



## News from Town Hall



Hi, just a reminder that you're receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in the Town of Pike Road. Don't forget to add [info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us) to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox! If you no longer wish to receive our emails, you may unsubscribe by clicking the link at the bottom of this email.

May 26, 2023



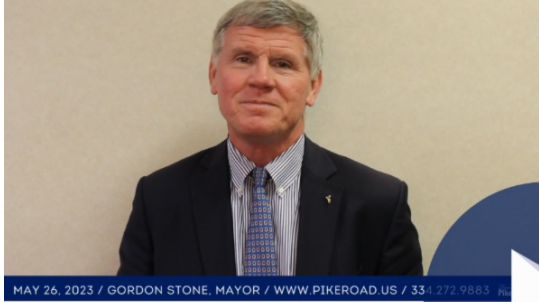
### Happy Memorial Day Weekend! Holiday Reminders:

We wish you a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend as we celebrate, honor, and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. As a reminder, Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. We will reopen with regular hours on Tuesday, May 30.

[Amwaste](#), our sanitation service partner, has advised that there will be no garbage pickup on Monday, May 29. Routes that are usually serviced on Mondays will be picked up on Tuesday, May 30. Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday, May 31, and so on through Saturday, June 3.

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### Updates from Mayor Stone



MAY 26, 2023 / GORDON STONE, MAYOR / WWW.PIKEROAD.US / 334.272.9863



at the Pike Road Arts Center, 944 Wallahatchie Rd

SAVE THE DATE: **JUNE 15**  
**DIGITAL MARKETING**  
 PIKE ROAD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION LUNCH & LEARN WITH DOGWOOD MEDIA SOLUTIONS

Town of Pike Road  
**SUMMERFEST**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 29**  
 AT THE PIKE ROAD AGRICULTURE, RECREATION & PERFORMING ARTS PARK  
 PARKING BEGINS AT 6 PM  
 KIDS' ACTIVITIES 6:30 - 8:30 PM  
 FIREWORKS AT DARK  
 FREE TO ATTEND  
 PICNICS WELCOME  
 FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

[Click here or click the image above for weekly updates from Mayor Stone!](#)

"This Memorial Day, we wish you all a safe, happy weekend spent with family and friends. We encourage you to take time to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. This week brought opportunities for reflection and new beginnings across the Town of Pike Road, but without the sacrifices made by military families across this great nation, we would not have the freedom to celebrate all that we enjoy today.

School is out for the summer, and we want to share our best wishes and congratulations with the Pike Road Schools Class of 2023, who celebrated graduation this week! We are so proud of our community's graduates, and we are so thankful for the leadership, teachers, and staff of PRS, who encourage and empower these young people every day. We look forward to all the future holds for these young people, and we hope they know that the Town of Pike Road will always welcome them home.

Summertime is filled with community events and activities, and we appreciate the way you connect with one another and stay engaged. We are pleased to share that the P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team will kick off their summer feeding program next week on June 3rd to help provide food for children facing hunger during the summer months. They are still seeking volunteers and donations. To learn more about the ways YOU can help, email Stacy Dickinson at stacyddickinson@gmail.com. We also invite you to check out all the workshops and art shows coming up from the Pike Road Arts Council!

Don't forget to save the date for SummerFest, which will be held on June 29 at the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Park. We look forward to kicking off the Fourth of July holiday weekend with family fun, food and fireworks! Learn more about this and other upcoming events at [www.pikeroad.us](http://www.pikeroad.us), and be sure to find us on social media so you never miss out – just search @townofpikeroad on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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

Thank you and God Bless."

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### June 3 - July 22: P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team Summer Feeding Program to Serve Neighbors in Need

The Pike Road Area Your Emergency Response (P.R.A.Y.E.R) Team is providing a summer feeding program for children facing hunger during the summer months. This program is available for Town of Pike Road residents June 3 – July 22.



Beginning June 3, weekly food packages will be available for pickup on Saturdays from 9 - 11 a.m. at Woodland Church (4428 Wallahatchie Road) or at one of several mobile distribution sites around town. Please contact Stacy Dickinson at [stacyddickinson@gmail.com](mailto:stacyddickinson@gmail.com) for more information on these locations.

The P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team is seeking volunteers and donations to assist with this program. Volunteer to help prepare and/or distribute food items, or learn more about other ways to help: Email Stacy Dickinson at [stacyddickinson@gmail.com](mailto:stacyddickinson@gmail.com)

For more information about the P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team, an ENHANCE initiative committee made up of local faith leaders who collaborate to ensure the physical and spiritual needs of Pike Road residents are met in the case of tragedy or urgent need, please email Jennifer Grace Arnold at [jarnold@pikeroad.us](mailto:jarnold@pikeroad.us).

