



News from Town Hall

Town of
Pike Road
Welcome Home

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A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone:

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"Fall is a busy season in the Town of Pike Road, and we have many things to look forward to.

First, I would like to remind every citizen that, on Oct. 5, there will be an important vote on a proposal to raise the revenue to build a new high school in the Town of Pike Road. The Pike Road Schools Board of Education has analyzed the needs and projected the costs of construction. As a result, the school board is recommending the proposed property tax referendum. By adopting this proposal, the school will have the resources in place to continue the path forward for public education. The school has engaged professionals and developed this plan focused on meeting student needs. The action used to develop this proposal follows the same strategic thought pattern that has been applied since the initial days of the Town. As mayor, I understand the value of education, and I will be voting for the proposal. Likewise, the Town Council voted unanimously in support of a resolution endorsing the proposal. If you have questions, please contact the Office of the Superintendent of Schools by visiting www.pikeroadschools.org. They will be happy to provide all the details. Education is an important part of Pike Road, and voting for this proposal helps provide critical infrastructure for our schools.

In addition, please recognize that as we enjoy everything from football games to the upcoming Plein Air Paint Out, it is important to remember that COVID-19 is an ongoing challenge in our community and our state. Together, we have a responsibility to make smart decisions that keep both our families and our community safe and healthy. Please continue to recognize the value of the simple things like social distancing, mask-wearing, and hand-washing that help protect you and those around you. One of the most effective tools to combat COVID-19 continues to be vaccination. Vaccines are free and readily available at multiple locations within our community, and individuals ages 12+ are eligible to receive the vaccine. [Click here to learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and where you can receive yours.](#) As we continue to work together to combat the spread of this illness, we will continue to enjoy opportunities to gather and safely enjoy the company of family and friends.

Despite the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, there is so much to celebrate in the Town of Pike Road. We have a record number of Pike Road neighborhoods, businesses, and organizations participating in the 2021 Hay, Look at Us! Hay Bale Decorating Contest, and we can't wait to see what you create together. As you bring your hay bale creations to life, we encourage you to share photos and stories of your teamwork with us by emailing info@pikeroad.us or by tagging @townofpikeroad and #mypikeroad on social media. We can't wait to see what you create together! Also on the horizon is the 10th annual Plein Air Paint Out, which will bring dozens of artists from across the country to the Town of Pike Road. We encourage you to get outside during the weekend of Oct. 15 – 16 to meet the artists, and join us on Oct. 16 for an art show, sale & reception featuring scenes from across our community. Then, it's time for the Montgomery County Farm-City Festival on Oct. 18, and we are excited to share that it will be held at the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Park off Trotman Road. We can't wait to see you there!

If you don't already subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter, we encourage you to do so now! Just visit www.pikeroad.us and submit your name and email to receive updates in your inbox each Friday. 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. This month, we'll announce the winners of the Hay, Look at Us! Hay Bale Decorating Contest on the Oct. 25 edition of the show – be sure to tune in!

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

Thank you and God Bless."

First Thursdays at the Pike Road Arts Center: Take Advantage of Evening Hours on Oct. 7!



Explore and shop handmade gifts, original art by Pike Road and Alabama artists, and get to know the Pike Road Arts Council from **5-8 p.m.** on the first Thursday of each month.
Next Up:

October 7

Special evening discounts available!

FIRST THURSDAYS
at the Pike Road Arts Center,
944 Wallahatchie Road

The Pike Road Arts Council is excited to invite you to First Thursdays at the PRAC! The Arts Center is open from 5 - 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month! Stop by to explore and shop the handmade gifts and original art by Alabama artists available in the Arts Center's Water House Gallery, get to know the Arts Council, and enjoy special evening discounts on a variety of items!

Upcoming dates include:

- October 7
- November 4
- December 2

The Pike Road Arts Center (PRAC) is located at 944 Wallahatchie Rd, under the water tower.

Oct. 15 & 16: 10th Annual Plein Air Paint Out - *The Roads That Connect Us*



ART SHOW: SATURDAY, OCT. 16

AT THE PIKE ROAD ARTS CENTER, 944 WALLAHATCHIE RD

5:30 - 7:30 PM - "Wet Paint" Art Show, Sale & Reception

SHOP & SEE THE ORIGINAL PIECES CREATED DURING THE 2021 PAINT OUT

Presented by the Pike Road Arts Council, an ENHANCE initiative Committee
www.pikeroad.us || patty@pikeroad.us || Featured Painting by Barbara Davis

On October 15-16, artists from the River Region and beyond will bring bright eyes and creative spirits to our hometown for the 10th annual Plein Air Paint Out, with the intention of capturing the beauty of our community in their own artistic styles. Artists include members of the Alabama Plein Air Artists and others from across the country.

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15: Nationally-recognized Plein Air artists Barbara Davis, Craig Reynolds, and John Guernsey will provide painting demonstrations at SweetCreek Farm Market (85 Meriwether Rd) - Stop by to meet the artists, watch them in action, and chat about what they do!

- Throughout the day on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15-16, artists will disperse around Town in search of scenes that catch their eyes. The community is welcome to observe and meet the artists as they bring their paintings to life.*
- On Saturday, Oct. 16, the community is invited to meet the artists and explore the weekend's works during a "Wet Paint" sale from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Pike Road Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd). This evening's event is so named because all the paintings available will have been created during the Paint Out, and some paintings may not yet be completely dry!

The annual Pike Road Plein Air Paint Out is presented by the Pike Road Arts Council, a Town of Pike Road ENHANCE initiative committee. The Pike Road Arts Center (PRAC) is located at 944 Wallahatchie Rd, under the water tower. It is home to the Water House Gallery and gift shop, studio space, and a variety of events presented by the Pike Road Arts Council. Interested in attending, participating, or volunteering? Contact Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne at patty@pikeroad.us!

