

## Administrative Updates

The Town of Pike Road Planning Commission and Town Council, made up of dedicated members of our community, have been hard at work this season, as always. They maintain a relationship that allows them to work in the interest of the vision of the people of Pike Road, with a strong commitment to *maintaining character while planning for progress*.

Town of Pike Road Town Council & Planning Commission meetings are open to the public. The Planning Commission meets the second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. The Pike Road Town Council meets the second Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. (or immediately after the Planning Commission meeting, but not before 6:00 p.m.) and the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00 a.m. These meetings are held in the council chamber at Pike Road Town Hall, and meeting agendas can be found online at [bit.ly/tpr-agendas](http://bit.ly/tpr-agendas).

As the Town continues to grow, our Building Department has stayed as busy as a bunch of carpenter bees! We are excited to introduce our new Building Department Director and Building Inspector, Lowell Thomas. Lowell brings with him decades of local experience, both in commercial and residential development. After a successful period as the owner and operator of L. Thomas Development, Lowell joined the Town of Pike Road Team in 2010 as Chief Building Inspector. He began leading the Building Department early this year. We know that, whether starting from scratch or making improvements, the building process can be confusing to navigate, so our team is here to help as you work to make your dream home a reality. For questions regarding licensing, electricity, inspections, and all things building-related, give us a call at 334.272.9883.

## Join the Conversation Using #mypikeroad!

The town utilizes various communication media in an effort to keep residents aware of news and events in and around the town. Here are some of the best ways to keep up with what is happening in and around Pike Road:

- \* If you are a Facebook user, "like" the Town of Pike Road to receive updates on your news feed. We can be found at [facebook.com/townofpikeroad](https://facebook.com/townofpikeroad).
- \* We're on Instagram, too: @townofpikeroad. Use #mypikeroad for a chance to be featured.
- \* If you are not already receiving our weekly e-newsletter, visit [pikeroad.us](http://pikeroad.us), and click "Connect with Us" to sign up. You can unsubscribe at any time, but we hope you will never want to stop receiving this valuable communication piece.
- \* If your daily commute takes you past Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Road), watch the digital marquee out front for announcements about upcoming events.
- \* We also advertise Town of Pike Road announcements and events on the digital billboard near the intersection of Chantilly Parkway and Vaughn Road.
- \* We're partnering with WTKX 107.5 FM to bring you "Mondays with the Mayor!" One Monday per month, Mayor Stone will be on air to discuss the Town of Pike Road and answer your questions. Send

questions or comments for Mondays with the Mayor to [info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us)!

Communication is a two-way street, and the Town Hall staff and our elected officials would love to hear from you. Call Town Hall any time during business hours at 334-272-9883. Of course, we also monitor our social media sites constantly during business hours and will reply to comments or private messages as quickly as possible. No matter how you choose to communicate with us, we welcome your input!

## Pike Road Schools Look Toward 2018

*A Letter from Dr. Ledbetter, Pike Road Schools Superintendent*

It's time to start a new school year, and the Pike Road School System enrollment is continuing to grow. PRS's fourth year of operation has brought with it many exciting milestones, including the addition of an 11th-grade class and continued growth in student enrollment. This year will mark the first year Pike Road has a full array of varsity athletics competing in the Alabama High School Athletic Association Class 3A. Our band program is continuing to grow as is the rest of our arts program.

This fall, Pike Road Schools will open a third campus to meet our growing needs. Pike Road High School (grades 8-11) will be located on the Georgia Washington campus, Pike Road Middle School (grades 5-7) will be located on the Historic campus, and Pike Road Elementary School (grades K-4) will be located on the Founding campus.

Our educators continue to learn, improve, and share with other educators throughout the summer. Ten Pike Road Elementary School Lead Learners led by Beth Sanders and Natalie Tucker made presentations at the Alabama Educational Technology Conference in June, sharing the amazing work that is being done in Pike Road Schools with educators from around Alabama. The faculty of Pike Road High School participated in A+ College Ready Training to prepare to offer Advanced Placement courses this school year.

Pike Road had two of the six Alabama nominees for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). Alabama finalists' applications will be forwarded to the national level to be evaluated by a team of judges at the national level. Britney Fureigh, fourth grade, was selected for math teaching, and Maria Franco, third grade, was selected for science teaching. These are two great examples of the excellent educators in Pike Road, and we are proud that their efforts have been recognized by others!

