

Town of Pike Road 9575 Vaughn Road Pike Road, AL 36064 December 3, 2020

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"It is an exciting time in the Town of Pike Road! Just last night, the Pike Road Schools Patriots football team made history with their first appearance in the 5A State Championship matchup. The Patriots brought home a convincing win and have the distinction of being Pike Road's first State Champion football team, after only four years of varsity football. We appreciate the dedication and commitment of so many: players, coaches, fans, and many excited and engaged students! It was great to see the thousands of Pike Road people gathered in Birmingham to collectively support our team and community.

Now, tonight, we will gather in celebration of the holiday season and our many blessings at the Town Christmas Tree Lighting! The annual Christmas Tree Lighting is such a special event, and this year, it will feature holiday performances from the Pike Road Schools Show Choir and Pike Road Dance Academy. I look forward to reading a Christmas story to our youngest Pike Road citizens before we enjoy a magical, snowy treat. Don't forget to stop by Town Hall through Dec. 15 to pick up a kit featuring Postcards for Santa, and then return your notes to our special mailbox to receive a letter back from the Jolly Old Elf himself.

During this time of year, we also want to remind you that the holiday season is a time of need for many of our neighbors. Beginning at tonight's Christmas Tree Lighting, we invite you to help meet those needs through the Season of Giving holiday collections drive. Through Dec. 21, the community can drop off non-perishable food items, household necessities, personal hygiene items, and cold-weather clothes for both the Food Pantry at Woodland United Methodist Church and local veterans. The Central Alabama Veterans Health Care Systems, which serves veterans across Alabama and into Georgia, and volunteers from our local food pantry will distribute your gifts to our neighbors in need. To learn more about these opportunities, give us a call at 334.272.9883 or visit www.pikeroad.us.

Don't forget to schedule in the Pike Road Business Association Lunch & Learn coming up on Dec. 9! The holiday season is a busy one, but it's also a great time to look ahead at the year to come. Whether you're in business in the Pike Road area or you are interested in entrepreneurship, we encourage you to join us on Dec. 9 for the final Business Association Lunch & Learn of 2021. We'll network and enjoy lunch from a local restaurant, and Professional Trainer Sharleen Smith of Troy University Continuing Education & Outreach will lead "Leadership During Change" to help us each prepare to lead our way into the New Year.

Visit <u>www.pikeroad.us</u> to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter and receive updates on events like these and others in our area. The weekly e-newsletter is just one of the many ways to stay connected to the Town of Pike Road, but we're also on social media (just search @townofpikeroad), and we have a monthly radio show that visits local businesses and locations across Town. Tune in or stop by on Dec. 20 when the Mondays with the Mayor radio show broadcasts live from Town Hall!

With the busy holiday season upon us, we ask you to remember that COVID-19 is an ongoing challenge in our community and our state. One of the most effective tools to combat COVID-19 is vaccination. Vaccines are free and readily available at multiple locations within our community, and individuals ages 5+ are eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine. <u>Click here to learn more about COVID-19</u> vaccines and where you can receive yours.

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

Thank you and God Bless."