*[Click here to visit the Pike Road Arts Council on Facebook](#), where we'll share photos and updates throughout the weekend, including where artists are currently located and painting across town!

Oct. 18: Montgomery County Farm-City Festival at the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Center

FARM-CITY FESTIVAL
October 18, 2021 ~ 4:00-6:30 pm
Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Center
6281 Trotman Road, Pike Road, AL

Pony Rides • Agriculture Exhibits • Live Farm Animals • Children's Activities
Cowboy Bruce's 'Wild West Show' • Wildlife Skins & Skulls • MCSO's Deputy Dave

Hot Dogs & Refreshments Provided!
Thanks to our generous sponsors, admission is only a canned food item per person, to benefit the Montgomery Area Food Bank.

For more information contact the AL Cooperative Extension System Montgomery County Office
334-270-4133 or Farm-City Chairman Kathy Gordon 334-799-2822.

The Montgomery County Farm-City Festival is an annual event that engages all ages in various aspects of the agricultural industry and is designed to deepen the understanding between two vital parts of our nation – urban and agricultural communities are partners in progress. It is presented by partnership by organizations including the The Alabama Cooperative Extension System, and Alabama Farmers Federation.

We are excited to share that the 2021 Farm-City Festival will be held this coming Monday, Oct. 18, from 4 - 6:30 p.m. at the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Park off Trotman Road! [Click here to learn more about this family-friendly event!](#)

Record Number of Hay, Look at Us! Teams - Don't Forget to Share Your Story as You Decorate!



We are excited to share that there are a record number of Pike Road neighborhoods, businesses and organizations participating in the 2021 Hay, Look at Us! Hay Bale Decorating contest! This fall, over 50 hay bale creations will be brought to life across our special hometown.

As you working with neighbors, coworkers, and friends to make your Hay, Look at Us! Masterpiece, share your photos, videos and stories of collaboration with us! Just email info@pikeroad.us or

share them on social media, but don't forget to tag @townofpikeroad and #mypikeroad! We can't wait to see how your teamwork makes magic happen this hay bale season. Pictured, the 2019 Oak Ridge Hay, Look at Us! team in action.

Here are a few quick reminders:

- Oct. 24: Decorations MUST be completed prior to Oct. 24.
- Oct. 25: Hay, Look at Us! winners announced & People's Choice Award voting begins
- Oct. 31: People's Choice Award winner announced at 10 p.m.

Hay, Look at Us! is an ENHANCE Initiative event made possible each year by the Neighborhood Leaders and Community Enrichment committees. We look forward to seeing all the fabulous community creations this fall!

Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road!



Our beautiful natural surroundings are just one of the things that make the Town of Pike Road a special place to call home. We look forward to seeing Plein Air artists capture these scenes on canvas later this month! What's your favorite view in the Town of Pike Road?

Thank you, Cathy, for sharing this stunning view with us using #mypikeroad.

Share YOUR family fun by using #mypikeroad and tagging [@townofpikeroad](https://www.facebook.com/townofpikeroad) on social media to be featured on our billboard, in our e-newsletter, and on our social media!

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.](#)

Oct. 2: [Pike Road Lions Club Community Yard Sale](#), 7 - 11 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall*

Oct. 2: [Woodland Creek Neighborhood Yard Sale](#), 7 - 11 a.m.*

Oct. 3: [Blessing of the Animals + Montgomery Humane Society Donation Drive](#) 4 p.m.,

Grace Episcopal Church*

Oct. 5: [Pike Road Schools Referendum Vote](#), 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd)*

Oct. 7: [First Thursdays at the Pike Road Arts Center](#), 5 - 8 p.m., 944 Wallahatchie Rd

Oct. 11: *Town Hall Closed in Observance of Columbus Day*

Oct. 12: Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Oct. 12: Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Oct. 15: [10th Annual Plein Air Paint Out Painting Demonstrations](#) 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., SweetCreek Farm Market

Oct. 15 - 16: [10th Annual Pike Road Plein Air Paint Out](#)

Oct. 15: [Gift of Life Foundation Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day Candlelight Memorial](#), 6:30 p.m., Rolling Hills Park (6001 Rolling Hills Blvd)*

Oct. 16: [10th Annual Pike Road Plein Air Paint Out "Wet Paint" Art Show & Sale](#), 6 - 8 p.m., Pike Road Arts Center

Oct. 18: [Montgomery County Farm-City Festival](#), Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Center, 4 - 6:30 p.m.*

Oct. 23: Pike Road Arts Council Christmas Tree Silent Auction Begins

Oct. 24: Founders Day - Happy Birthday, Town of Pike Road!

Oct. 24: [Pike Road Dance Academy Grand Opening & Open House](#) 12 p.m., 232 W. Elizabeth Lane*

Oct. 24 - 25: Hay, Look at Us! Judging

Oct. 25: Mondays with the Mayor Radio Show at the Pike Road Ag Center

Oct. 25: Hay, Look at Us! Winners Announced on the Mondays with the Mayor Radio Show + People's Choice Award Voting Begins on Facebook

Oct. 27: Town Council Meeting, 7 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Oct. 27: [Trunk or Treat](#), 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Woodland UMC (4428 Wallahatchie Rd)*

Oct. 30: [Montgomery County Cleanup Day](#), 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., County Lot Office (across from The Feed Lot on Meriwether Rd)*

Oct. 30: [Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Spooktacular](#), 4 - 7 p.m., Garrett Coliseum*

Oct. 31: People's Choice Award Voting Ends, Winner Announced on Facebook, 10 p.m.

**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!