As we begin the fourth year of Pike Road Schools, we look forward to continued growth and excellence as our students prepare for their futures by living out our mission to think, innovate, and create! We invite you to come see the incredible work that is happening in Pike Road Schools!

Go Patriots!

Dr. Chuck Ledbetter  
Pike Road Schools Superintendent

*Town of Pike Road*

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## Calendar of Confirmed Town Events

- Aug. 13: Planning Commission Meeting
- Aug. 13: Town Council Meeting
- Aug. 17: Pond Management Seminar
- Aug. 20: Mondays with the Mayor at Tammy's Market
- Aug. 22: Town Council Meeting
- Aug. 25: County Cleanup Day
- Sept. 3: Town Hall Closed in Observance of Labor Day
- Sept. 9: Art Talk & Afternoon Tea
- Sept. 10: Planning Commission Meeting
- Sept. 10: Town Council Meeting
- Sept. 12: Veterans Brick Orders Due
- Sept. 14: Hay, Look at Us! Registration Begins
- Sept. 17: Mondays with the Mayor at SweetCreek Farm Market
- Sept. 20: Lunch & Learn
- Sept. 26: Town Council Meeting
- Sept. 28: Hay, Look at Us! Registration Ends
- Sept. 29: County Cleanup Day
- Oct. 8: Town Hall Closed in Observance of Columbus Day
- Oct. 9: Planning Commission Meeting
- Oct. 9: Town Council Meeting
- Oct. 22: Mondays with the Mayor at Veterans Park
- Oct. 23: Hay, Look at Us! Judging
- Oct. 24: Happy Birthday, Town of Pike Road!
- Oct. 26-27: Plein Air Paint Out

*More activities may be added! Visit [www.pikeroad.us](http://www.pikeroad.us) and follow us on social media to stay in-the-know.*

*The Pike*

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Town of Pike Road, Summer 2018  
A Product of the Community Development Department

The first half of 2018 brought lots of excitement for the Town of Pike Road. As mayor, I have enjoyed the blessing of watching the behind-the-scenes processes and systems grow and develop alongside our fast-moving town. Pursuing big goals is never easy, but we are excited to report that much has been achieved.

As we completed the third year at Pike Road Schools, it is great to know that, under the leadership of Dr. Ledbetter and the Board of Education, we have successfully incorporated the historic school campus into our program. The progress has been admirable as we have moved from one to two campuses. Thank you to the students, parents, teachers and administrators for making this a success.

It is with tremendous excitement that we add the Georgia Washington Campus to the PRS system. Adding a third campus in four years is a significant achievement. As the Town of Pike Road continues to grow, school programs and courses are expanding and developing to meet the needs of our students. We are preparing each and every classroom at Georgia Washington to serve students and teachers. Your town continues to work with the Pike Road School System to add athletic facilities, increase innovation and career tech opportunities, and improve administrative and transportation scenarios. It is our goal to use all available education dollars wisely. Therefore, please feel free to offer your thoughts and ideas with us. You may share your perspectives of the future through email at [info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us).

In addition to school-related success, the Town has continued to develop the ENHANCE initiative by providing a wide variety of community programming. With the growth of our Community Development department, we have increased the Town's communication and outreach, continued our traditional activities like SummerFest, the Spring Cleanup, the Community Yard Sale, Crossroads Theater and Art Markets, Lunch & Learn, and Agriculture & Stewardship Seminars. We are consistently seeking ideas and input on new community involvement offerings, so contact us at [info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us) to offer your thoughts!

It is a blessing to work with many outstanding service providers. Our economic development and planning teams are hard at work, and we are pleased to report that our road maintenance and transportation improvement projects are moving forward effectively and efficiently. Our emergency service providers are also a bright star in the Town of Pike Road. The Fire Departments and Sherriff's Office are serving our community quickly and with excellent professionalism. We even have a new sanitation provider that is making customer service a priority.

Finally, it is an honor to have the chance to work with so many successful Pike Road people. From Eagle Scouts to Student Government award-winners, Robotics champions to individual and team athletic accomplishments, we have much to be thankful for. I am moved by how our community of 312 original incorporates has grown to become a thriving community of great accomplishment in just 21 years. The credit for Pike Road being a special place has always been its people. Therefore, the Town is committed to continue to create opportunities for people to grow and achieve. From the school system to the new playground at Veterans Park, the mural wall to the ballfield and trails, art and entrepreneurial investments, we will continue to make sure the people of the Town of Pike Road have a community that is and always will be home.

