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Sept. 22, 2023

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Click here or click the image above for weekly updates from Mayor Stone!

"There is so much to celebrate in the Town of Pike Road, and we invite you to join the fun during this season. Several community-favorite, annual events are on the horizon. Check it out below!

Start brainstorming ideas for your hay bales for Hay, Look at Us! As you begin to bring those ideas to life, share your creative process with us using #mypikeroad for a chance to win the 2023 Team Spirit award. The winners of this year's Hay, Look at Us! competition will be announced live on air on Oct. 23's Mondays with the Mayor radio show, so tune in!

Speaking of creativity, hone those skills at our Entrepreneurship Lunch & Learn! This popup workshop on Sept. 28 will provide a learning foundation for all those looking to start their own business. Registration is due this Tuesday, Sept. 26: enroll today to secure your spot!

We have so many other events currently open and coming up: the Pike Road Quilters' Quilt Show & Sale, Community Blood Drive, Plein Air Paint Out, and Farm-City. Search @townofpikeroad on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter so you never miss an event.

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

Thank you and God Bless."

Last Chance to Register: Entrepreneurship Lunch & Learn on Sept. 28



Calling all entrepreneurs, aspiring business owners, and all those with an idea: our next Lunch & Learn on Sept. 28 is for you! The Pike Road Business Association is excited to partner with Auburn University's Government and Economic Development Institute (GEDI) as well as the university's Harbert College of Business to offer the Entrepreneurship Pop-Up Workshop for those looking to grow their businesses in Pike Road. Auburn University's Entrepreneurship Pop-Up Workshop has helped dozens of individuals and businesses throughout Alabama save time and money by understanding better how to create, communicate, and commercialize business ideas using the Lean Startup and Business Model Canvas.

Who should attend:

- Anyone thinking about starting a business but needing ideas
- Anyone with a business idea or side hustle, but unsure of what to do next
- Existing business owners wanting to increase sales of current offerings
- Existing business owners needing to create or test new ideas

What you will learn:

- Why new business ideas fail and how to improve your odds of success
- How to differentiate your business using innovative business models and technology
- How to quickly create and test new ideas before investing time and money

<u>Register now</u> to gain a better understanding of how to increase your odds of success! Email <u>katy@pikeroad.us</u> for more information.

Share Your Story to Win the Hay, Look at Us! Team Spirit Award



As you collaborate to create your Hay, Look at Us! masterpieces, we want to share the stories of your inspiration and the teamwork it takes to transform a hay bale into a proud work of art!

Share pictures and videos with us on social media - just use our hashtag, #mypikeroad, and tag @townofpikeroad on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. You can also email your Hay, Look at Us! stories and pictures to info@pikeroad.us. Teams that share their stories and pictures with us will have the

opportunity to win the newest addition to the Hay, Look at Us! awards categories: the Team Spirit Award.

Pictured: 2022's Team Spirit Winners, Woodland Creek Neighborhood, creating their award-winning hay bale!

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!

Pike Road Quilters' Annual Quilt Show & Sale Open NOW!



On weekends in September, discover unique, beautiful quilts created by the <u>Pike Road Quilters!</u> These items represent the work of 25 quilters in our community. Many items are available for purchase, such as quilts, table runners, placemats, wall hangings, and baby items! These locally, handmade masterpieces will be on display and for sale at the Pike Road Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd) on September 23, 24, 30, and October 1. Stop by:

Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Sundays:** 1 - 4 p.m.

The Pike Road Quilters meet every Tuesday to share their skills, sew together, and celebrate the ancient art of quilting. The Quilters are always ready to welcome new people of all ages and skill levels to their group. Learn more or join the fun: Email patty@pikeroad.us!

The Pike Road Arts Center is located at 944 Wallahatchie Road, under the water tower. To learn more about the Arts Council or participate in upcoming shows or events, please contact Pike Road Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne by emailing <u>patty@pikeroad.us</u>.

Give Back: Community Blood Drive, Sept. 25 at Town Hall



LifeSouth is facing an unprecedented blood shortage, just like many other blood centers across the nation. On Sept. 25, LifeSouth will join us at Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd) for a <u>Community</u> <u>Blood Drive</u> that will save lives in OUR community! Taking twenty minutes out of your day to give back to your community could give someone else the rest of their life.

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers will have a mobile blood drive onsite from 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. to receive your life-saving blood donations. Stop by anytime, or make an appointment for a convenient time: Walk-in donors are welcome! <u>Click</u> here to make an appointment.

There is a critical need for blood donations in our area, and it is safe to give blood. The <u>LifeSouth</u> team has precautions in place to ensure the health and safety of both donors and employees. Thank you, Pike Road, for all you do to support one another and our neighbors in need!

Mark Your Calendars: Plein Air Paint Out is BACK!