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## "Pursuit of Happiness" Art Show Showcases Joys of Life - Opening Reception: June 11



At the Pike Road Arts Center, 944 Wallahatchie Rd

Discover joy and patriotic spirit at the "Pursuit of Happiness" art show June 11 – July 19! This art show focuses on the unalienable rights outlined in the Declaration of Independence and features local artists' interpretations of the Pursuit of Happiness. What does the Pursuit of Happiness mean to you?

All are invited to participate in this show, whether as creators or enjoyers of art - [click here to view art submission guidelines!](#) Artists, submit your art beginning June 3!

The show will open with a reception on Sunday, June 11, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Pike Road Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd) The

show will continue to be available for viewing through July 19!

### Open Hours:

- Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Sundays: 1 - 4 p.m.
- First Thursday of each month: 5 – 8 p.m.

To visit the Arts Center outside of regular hours, please email [patty@pikeroad.us](mailto:patty@pikeroad.us) to make an appointment.

The Pike Road Arts Center is located at 944 Wallahatchie Rd, under the water tower. It is home to the Water House Gallery, studio space, and a variety of events presented by the Pike Road Arts Council, an ENHANCE initiative committee. For more information, please contact Pike Road Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne by emailing [patty@pikeroad.us](mailto:patty@pikeroad.us).

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## June 15 & 16: Craig Reynolds Teaches New Way of Painting at Water-Soluble Oil Paint Workshop

Learn to create with water-soluble oil paint, a high-quality alternative paint that allows artists to work without the harsh solvents

**WATER-SOLUBLE**  
**Oil Paint**  
**Workshop**  
**WITH CRAIG REYNOLDS**  
**JUNE 15 & 16**  
**9 A.M. - 4 PM**  
 AT THE PIKE ROAD ARTS CENTER, (944 WALLAHATCHIE RD)  
 EMAIL [PATTY@PIKEROAD.US](mailto:PATTY@PIKEROAD.US) TO REGISTER! 

used with traditional oil paints, with Craig Reynolds at our Water-Soluble Oil Painting Workshop on June 15 & 16, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily at the Pike Road Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd)!

Many artists enjoy the speed that comes from working with water-soluble oil paints. These paints dry considerably faster than traditional oils, though not as fast as acrylics. Artist Craig Reynolds, who started using water-soluble oil paints when he realized he had an allergic reaction to the solvents used in painting with traditional oils, finds that using water-soluble oils en plein air painting allows him to quickly develop finished pieces, which is a plus when "chasing the shadows!"

This two-day workshop is \$225 per person. Learn more or register today: email Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne at [patty@pikeroad.us](mailto:patty@pikeroad.us)! A full supply list will be provided upon inquiry.

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### Dive Into Digital Marketing at Lunch & Learn on June 15!

**LUNCH & LEARN: JUNE 15**  
  
**DIGITAL MARKETING**  
 PIKE ROAD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION LUNCH & LEARN WITH DOGWOOD MEDIA SOLUTIONS  
**11:30 AM - 1 PM**  
 at Pike Road Town Hall, 9575 Vaughn Rd

**REGISTER BY JUNE 12!**  
**EMAIL [KATY@PIKEROAD.US](mailto:katy@pikeroad.us)**

Join us on June 15 as the 2023 Pike Road Business Association professional development and networking series continues! We'll "Dive into Digital Marketing" with the local experts from Dogwood Media Solutions. The event will be held from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. on June 15 at Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd). Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. for complimentary professional headshots.

The Pike Road Business Association is excited to partner with Dogwood Media Solutions to provide the June 15 program, which will focus on digital marketing and how you can maximize your business's online presence. Dogwood's Beth Gillem, SEO Specialist, and Lauren Cumbie,

Account Manager, will lead the program. Topics to be covered include:

- What is digital marketing? How can I use it to reach a greater audience and grow my business?
- Search Engine Optimization (SEO) and simple steps you can take to improve your online presence and reach more customers, plus keyword research and free digital marketing tools available to everyone.
- The ONE thing every business should do to strengthen their digital footprint.

Dogwood Media Solutions will also provide complimentary professional headshots for attendees beginning at 11 a.m. Don't miss this opportunity to step up your personal brand, update your LinkedIn, and more! Tip: Wear solid colors or simple patterns for the perfect professional headshot!

This workshop costs \$30 per person, which includes lunch, a taco & fajita bar from Sol! Registration is required. Save your seat: [Email katy@pikeroad.us!](mailto:katy@pikeroad.us)

Lunch & Learn is a presentation of the Town of Pike Road's Business Association, an ENHANCE initiative committee. The June 15 Lunch & Learn is presented in partnership

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## Annual SummerFest Celebration RETURNS on June 29!



The Town of Pike Road is excited to invite the community to SummerFest, a family-friendly fireworks show on June 29 at the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Park (6281 Trotman Rd).

Parking will begin at 6 p.m. at Rolling Hills Park (6001 Rolling Hills Blvd). Please enter by Rolling Hills Blvd. Handicap parking will be available at the East Entrance of the PRARPAP, near the ball fields.

