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## **Town of Pike Road Hosts Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Kick Off a Season of Giving**

*Tree Lighting Begins Holiday Collections Drive to Benefit Local Veterans & Local Food Pantry*

PIKE ROAD, Ala – On Friday, Dec. 6, the Town of Pike Road will host its annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Road). This free, family-friendly event will begin at 5:30 p.m. All are invited to join us for a magical evening featuring holiday tunes from the Pike Road Schools (PRS) Choir & PRS Patriot Band, a Christmas story presented by Town of Pike Road Mayor Gordon Stone, hot cocoa served by members of the Pike Road Lions Club, and even a snowy treat!

The Christmas Tree Lighting will also kick off the Town of Pike Road's Annual Season of Giving Holiday Collections Drive. From Dec. 6 until noon on Dec. 19, the Town of Pike Road will be collecting items for the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System (CAVHCS) and a local Food Pantry at Woodland United Methodist Church (UMC).

The Town asks area residents to donate new and unopened items that will help veterans and others in need during the winter months. The Woodland UMC Food Pantry accepts nonperishable food items and household items including laundry detergent, freezer bags, and can openers. Some of the items often needed by patients in local Veterans Administration facilities include:

- Personal hygiene items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, hairbrushes, dry skin cream and razors.
- Winter weather items such as hats, regular and no-skid slipper socks, and lap robes.
- For a complete list of items needed by CAVHCS and the Food Pantry, [click here](#).

Residents are encouraged to bring their donations to the Town's Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec. 6, but donations can also be dropped off at Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd) on weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. until noon on Dec. 19.

The Season of Giving Holiday Collections Drive is now in its tenth year. Mayor Gordon Stone said that he is thankful for the people of the Town of Pike Road, whose generosity has allowed this drive to be a success for many years.

"We have the privilege of recognizing the many veterans in our community," said Mayor Stone. "One of our great blessings is having the opportunity to honor their service. We know that many of the heroes in the River Region are in need, and we consider it an honor to return to them a small symbol of our gratitude through these contributions."

For more information or to schedule an interview, contact Turner Waddell by calling (864) 958-6577 or (334) 495-4109, or by emailing [turner@pikeroad.us](mailto:turner@pikeroad.us). Visit the event on [Facebook here](#). For more upcoming events, visit [www.pikeroad.us](http://www.pikeroad.us).

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