



News from Town Hall

Town of
Pike Road
Welcome Home

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"December has kicked off with a strong start in the Town of Pike Road, and your engagement has made it all possible! We had so much fun celebrating the holiday season with you at the Town Christmas Tree Lighting last Friday. Then, this week, the community had the exciting opportunity to celebrate Pike Road Schools' first State Champion football team, two State Champion cheerleading teams, and all of the people who made this success possible, from coaches and administrators to fans and the Pike Road Schools Band. Yesterday, we gathered with the Pike Road Business Association to look ahead at 2022 and prepare for new trends and new success, and there is still more happening in the Town of Pike Road. Next week, don't forget to stop by Town Hall through Wednesday, Dec. 15, to pick up a kit featuring Postcards for Santa and return your notes to our special mailbox to receive a letter back from the Jolly Old Elf himself.

The Season of Giving Holiday Collections Drive is also an important part of the holiday season in the Town of Pike Road. Through Dec. 21, we invite and encourage the community to 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 in need. 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. Click here for a full list of needed items from the Food Pantry and CAVHCS! Another way to give back is by giving blood. To help meet the emergency need for blood donations in our area, the Town of

Pike Road has partnered with LifeSouth Community Blood Centers to host a mobile blood drive at Town Hall on Dec. 20. Walk-ins are welcome, and remember: It only takes about 20 minutes to donate blood, and each donation can save up to three lives!

With the active holiday season now in full swing, 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. Initial vaccines and additional booster doses are free and readily available at multiple locations within our community, and 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. [Click here to learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and where you can receive yours.](#)

As we look toward the New Year, you don't want to miss out on any upcoming activities. Visit www.pikeroad.us to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter and receive town updates and event information. 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!

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

Thank you and God Bless."

Season of Giving Holiday Collections Drive Happening Now

Season of Giving

HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS DRIVE

Dec. 3 - 12 p.m. Dec. 21

**Drop off Donations at Town Hall
Weekdays, 8 AM - 5 PM**

BENEFITING THE CENTRAL ALABAMA
VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND
THE FOOD PANTRY AT WOODLAND UMC



- Non-perishable Food Items like cooking oil, powdered milk, canned chicken & fish, sugar, and flour
- Household essentials like cleaning products, zip-loc bags, laundry detergent, and band-aids
- New Cold-weather Clothing Items like coats & sweatpants

The Season of Giving Holiday Collections Drive continues through Dec. 21! The community is invited and encouraged to donate winter clothing, hygiene items, and non-perishable food items on behalf of the Food Pantry at Woodland UMC and the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care Systems. [Click here to read more in the Montgomery Advertiser!](#)

From Dec. 3 - noon on Dec. 21, donations can be dropped off at Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd) on weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. [Click here for a list of needed items](#), which include: Personal Hygiene Items like deodorant, hand cream, and toothpaste, denture cleaner, body wash, and shampoo

What do YOU Want for Christmas? Let Santa Know! Postcards for Santa Program Continues Through Wednesday, Dec. 15

What's on your Christmas List? Let Santa Know! Stop by Town Hall through Dec. 15 to pick up a Postcard for Santa kit!

These color-able cards can be dropped



off in our special mailbox at the Friday, Dec. 3 Town Christmas Tree Lighting or at Town Hall until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 15 during regular business hours (weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.).

Can't make it to Town Hall to pick up a kit? You can also print a card at home - [Click here for a printable card](#). (Don't forget to print both pages, front and back!)

Please note: Cards must be dropped off at Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd) by

5 p.m. December 15 with a valid return address to receive a letter *from* Santa!

Tomorrow, Dec. 11: Pike Road Schools PTSA Festival of Trees Supports Season of Giving



On Dec. 11 from 1 - 6 p.m., the Pike Road Schools PTSA will host the [Festival of Trees](#) at Pike Road Town Hall. This fundraiser is a ticketed event, with proceeds benefiting the PTSA organizations at all three Pike Road Schools campuses. This event is also presented in conjunction with the Town of Pike Road Season of Giving, and attendees are encouraged to bring canned food items/non-perishable food items for the Woodland UMC Food Pantry, as well as hygiene items for the Central Alabama VA Health Care System.