Family-friendly areas with food trucks, kids' activities like inflatables and yard games, and green space for your lawn chairs and picnic blankets will be open from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.\* at

the PRARPAP – please enter through the West Entrance. The ball fields will also be open for picnics, play and viewing the fireworks. Then, fireworks will light up the sky just after dark!

\*Picnics are welcome, but NO alcoholic beverages are permitted at SummerFest. Lawn chairs and picnic blankets are welcome, but NO tents are permitted at SummerFest.

Fireworks will light up the sky at dark! We hope you will join us to celebrate our nation, our freedom, and our community spirit on June 29. Don't forget to share all your patriotic photos with us using #pikeroad4thofjuly & #mypikeroad!

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## Pike Road High School Celebrates History & Future at Graduation Ceremony - Congratulations, Class of 2023!



Last night, Mayor Stone and our Town Council had the privilege and the pleasure of attending Pike Road High School Graduation!

During the ceremony, Mayor Stone presented Pike Road Schools Superintendent Dr. Keith Lankford with a 100-year-old diploma from the historic Pike Road School - it was originally awarded to John Scott on May 25, 1923, and it was donated to PRS by John's son, Jim.

It is amazing to reflect on the history of the Pike Road community as we celebrate Pike Road Schools' fourth graduating class and how far we have come in 25 years as a municipality. We are so proud of our community's graduates, and we are so thankful for the leadership, teachers, and staff of PRS, who encourage and empower these young people every day. The future is bright, and we can't wait to see what it holds for the class of 2023 - Go Patriots!

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## Help Steer the 2024-2027 Highway Safety Plan: Survey Open to Alabamians Now

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety, housed in the Alabama



Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) are asking all Alabamians to complete a [Highway Safety survey](#).

This survey will be used to develop the 2024-2027 Highway Safety Plan, and it is an important opportunity for citizens to provide

feedback on critical safety issues that impact their daily lives. Taking just a few minutes to complete this survey can lead to positive changes for our state! [Click here or on the link above to complete the survey.](#)

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## Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road!



We wish you a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend with your family and friends. There are so many ways to celebrate, like the [Woodland Creek Memorial Day 5k](#) coming up on May 29! Thank you for sharing this event with us using #mypikeroad.

What makes the Town of Pike Road home to you? Let us know with #mypikeroad! Share your photos with us 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.

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## Save the Date!

Don't miss upcoming events from the Town of Pike Road & our community. [Click here to view upcoming activities on our website.](#)

**May 27:** [Montgomery County Cleanup Day](#), 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., County Lot Office (Across from the Feed Lot on Meriwether Rd)\*

**May 29:** *Town Hall Closed in Observance of Memorial Day*

**May 29:** [Woodland Creek Memorial Day 5K benefiting River Region Trails](#) 8 a.m., Woodland Creek Neighborhood\*

**May 30 - June 1:** [Community Scavenger Hunt](#) with Pike Road Pediatric Dentistry & Family Orthodontics\*

**June 3 - July 22:** [P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team Summer Feeding Program](#), Saturdays from 9 - 11 a.m., Woodland Church

**June 4:** [Music in the Gardens Summer Concert Series - the Lo-Fi Loungers](#) 5 - 7 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church & Gardens\*

**June 6 - 8:** [Our Planet, Our World STEAM Kids' Art Camp with Abrakadoodle](#) at the Pike Road Arts Center\*

**June 7:** [Alabama Cooperative Extension System + Capital City Master Gardeners Monthly Lunch & Learn](#), 12 - 1 p.m., Montgomery Cultural Arts Center\*

**June 11:** [Music in the Gardens Summer Concert Series -Sea of Fog](#), 5 - 7 p.m., Grace

Episcopal Church & Gardens\*

**June 11 - July 16: [Pursuit of Happiness Art Show & Sale](#)** - Opening Reception, 2 - 4 p.m.

June 11, Pike Road Arts Center

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

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

**June 15: [Pike Road Business Association Lunch & Learn](#)**- Digital Marketing, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

**June 15 - June 16, 2023: [Water-Based Oil Color Workshop with Craig Reynolds](#)**, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Daily, Pike Road Arts Center

**June 18: [Music in the Gardens Summer Concert Series - Rhett Butler & the Lost Cause](#)** 5 - 7 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church & Gardens\*

**June 24: [Montgomery County Cleanup Day](#)**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., County Lot Office (Across from the Feed Lot on Meriwether Rd)\*

**June 25: [Music in the Gardens Summer Concert Series](#)** 5 - 7 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church & Gardens\*

**June 28:** Town Council Meeting, 7 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall

**June 29: [Town of Pike Road SummerFest](#)**, 6:30 p.m., Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Park (6281 Trotman Rd)

*\*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. To submit an event, please email [info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us).*

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

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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!