Thanks and God Bless,

Gordon Stone, Mayor

## ENHANCE: A Vision with Focus

The "ENHANCE initiative" is a long-term strategic plan designed to ensure that the Town of Pike Road continues to mature in the four areas identified by residents in 2005 as the keys to the municipality's success: quality of life, community planning, public education and municipal services. We call these the Four Pillars. Focusing on the quality of life pillar, the ENHANCE initiative organizes community groups to help carry out activities that promote the key areas of the ENHANCE initiative: Exercise, Nature, Health, Agriculture, Nutrition, Community & Education.

*Town of Pike Road*  
**ENHANCE**  
initiative  
*creating quality of life*

## ENHANCE initiative Committees:

Agriculture & Stewardship Club · Neighborhood Leaders  
Recreation and Health Service Corps · Arts Council · P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team  
Business Association · Community Enrichment

So, what's your passion? Are you an artist, an entrepreneur, a health guru? Everyone can contribute to our community through the ENHANCE initiative. For more information about these committee or to get involved, visit [bit.ly/tpr-ENHANCE](http://bit.ly/tpr-ENHANCE) or email [info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us).

PIKE ROAD

*Arts Council*

*Art Talk &  
Afternoon Tea*

A new series featuring conversations  
and demonstrations with local artists  
in the elegant setting of afternoon tea

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018  
NOVEMBER 18, 2018  
JANUARY 13, 2019  
MARCH 10, 2019



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit [pikeroad.us](http://pikeroad.us), or search @townofpikeroad on social media for details.

*Just Plein Fun*

The 7th Annual Town of Pike Road  
Plein Air Paint Out

OCTOBER 26-27, 2018



# The Latest News from Pike Road Town Hall

This section of The Pike features highlights from recent events and initiatives. Keep up with us on social media for more Town of Pike Road fun, and use #mypikeroad to join the conversation!

## Spring and Summer Highlights

### \* April 21: Community Yard Sale

Each spring, the Pike Road Community Yard Sale returns to Pike Road Station, and, with it, comes bustling crowds ready to turn one man's trash into their newest treasures. This year was no different! In the earliest hours of a beautiful April morning, members of the Pike Road Lions Club fired up the grill for fresh sausage biscuits and arranged vendors across the Town Hall parking lot. Shoppers quickly followed, beginning their quests for fun finds at yard-sale prices as early as 7 a.m., and filtering in and out of all 80 booths until noon. As the event wrapped up, vendors had the opportunity to donate any remaining items to both Habitat for Humanity and the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System. Vendors went home happy, shoppers scored big, and the Pike Road Lions Club raised over \$2,000 for their local and international charities. Recently, a portion of those proceeds were used to send three Pike Road children to Camp Seale Harris, a summer camp designed to educate, encourage, and empower children with diabetes and their families.



Pictured: A panoramic view of the 2018 Yard Sale (top), Pike Road Lions Club members serve freshly-grilled sausage biscuits and hot coffee to shoppers (bottom left), Mayor Stone, poses with former mayor Wayne Rabren and councilman Rob Steindorff, both members of the Pike Road Lions Club (bottom right).

### \* April 21-28: Spring Clean-Up



This year, the Community Yard Sale helped kick off our annual week of litter pickup - the Spring Cleanup. Presented in partnership with Alabama People Against a Littered State (AL Pals) and statewide cleanup efforts, the Spring Cleanup is a week where all Town of Pike Road residents are encouraged to gather a group, grab supplies from Town Hall, and go out into our neighborhoods, right-of-ways, parks and trails to pick up litter and protect the natural beauty around us, even if it's just for a few minutes. In the week of April 21-28, community members young and old, big and small, joined forces to #pickupPikeRoad and keep our community clean. Ten cleanup groups collected 64 bags of litter - that's 64 bags of trash that will not make it into our ponds, creeks, farmland and picturesque views! If you and a group of friends, coworkers, etc., are interested in cleanup efforts, visit [alpals.org](http://alpals.org) to learn about Adopt-A-Mile and Adopt-A-Stream programs, or contact the Pike Road Lions Club, who would love to have your help during their monthly Adopt-A-Mile efforts. They can be found at [facebook.com/pikeroadlions](https://facebook.com/pikeroadlions).