For each item donated, attendees will be given a ticket that will be used as a "vote" for the community favorite awards among the

trees on display. Attendees will receive one ticket for every item donated, so the more donations, the more votes you will have to crown a winner! One tree will be selected from the "Pike Road Schools Affiliated" category and one tree will be selected from the "Community/Business" category as the community favorite determined by the most votes. The "Pike Road Schools Affiliated" winner will receive a pizza party and the "Community/Business" winner will receive a special trophy and be recognized on social media as the 2021 winner of the Pike Road Festival of the Trees.

This is a drop in event during the 1 - 6 p.m. timeframe. Santa will be at the event from 2 - 4 p.m. for pictures, and hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Attendees are encouraged to purchase tickets online in advance - [click here to purchase a ticket](#). Tickets will also be sold at the door. Tickets are \$5 per person (6 and under are free and do not require a ticket).

All community groups, neighborhoods, businesses, school clubs/organizations, sports teams, and classrooms are invited to contribute a decorated tree. Just decide on a theme for your tree and complete the submission form - [click here to register](#). Questions? Contact Colleen Hawthorne at cihawthorne@hotmail.com.

Mondays with the Mayor Returns: Join the Conversation on Dec. 20!

Join the conversation on Dec. 20! Mondays with the Mayor will broadcast LIVE at Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd) from 12 - 1 p.m. on

TUNE IN TO

MONDAYS WITH THE MAYOR

DEC. 20 || 12 - 1 PM

LIVE FROM TOWN HALL
ON THE MAX ROUND TABLE, 107.5 FM / 1210 AM

JOIN THE CONVERSATION: STOP BY, CALL IN, OR TEXT
IN YOUR QUESTIONS!

the MAX Round Table, WTXK 107.5 FM/1210 AM. We hope you will tune in on your radio, smartphone, or web browser. We look forward to talking holiday fun, the Season of Giving, and, as always, Mayor Stone will take questions from the audience.

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 anytime,* or plan to call in during the show!

- Text: 334.313.1170
- Call: 334.517.1210

- Listen online: Listen on your web browser here: <https://espntheticket.com/>
- Listen on your smartphone or desktop with the FREE TuneIn App: <https://bit.ly/3aQ1EgS>

*Please designate questions sent to info@pikeroad.us as "Mondays with the Mayor" to be addressed during the Dec. 20 show.

Dec. 20: Give the Gift of Life This Holiday Season - Community Blood Drive at Town Hall

Community Blood Drive

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Dec. 20 || 8 AM - 5 PM

AT PIKE ROAD TOWN HALL, 9575 VAUGHN RD

Give the gift of life this holiday season! LifeSouth Community Blood Centers will be at Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd) from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 20, to receive your life-saving blood donations. Make an appointment, or stop by anytime: Walk-in donors are welcome!

[Click here or call 334.260.0803 to make an appointment.](#)

We want to emphasize that it is SAFE to give blood, and there is a critical need for donations in our area. The LifeSouth team has precautions in place to ensure the safety of both donors and employees. Thank you, Pike Road, for all you do to support one

another and our neighbors in need!

Thank You for Joining Us: Town Christmas Tree Lighting Kicks Off Holiday Season with a Cheerful Crowd

We had so much fun with celebrating the holiday season with you last Friday night at our annual Town Christmas Tree Lighting! Thank you to everyone who joined us this evening for music, dancing, a Christmas story, and of course, SNOW!

The 2021 Christmas Tree Lighting featured holiday tunes & performances from the Pike Road Schools Show Choir



and the Pike Road Dance Academy, a Christmas story read by Mayor Gordon Stone, and hot chocolate served by the Kiwanis Club of Pike Road. Thank you to everyone who helped make this evening magical!

[Click here for more photos](#) on our Facebook page!



All smiles at the Town Christmas Tree Lighting



Reading the Christmas story is Mayor Stone's favorite!



