Department of Public Health recommends that immunocompromised individuals receive a booster vaccine after they are fully vaccinated. Adults 18 and older are eligible to receive a booster dose six months after receiving their first Moderna or Pfizer shot, or two months after receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. <u>Click here to learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and boosters and where you can receive yours.</u>





For springtime treats, look no further than our local businesses! Fresh flowers and unique gifts are just a few things that can be found in the Pike Road area. Thank you, <u>Local and Bloom</u>, for sharing these spring flowers and smiling faces with us using #mypikeroad!

Share YOUR activities by using #mypikeroad and tagging <u>@townofpikeroad</u> 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.

Save the Date!

Take advantage of digital activities during the ongoing season of social distancing!<u>Click</u> <u>here to view several upcoming activities on our website.</u>

Mar. 26: <u>Montgomery County Cleanup Day</u>, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the County Lot Office on Meriwether Road, across from The Feed Lot*

Mar. 30: Town Council Meeting, 7 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Mar. 31: <u>Down to Earth Day</u>, 4 - 6:30 p.m., Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Center (6281 Trotman Road)*

April 1 - 30: <u>Town of Pike Road Spring Cleanup</u> - Get involved, and help us pick up Pike Road! Email <u>katy@pikeroad.us today</u>.

Apr. 2: <u>Century Church Community Easter Egg Hunt</u> 3 - 5:30 p.m., 1001 Marler Rd*
Apr. 3: <u>Spring Entertaining Workshop with Inspiring Thyme</u>, 2 - 6 p.m., The Chapel at The Waters*

Apr. 7: <u>First Thursdays at the Pike Road Arts Center</u>, 5 - 8 p.m., 944 Wallahatchie Rd Apr. 7: Pike Road Schools Kindergarten Kickoff, 5 - 7 p.m., 500 Avenue of Learning*

Apr. 8: <u>Last Day to Reserve a Booth for the Pike Road Lions Club Community Yard Sale</u> 4 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall*

Apr. 9: <u>Pike Road Lions Club Community Yard Sale</u> 7 - 11 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall Parking Lot*

Apr. 10: <u>Woodland UMC Community Easter Egg Hunt</u>, 11:15 a.m., Woodland United Methodist Church*

Apr. 11: Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Apr. 11: Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Apr. 15: Town Hall Closes at Noon in Observance of Good Friday

Apr. 27: Town Council meeting, 7 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Apr. 30: Woodland UMC Shoebox Shuffle 5K, 8 a.m.*

Apr. 30: <u>Montgomery County Cleanup Day</u>, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the County Lot Office on Meriwether Road, across from The Feed Lot*

*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.

For more events and details, please call 334-272-9883 or email <u>info@pikeroad.us</u>. You can also access our online calendar at <u>www.pikeroad.us</u>. Please <u>click here for the Pike Road</u> <u>Schools calendar</u>.

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