



# News from Town Hall



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March 1, 2024

## Updates from Mayor Stone



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The Pike Road Arts Council Presents

### Easter Ornament Workshop

at the Pike Road Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd)

**March 9 | 1 - 4 p.m.**

The Pike Road Business Association Presents

## BUSINESS OVER BISCUITS

**Professional Development Masterclass**

**March 21 | 8 - 11 a.m.**

**Pike Road Town Hall**

Mastering Business Etiquette | Effective Communication | Time Management

The Pike Road Arts Council Presents:

## PYSANKY EGG DYEING WORKSHOPS

**MARCH 22 & 23**

*At the Pike Road Arts Center*

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

"Having a leap year just means one more day of fun and community togetherness in the Town of Pike Road. How did you spend your Leap Day yesterday? Let us know using #mypikeroad!

Whether you're getting ready for Easter or just have a sweet tooth, the Pike Road Arts Council has something for you! Both the Easter Ornament Workshop and the Pysanky Egg Dyeing Workshops are filling up fast, so register today to secure your spot! The Just Desserts! Art Show & Sale is also quickly approaching, and we're asking local artists to paint some of their favorite desserts for this art show. Artists, you can start submitting your pieces on March 16. Start dreaming up how you can portray your favorite desserts now!

The Pike Road Business Association is back for 2024! On March 21, their first event of the year, "Business Over Biscuits" Professional Development Masterclass will kick off this new year of engagement from 8 - 11 a.m. at Pike Road Town Hall. This masterclass will be an excellent overview of business etiquette in 2024. We hope to see you there!

Lastly, the Introduction to Beekeeping Workshop is right around the corner on March 21! If you've been thinking about picking beekeeping - or you just love bees - this workshop is perfect for you! Spots will fill up quickly for this Ag & Stewardship Workshop, so we encourage you to register as soon as possible.

We want to connect with you *every day* of the year - search @townofpike on Facebook, Instagram, and X 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."

## March 5 County School Tax Referendum Information

**THE MARCH 5TH ELECTION INCLUDES A MEASURE THAT SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTS THE FUNDING AND QUALITY OF PIKE ROAD SCHOOLS**

**THIS IS NOT A NEW TAX**

**IF NOT RENEWED = IMMEDIATE LOSS FOR PIKE ROAD SCHOOLS OF \$1,200,000**

PROGRAMS THAT COULD BE IMPACTED WITHOUT THIS REVENUE: TRANSPORTATION, SECURITY, ADDITIONAL TEACHER UNITS (SMALLER CLASS SIZES), FACILITY UPDATES, FINE ARTS, ATHLETICS, AND STEM PROGRAMS.

**3.5 MILL MONTGOMERY COUNTY TAX INCLUDING RENEWAL INCLUDING PIKE ROAD SCHOOLS**

**IF RENEWED = A TAX INCREASE OF \$0 FOR PIKE ROAD RESIDENTS**

**PLEASE VOTE MARCH 5TH**

Questions & Answers: <http://tinyurl.com/taxrenewalqa>

Pike Road Schools and the Town of Pike Road want you to be aware there is an addendum on the March 5 ballot that will affect funding for Pike Road Schools. We encourage you to vote on March 5.\*

\*Pike Road Schools and the Town of Pike Road are not advocating a specific position on this matter. We are encouraging participation in and presenting information related to the March 5

referendum on the renewal and continuation of the Montgomery County School Tax.

[Click here for more information from Pike Road Schools regarding how this tax affects our schools.](#)

Questions? Email [publicrelations@pikeroadschools.org](mailto:publicrelations@pikeroadschools.org)!

## Seedling Giveaway CONTINUES While Supplies Last!

**2024 Seedling Giveaway**  
at Founders Station (4902 Pike Rd)  
**FIRST COME FIRST SERVE**  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ALABAMA FORESTRY COMMISSION

If you missed this week's Seedling Giveaway, you're in luck! We still have limited seedlings available at Founders Station (4902 Pike Road). Beginning this Monday, March 4, these seedlings will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis while supplies last. The following seedlings are still available: Baldcypress, Crab Apple Persimmon, Redbud, Red Maple Scarlet Oak, and Tulip-poplar.