Pictured: Some of the 2018 Spring Cleanup volunteers, including (clockwise from top) The Grove at Stone Park team, Julianne Smith, our youngest at most excited volunteer, the PRHS Key Club, and the Encore Rehab team.

### \* May 17: Fire Ant Management Seminar

Fire ants, as you most likely know, plague just about every acre of Central Alabama. Our May 17 Fire Ant Management Seminar was the second installment in the 2018 Ag & Stewardship Club Seminar Series, created to help local landowners, from farms to backyards, navigate our natural environment. Led by Dr. Chip East of the Montgomery County Extension, the seminar touched on fire ant biology and its relationship with a variety of management approaches, as well as the ins-and-outs of baits, pesticides, and other control materials. We learned that, while fire ants can be managed, they are an active and invasive species we will likely have to fight



Pictured: The Fire Ant Management Seminar crew (above), Chip East of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (right).

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in our yards, farmland, and landscaping for years to come. Get started today with fire ant management resources from the Alabama Extension at [aces.edu/dept/fireants](http://aces.edu/dept/fireants). We hope to see you at our next seminar - Pond Management - on Aug. 17. Visit [pikeroad.us/residents](http://pikeroad.us/residents) for details.

Pictured below: Sticky, sweet snowcone fun at Home Depot Family Fun Day (left), an American Flag flies high on Pike Road Fire's ladder truck (center), the next generation of firefighters test out the backseat of Pike Road Fire's engine (top right), and a friendly Home Depot team member makes fresh hotdogs for those in attendance (bottom right).

### \* June 2: Home Depot Family Fun Day

The Home Depot on Chantilly Parkway has a terrific track record of supporting the Town of Pike Road, whether through participation in community events or through their annual contribution of time, talent and materials to the beautification of the Pike Road Veterans Memorial, located in the Historic Town Center near the intersection of Pike and Meriwether Roads. Each year, they also host Family Fun Day, a morning of totally free fun for kids across Montgomery County. This year, the excitement included zoo animals, crafts, snow cones and the Pike Road Fire Safety truck. The Home Depot team also created gift bags that were distributed to veterans and the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care Systems. We enjoyed the opportunity to get to know guests, share the Pike Road Story, and invite our new friends to take part in the many community events in our area. Thanks for inviting us out, Home Depot!



### \* June 21: Lunch & Learn - Emotional Intelligence

Lunch & Learn is a quarterly program presented in partnership between the Pike Road Business Association and OutReach at AUM, and sponsored by ASE Credit Union. Local businesspeople and entrepreneurs are invited to Town Hall for lunch from a Pike Road restaurant, a great speaker, and the chance to connect with each other. In July, the group of nearly 40 enjoyed lunch from Bishop's BBQ and Deli and a captivating presentation by Dr. Venessa Funches, entrepreneur and Associate Dean for the College of Business at Auburn University at Montgomery. Dr. Funches explained the role that emotional intelligence plays in our ability to communicate effectively, work well with others, and make improvements in our personal lives. Did you miss the program, but want to improve your emotional intelligence? Here's a tip from Dr. Funches: Listen.

Listen to yourself to recognize your own emotions, and make a concerted effort to listen to others' emotions through both their words and nonverbal cues, like body language. Don't miss out on another Lunch & Learn - these events only happen a few times a year, and seats can fill up fast. Visit [pikeroad.us](http://pikeroad.us) and click "Connect with Us" to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter for community event information!

### \* July 4: Community Club Fourth of July Parade

What brings friends and neighbors together and encourages connectivity between generations? Love for a community, its history, and its future. The Pike Road Community Club's Fourth of July Parade, a beloved tradition that predates the incorporated Town of Pike Road by nearly 30 years, showcases the patriotism, community pride, and southern hospitality of the early Pike Road community, values that inspired our motto, "Welcome Home!" and continue to exist today. The annual parade is energetic and inviting: Anyone can join the ranks of participants, and anyone and everyone are invited to watch and collect sweet treats tossed from floats. This year, nearly 60 groups - in antique cars, decked-out golf carts, on bicycles, horseback, and on on foot - participated in the Parade, which began



Pictured (Clockwise from top left): Three generations of family gather to watch the 4th of July Parade, Parade participants with hands over hearts for the National Anthem at the award ceremony, cowboy and artist Bruce Brannen and others on horseback lead the Parade, and, children gather to catch candy and watch their friends parade past.

