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Updates from Mayor Stone

# Jan. 5, 2024

# CHRISTMA CLING ME TWEET HON vater-Soluble JEBIRD HOUSE WORKSHOP Paint Workshop Create your own birdhouse while WITH CRAIG REYNOLDS learning about Bluebirds in our area! JAN. 18& 19 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. AT THE PIKE ROAD ARTS CENTER, 944 WALLAHATCHIE RD JAN. 25 - 6 PM NHANCE . EMAIL PATTY@PIKEROAD.US TO REGISTER!

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

"We are excited to welcome 2024! As the new year begins, we can look forward to another year of growth and opportunities in our community. We have a variety of events to kick off the new year, and we can't wait to enjoy them with you.

As always, the Pike Road Arts Council is full of the hustle and bustle of activities! On Jan. 18 & 19, you can learn from Craig Reynolds at the Water-Soluble Oil Paint Workshop at the Pike Road Arts Center. Discover this alternative way of painting that can create beautiful results in a calming, friendly environment. Also at the Pike Road Arts Center, you can discover chilling art at the "When It's Cold Outside!" Art Show & Sale. This art show will run from Jan. 21 - Feb. 17, so you have plenty of time to explore these timely pieces.

Speaking of outside, join us for "Home Tweet Home": Bluebird House Workshop on Jan. 29! Although this workshop will be inside at the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation, & Performing Arts Park, it'll be focused on bluebirds and their natural, outdoor habitat. Participants will learn about Eastern Bluebirds while they create their own birdhouse to bring home!

Lastly, the next Mondays with the Mayor radio program will broadcast LIVE from Mellow Mushroom. Join us on Jan. 29 for community updates, questions, and a delicious bite to eat! This is the perfect time for you to ask any questions you have about our hometown, all while enjoying lunch at one of our newest businesses.

We want to connect with you! Search @townofpikeroad on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter so you never miss an event in the Town of Pike Road.

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

Thank you and God bless."



## Recycle your Live Christmas Trees Through Jan. 9!

Beginning Tuesday, Dec. 26, there will be a designated <u>Christmas Tree Recycling</u> area in the parking lot of Pike Road Founders Station (4902 Pike Rd) near the intersection of Pike & Meriwether Roads for residents to drop off their UNDECORATED, LIVE trees. Trees can be dropped off for future use in animal habitats! If you have a use for a live, undecorated tree, you are welcome to pick one up.

Since 1993, Alabama Power has re-purposed and re-cycled over 60,000 Christmas Trees to build fish habitat for its Fish Habitat Enhancement program on Alabama Power Company managed reservoirs. In addition to using trees, artificial structures have been utilized as well.

#### Jan. 9: Law Enforcement Appreciation Day



Next Monday, Jan. 9, is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. The Town of Pike Road will light up Town Hall with blue lights during the week of January 9, 2024 to show our gratitude for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and all law enforcement officers. We invite all of our neighborhoods and businesses to do the same!

# Unleash Your Inner Artist! Water-Soluble Oil Painting Workshop on Jan. 18 - 19

Learn to create with water-soluble oil paint, a high-quality alternative paint that allows artists to work without the harsh solvents used with traditional oil paints, with Craig Reynolds at our <u>Water-Soluble Oil Painting Workshop</u> on Jan. 18 & 19, 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, and lunch will be \$5 for those who do not bring their own. Learn more or register today: email Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne at <u>patty@pikeroad.us!</u> A full supply list will be

provided upon inquiry.

#### "Home Tweet Home:" Bluebird House Workshop on Jan. 25



Join us on Thursday, January 25, from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation, & Performing Arts Park (6281 Trotman Rd), to learn about bluebirds and how to encourage them to live near you at <u>"Home Tweet Home":</u> <u>Bluebird House Workshop.</u> Participants will get to learn all they need to know about the bluebirds living in our area before creating their own bluebird house to take home!

Carrie Threadgill, Non-Game Wildlife Program Coordinator for Alabama Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries, will guide us through bluebird identification, breeding behavior, and habitat preferences before assisting us in creating our personal bluebird houses. Together, we will learn best practices for the installation and

location of our birdhouses, as well as feeding techniques and potential predator issues. Participants will receive all supplies necessary for their birdhouse.

This workshop costs \$12 per person. Click here to register today!

There are registration fees associated with this workshop to cover the costs of materials. Registration fees must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, January 22, to participate. If you are unable to pay online or have additional questions, please email Jennifer Grace Arnold at jarnold@pikeroad.us!

"Home Tweet Home": Bluebird House Workshop is the January installation of the 2024 Agriculture & Stewardship Seminar Series. This event is presented in partnership with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Town of Pike Road's Agriculture & Stewardship Club, an ENHANCE initiative committee.

## Grab Your Earmuffs - "When It's Cold Outside!" Art Show & Sale

Kick off the New Year at the Pike Road Arts Council's "When it's Cold Outside!" Art Show & Sale beginning on Jan. 21! As we experience the chill of this winter season, local artists are transforming that freezing feeling into one-ofa-kind masterpieces. This timely art show is one you won't want to miss!



You can discover the beautiful outdoors from inside the Pike Road Arts Center! Discover frozen landscapes and artists' personal interpretations of winter at the Opening Reception, 2 - 4 p.m. on Jan. 21.

Artists are invited to submit up to four pieces for this show! There is no cost to participate. Register now, or learn more about this event: Contact Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne by emailing <u>patty@pikeroad.us.</u>

#### Tune in: Mondays with the Mayor at Mellow Mushroom on Jan. 29



Join the conversation on Monday, Jan 29 We're so excited to visit Mellow Mushroom for this radio program, LIVE from 12 - 1 p.m. on the MAX Round Table, WTXK 107.5 FM/1210 AM. Stop by to see us (9559 Vaughn Rd) and join the conversation. Tune in to hear all things Town of Pike Road and ask Mayor Stone your questions!

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!
- Tune in on your smartphone or desktop with the FREE TuneIn App here!

\*Please designate questions sent to <u>info@pikeroad.us</u> as "Mondays with the Mayor" to be addressed during the Jan. 29 show.

## Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road!

We love it when you share your successes with us - congratulations, Xavier, for being named Athlete of the Month at Encore Rehabilitation! Thank you, Encore Rehabilitation, for sharing this picture using #mypikeroad. Share your success stories with us using #mypikeroad to be featured in our weekly e-newsletter and social media!

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> here to view upcoming activities on our website.

Dec. 26 - Jan. 9: Christmas Tree Recycling, Founders Station (4902 Pike Rd)

Jan. 8: Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Jan. 8: Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Jan. 18 & 19: Water-Soluble Oil Painting Workshop, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Pike Road Arts

Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd)

Jan. 24: Town Council Meeting, 7 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Jan. 21 - Feb. 17: <u>"When it's Cold Outside!" Art Show & Sale.</u> Pike Road Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd)

Jan. 25: <u>"Home Tweet Home:" Bluebird House Workshop,</u> 4 - 6 p.m., Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation, & Performing Arts Park

Jan. 29: <u>Mondays with the Mayor at Mellow Mushroom</u>, 12 - 1 p.m., Mellow Mushroom (9559 Vaughn Rd)

Feb. 1: Macon East Academy Open House, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Macon East Academy\*

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

**Feb. 8 & 9:** Landscapes in Oil Workshop with Perry Austin, 9 - 4 p.m., Pike Road Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd)

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

\*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>.

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