This year's Seedling Giveaway will end on Wednesday, March 6 at 5 p.m. Stop by Founders Station (4902 Pike Road) between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. to start your tree growing journey!

**"Hop" into Spring at the Easter Ornament Workshop on March 9!**



Have an eggcellent Easter with the Pike Road Arts Council! Grab your "peeps" and head over to the [Easter Ornament Workshop](#) on March 9 from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Pike Road Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd). Participants will get to make several Easter ornaments of mixed mediums at their own pace with the help of several instructors.

This three-hour workshop costs \$20 per family. Learn more or register today: email Arts Council Arts Coordinator Patty Payne at [patty@pikeroad.us!](mailto:patty@pikeroad.us)

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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### YOU Can Assist Local Families Through Summer Feeding Program!



Summer is quickly approaching, so it's time to begin making plans for the 2024 P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team Summer Feeding Program! Last summer, this program met the needs of 520 families, and we are so proud to be able to serve our community in the same capacity again for the third year.

There will be a P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team Summer Feeding Program Informational Meeting on Thursday, March 14, at 11 a.m. at Founders Station (4902 Pike Road) to discuss logistics for each week of the program, walk through updates on the program, adopt service days, provide an opportunity for newcomers to learn about this program, and fellowship with other members of the P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team. **We**

encourage you to consider participating in this program that will bless hundreds of local families in just a few months!

To RSVP or ask for more information, email Jennifer Grace Arnold at [jarnold@pikeroad.us](mailto:jarnold@pikeroad.us) or call [334.272.9883](tel:334.272.9883).

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### Join us on March 21 for "Business Over Biscuits" with PRBA!

Start your day off right with the "[Business Over Biscuits](#)" [Professional Development Masterclass](#) as the Pike Road Business Association kicks off the 2024 professional development and networking series!

This [Masterclass](#) will be held from 8:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. on March 21 at Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Road). Check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m.

The Pike Road Business Association Presents

# BUSINESS OVER BISCUITS

Professional Development Masterclass

March 21 | 8 - 11 a.m.  
Pike Road Town Hall

- + Mastering Business Etiquette
- + Effective Communication
- + Time Management



The Pike Road Business Association is excited to partner with Troy University's Continuing Education and Outreach Department to provide the March 21 program, which will focus on mastering business etiquette, time management, and effective communication. Troy University's Professional Trainers, Joel Hughes and Laura Chambliss, will lead us through the following topics:

- Choosing the best attire for different events (including a look at generational dress standards)
  - Networking practice (techniques in 2024 to make a lasting impression)
  - Communication within and outside the workplace (text vs. call vs. email)
- Time management (structuring your day in our "always connected world")

This workshop costs \$10 per person, which includes breakfast and workshop materials! Registration is required and must be complete by March 19. Register [here](#) today!

[Business Over Biscuits](#) is a presentation of the Town of Pike Road's Business Association, as ENHANCE initiative committee. The March 21 programming is presented in partnership with Troy University's Continuing Education and Outreach Department. Learn more: Email [katy@pikeroad.us](mailto:katy@pikeroad.us).

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## Honey, We're Home!

### Introduction to Beekeeping Workshop on March 21



## MARCH 21: INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING WORKSHOP

Join us on Thursday, March 21, at the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation, & Performing Arts Park (6281 Trotman Rd), for the [Introduction to Beekeeping Workshop](#) with the The Alabama Cooperative Extension System and Town of Pike Road's Agriculture & Stewardship ENHANCE Committee.

Together, we will learn all things pollinators, from who they are to how to attract them. More specifically, we'll learn about Honey Bees and how to take care of them with Jack Rowe, Alabama Extension Regional Agent. This workshop is a great crash course for beginners who are interested in taking up beekeeping, or for those who would just like to learn more!

This workshop is free, but registration is required. Click [here](#) to register for this beginners guide to beekeeping!

Registration must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, in order to participate. If you are unable to register online or have additional questions, please email Jennifer Grace Arnold at [jarnold@pikeroad.us](mailto:jarnold@pikeroad.us).