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at the century-old Pike Road Historic School and proceeded to The Feedlot, a local institution on Meriwether Road. Hundreds of onlookers sat on tailgates and hid from the July sun under umbrellas, as the littlest spectators jumped into action catching candy tossed from parade floats. A rendition of the National Anthem on the front porch of the Feedlot calmed the crowd, which then joined in the Pledge of Allegiance before dispersing in preparation for afternoon activities - the Fourth of July was just getting started! Thank you to the Pike Road Community Club for keeping this local tradition alive each year.

### \* July 4: SummerFest

Fireworks, food, family and friends take center stage at SummerFest, the Town of Pike Road's annual Fourth of July Celebration. The Town's annual laid-back, family-friendly event provides the perfect way to wrap up the 4th of July holiday. Perched on a hill above Lake Cameron, mature trees and Spanish moss shade the grassy Square and set the perfect scene for families and friends to come together. Musical guest Brandon Self played for the crowd, and local favorites, SweetCreek Farm Market, H2O Cafe, and Nancy's Italian Ice, sold BBQ, fresh fruits and veggies, and sweet treats. Families and neighbors picnicked, children played, and everyone did their best to stay cool. Shortly after sunset, the Square emptied, and everyone migrated to the lakeshore in anticipation of a fireworks spectacular. Bright, flashing lights, reflected over the lake, and big sounds echoed with oohs-and-ahs, ushering the evening to an end. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office team ensured everyone made it out of The Waters safely and efficiently, and another amazing Fourth of July came to a close in the Town of Pike Road. Thank you to everyone from across the Town of Pike Road who took part in our annual celebration, The Waters for being our location host, and volunteers from the Pike Road Fire Department, the Pike Road Ladies Auxiliary, and the Pike Road Lions Club, who helped make the event possible.



Pictured (Clockwise from top left): A group of friends enjoys a picnic at SummerFest, three friends relax to the max on the Square at SummerFest, furry friends bring big smiles to the Fourth of July celebration, Brandon Self and other band members prepare to serenade the crowd, kids find a cool spot to enjoy their snacks on the front of a Pike Road Fire engine, and a family settles in for an evening of patriotic fun.

### \* Mondays with the Mayor



Pictured: The Mondays with the Mayor crew plus Mayor Stone, Life Spring Fitness Coach Josh Langham and H2O Cafe & Market Owner Paul Freehling at June's Mondays with the Mayor (left), PRHS Principal Sikes joins the conversation at Veterans Park for the May episode (right).

We are excited to announce that our monthly radio program, Mondays with the Mayor, will continue into 2019. If you haven't heard about this program yet, keep reading! Once per month, WTXX ESPN the Ticket (107.5 FM/1210 AM) broadcasts live from a location in the Town of Pike Road. During the lunch hour, Mayor Stone joins the show to answer YOUR questions and discuss all things Town of Pike Road. You can participate simply by tuning in and sending questions to [info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us) or calling in during the show, but all are invited to stop by our location to join the conversation - and sometimes we have snacks! Recently, Mondays with the Mayor stopped by Pike Road Station to welcome new restaurants, enjoyed a day in the shade near the trailhead at Founders Station, and got to know local businesses at Lifespring Fitness, located at The Waters Town Center. If you missed these shows, visit [youtube.com/townofpikeroad](https://youtube.com/townofpikeroad) for

highlights, and mark your calendars for the following episodes:  
 Tammy's Market & Pye Bar - August 20  
 SweetCreek Farm Market - September 17  
 Veterans Park - October 22

### \* Place Your Veterans Brick Orders Today!

Are you looking for a special way to honor a loved one who served in the U.S. Military? Look no further! We are now accepting order forms for personalized veterans bricks, which will be installed in the Walk of Honor at the Pike Road Veterans Memorial and dedicated during the 2018 Veterans Appreciation Ceremony on November 4. Interested? Give us a call at 334.272.9883, or shoot us an email at [info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us)!



The Pike Road Veterans Memorial with flags flying high