Join us on Oct. 19 - 21 as artists from across the River Region and beyond bring their unique talents and creative spirits to our hometown for the <u>12th Annual Pike Road Plein Air Paint Out!</u> Plein air painting is fast-paced, outside (plein air is French for "outdoors") and focuses on landscapes and scenes' ever-changing light and colors. Pike Road Arts Council Coordinator, Patty Payne, welcomes and invites the whole community to join



in the fun of the Pike Road, Alabama 2023 Paint Out featuring Alabama Plein Air Artists. This year's theme is "Unique Spaces, Special Places." Participating artists will be out and about during the weekend, capturing the unique rural charm and treasured community characteristics that make the Town of Pike Road such a special place to live and visit. We encourage everyone to stop, say hello, and share that Pike Road "Welcome Home" hospitality as artists disperse and paint around the Town. We look forward to seeing the familiar faces of artists who have been painting with us for the last 12 years, and we welcome new artists joining us for the first time! Register by emailing Patty Payne: <u>patty@pikeroad.us.</u> To see the itinerary and more details about this

year's Plein Air Paint Out, <u>please click here.</u>

Thursday, October 19: Pre-Registration and Blended Brushes

Friday, October 20: Artist Registration and Golden Hour Painting at The Waters

Saturday, October 21: Artist Registration and Plein Air Art Show, Sale, and Reception

Mondays with the Mayor Radio Show Announces Hay, Look at Us! Winners LIVE on Oct. 23



Join the conversation on Monday, Oct. 23! We're so excited to visit the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation, and Performing Arts Park (6281 Trotman Rd) for this Monday's radio program, LIVE from 12 - 1 p.m. on the <u>MAX Round Table</u>, WTXK 107.5 FM/1210 AM. Stop by to see us (6281 Trotman Rd) and join the conversation. Hay, Look at Us! winners will be announced LIVE on air at 12:30 p.m., so tune in to hear if you're a winner!

REMINDER: 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 <u>info@pikeroad.us</u> anytime,* or plan to call in during the show!

Text in to the show: 334.313.1170 Call in to the show: 334.517.1210 Tune in on your web browser here:<u>https://espntheticket.com/</u> Tune in on your smartphone or desktop with the FREE TuneIn App:<u>https://bit.ly/3aQ1EgS</u>

*Please designate questions sent to <u>info@pikeroad.us</u> as "Mondays with the Mayor" to be addressed during the Oct. 23 show.

Join Us at the Farm-City Festival on Oct. 23!

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 in partnership with organizations including the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, and Alabama Farmers Federation.

We are excited to share that the 2023 Farm-City Festival will be held Monday, Oct. 23, from 4 -6:30 p.m. at the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Park (6281 Trotman Rd)! <u>Click</u> here to learn more about this FREE, familyfriendly event!

Fall Vegetable Container Gardening Workshop Hosts Full House



Thank you, Pike Road, for showing up and showing out at our Vegetable Container Gardening Workshop! We had so much fun discovering the best practices for cultivating our fall gardens, with tips and tricks from <u>Montgomery County Alabama Extension</u>. In case you missed out on this week's Agriculture & Stewardship Workshop, check out some of our favorite pieces of advice:

You can add decorative flowering plants to your fall vegetable garden to make it aesthetically pleasing, reduce the risk of unhealthy soil for future gardens, and protect against pests and fungi.

• Never water your plants directly: wet plants

increase risk for fungal infections in fall.

• Keep a journal! SOW is a free extension app that can help keep track of your garden's well-being.

Fall Vegetable Container Gardening is the September installation of the 2023 Agriculture & Stewardship Seminar Series. This event is presented in partnership by the Montgomery County branch of The Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Town of Pike Road's Ag & Stewardship Club, an ENHANCE initiative committee.

Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road!

We're *this* excited about Pike Road School's Homecoming tonight! Thank you, Lauren, for sharing your pictures with us using #mypikeroad. Share your Homecoming pictures with us tonight using #mypikeroad to be featured!

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 <u>@townofpikeroad</u> 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!

Don't miss upcoming events from the Town of Pike Road & our community. <u>Click</u> <u>here to view upcoming activities on our website.</u>

Sept. 22: Pike Road High School Homecoming Parade and Community Pep Rally, 1 p.m., Georgia Washington Campus Sept. 25: LifeSouth Community Blood Drive, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall Sept. 27: Town Council Meeting, 7 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall Sept. 28: Pike Road Business Association Lunch & Learn - Entrepreneurship Pop-Up Workshop, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall Sept. 30: Montgomery County Clean Up Day, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., County Lot Office on Meriwether Road, across from the Feed Lot Oct. 1: "In Jesus Name" - A Night of Worship at The Well with Century Church, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., The Well (1001 Marler Rd) Oct. 5 - 22: Pike Road Community Theatre Company Presents "Jekyll and Hyde, the Musical"* **Oct. 9:** Town Hall Closed in Observance of Columbus Day Oct. 10: Veterans Healthcare Workshop, 2 - 5 p.m., Congressman Moore's Wetumpka Office (408 South Main Street, Suite 200)* Oct. 10: Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall Oct. 10: Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall Oct. 14: Pike Road Witches Ride at The Waters, 5 - 7 p.m., 201 Waters View Drive* Oct. 15: Sounds of Sunday with Hannah Nicolaisen, 4 - 6 p.m., The Waters Town Square* Oct. 17: River Region Relay for Life Kickoff, 6 p.m., Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation, & Performing Arts Park* Oct. 19 - 21: Pike Road 12th Annual Plein Air Paint Out Oct. 22: Sounds of Sunday with Reid Beasley, 4 - 6 p.m., The Waters Town Square*

Oct. 23: <u>Farm-City Festival</u>, 4 - 6:30 p.m., Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Park*

Oct. 29: Sounds of Sunday with Kyle Wilson, 4 - 6 p.m., The Waters Town Square*

*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.

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

Show Us YOUR Pike Road

We love to see what is happening in your Pike Road. Use hashtag<u>#mypikeroad</u> 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!



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