The Introduction to Beekeeping Workshop is the March installation of the 2024 Agriculture & Stewardship Seminar Series. This event is presented in partnership by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Town of Pike Road's Ag & Stewardship Club, an ENHANCE initiative committee.

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## Register Today: Pysanky Egg Dyeing Workshops on March 22 & 23!



This spring, join us for another round of the [Pysanky Egg Dyeing Workshops](#) on March 22 & 23 at the Pike Road Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd). These were so popular last year, there was no way we could go without!

The Pysanky technique features beeswax designs applied to the surface of eggs, which are then dipped in special dyes to create intricate and vibrant keepsakes. This three-hour class is suitable for ages 12+, and participants will take home as many pysanky as they can create! Tuition is \$40 per person and includes ALL materials. Please register individually or in groups of two.

There will be two Pysanky workshops at the Pike Road Arts Center, so plan to attend one or both!

- Mar. 22, 1 - 4 p.m.
- Mar. 23, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Registration is required, and space is limited. Please email Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne at [patty@pikeroad.us](mailto:patty@pikeroad.us) to register today!

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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## You "Donut" Want to Miss This: Just Desserts! Art Show & Sale



Have your cake and eat it too at the [Just Desserts! Art Show & Sale](#). From March 24 - April 21, you can shamelessly indulge in artists' renditions of their favorite sweet treats. Join in on the fun at the opening reception from 2 - 4 p.m. on March 24 at the Pike Road Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd), or during PRAC open hours through April 21.

Artists are encouraged to submit their work for this art show! There is no fee for entry, and artists may submit multiple pieces. Pieces must be submitted between March 16 - 23 during PRAC open hours. Tip: a dessert can also be interpreted as simply a well-earned reward at the end of an endeavor (such as a diploma, vacation, or medal), so

use your imagination for this art show!

### PRAC Open Hours:

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

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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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## Just Around the Corner Spring Clean Up is Almost Here!



Spring Clean up is back for 2024! This April, we are so excited to host this annual beautification initiative in partnership with Alabama PALS (People Against A Littered State). Throughout the month of April, the Town of Pike Road wants to help YOU keep Pike Road beautiful. Join us in the fight against litter for Spring Clean up 2024!

Take action against litter with your friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, or solo! We supply everything you'll need to keep our community beautiful, just choose a location to pick up!

Is your family, neighborhood, class, organization, or business interested in participating? Let us know! Contact

Community Development Specialist Jennifer Grace Arnold at [jarnold@pikeroad.us](mailto:jarnold@pikeroad.us) to register or learn more. You can also call [334.272.9883](tel:334.272.9883).

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## Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road!



An extra day in Pike Road is always something to smile about! Thank you, New Beginnings Counseling, for sharing your smiles with us using #mypikeroad. Show us your smiles 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 [@townofpikeroad](https://www.instagram.com/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.](#)

**Feb. 26 - March 1:** Alabama Arbor Week

**March 4 - 6:** *Surprise!* Seedling Giveaway Continues through March 6, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Founders Station (4902 Pike Rd)

**March 4:** Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

**March 9:** [Easter Ornament Workshop](#), 1 - 4 p.m., Pike Road Arts Center

**March 11:** Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

- March 18:** [Pike Road Lions Club Yard Sale Booth Sales begins](#), Pike Road Town Hall\*
- March 20:** Town Council Meeting, 7 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall
- March 21:** ["Business over Biscuits" Professional Development Masterclass](#), 8 - 11 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd)
- March 21:** [Introduction to Beekeeping Workshop](#), 4 - 6 p.m., Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation, & Performing Arts Park
- March 22 & 23:** [Pysanky Egg Dyeing Workshops](#), Pike Road Arts Center
- March 24 - April 21:** [Just Desserts! Art Show & Sale](#), Pike Road Arts Center
- March 30:** [Montgomery County Clean Up Day](#), 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., County Lot Office (across from the Feed Lot on Meriwether Rd)\*
- April 13:** Pike Road Lions Club Yard Sale, 7 a.m. - 11 a.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](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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