Christmas carols with the Pike Road Schools Show Choir

Congratulations, and Go Patriots - PRS Celebrating State Champions, Community Support



field.

It is an exciting time to be a Pike Road Schools Patriots fan! This week, we celebrated the Pike Road High School football team's school record-setting 5A AHSAA State Championship and those who made it possible! In addition, the PRS Cheerleading varsity and junior varsity teams became State Champions this week. We are so proud of these students and all of their hard work. We also want to say thank you to the teachers, administrators, coaches, parents, and community supporters who help our local young people succeed both on and off the



Above: PRS Superintendent Dr. Chuck Ledbetter addresses players, cheerleaders, band, and community.



There was a great group of Patriot supporters at the Wednesday celebration.

Pike Road Business Association Prepares to Lead the Way into 2022 - Thanks for Joining Us for "Leadership During Change!"



Thank you to everyone who joined us at Town Hall yesterday for the last Lunch & Learn of 2021! We enjoyed lunch from NYC Gyro as Professional Trainer Sharleen Smith of [Continuing Education & Outreach at Troy University](#) presented "Leadership During Change: Are you ready for the New Year?"

We discussed the forecast of 2022 business strategies and trends, as well as the best ways to lead your organization into and through 2022. Here are a few key takeaways:

- Although businesses may operate on a fiscal year, the best time to create a strategic plan with your team and assess your strategy, vision, and goals is the beginning of the calendar year. Sharleen recommends beginning your strategic plan in December or January.
- 2022 will focus on hyper-automation. Teams should assess what processes can be automated, freeing up employees to focus on the important things by improving speed, quality, and enhanced decision-making.
- Consumers are, more than ever, seeking a meaningful connection with brands, so it is important to be authentic: Tell the story of why you do what you do!
- Employee input and feedback is increasingly important. Take time to truly listen, and make it easier to share feedback - it's not just about having a comment box anymore!
- Change can be difficult, and it takes time. Understand that change takes place in steps: An ending, where some may be grieving the loss of the way things were, a neutral period where it can be difficult to get everyone on the same page, and, finally, the new beginning when everyone moves forward together.
- Leading change does not equal controlling change. Leaders have the responsibility of understanding, supporting, facilitating, and guiding change. To do so, communicate with your team, show vulnerability, and share your concern for your team during times of change.

Lunch & Learn is a quarterly presentation of the Town of Pike Road's Business Association, an ENHANCE initiative committee. The 2021 Lunch & Learn series is presented in partnership with Troy University Continuing Education & Outreach.

Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road!



The annual Town Christmas Tree Lighting is always such a special evening of holiday cheer. It was a treat to gather together with you all to celebrate the holiday season on Dec. 3!

Thank you, Tiffany, for sharing your family's Christmas Tree Lighting fun with us using #mypikeroad!

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.

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.](#)

Dec. 11: [Pike Road Schools PTSA Festival of Trees](#) 1 - 6 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall*

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

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

Dec. 15: [Deadline to Mail Postcards for Santa](#), 5 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Dec. 18: [Montgomery County Cleanup Day](#), 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., County Lot Office (across from The Feed Lot on Meriwether Rd)*

Dec. 20: [Community Blood Drive](#), 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Dec. 20: [Mondays with the Mayor Radio Show](#), 12 - 1 p.m., LIVE from Town Hall on the MAX Round Table, WTXK 107.5 FM / 1210 AM

Dec. 21: [Season of Giving Holiday Collections Drive Ends](#) 12 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Dec. 22: Town Council Meeting, 7 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Dec. 23: Town Hall Closes at Noon in Observance of Christmas Holiday

Dec. 24 & 27: Town Hall Closed in Observance of Christmas Holiday

Dec. 30: Town Hall Closes at Noon in Observance of New Year's Holiday

Dec. 31: Town Hall Closed in Observance of New Year's Holiday

**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.*

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

Show Us YOUR Pike Road

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 Twitter. Your posts could be featured in our newsletter, or even on our digital billboard!

