



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 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.

June 16, 2023

Holiday Reminders

June 19 is Juneteenth, a holiday celebrating hope, freedom, and the end of slavery in the United States. [Click here to learn more about Juneteenth and ways to celebrate it!](#)

As a reminder, Town Hall will be closed on Monday, June 19, in observance of the national holiday. We will reopen with regular hours on Tuesday, June 20. Trash pickup will operate on its regular schedule.

Updates from Mayor Stone

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

"Pike Road, we are just two weeks away from one of our favorite annual events: SummerFest! Mark your calendars now, and join us for an evening of family-friendly fun, food, and fireworks on June 29! We'll gather at the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Center for a patriotic celebration of our nation, and we can't wait to see you there!

In the meantime, the P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team Summer Feeding Program will continue to provide additional food resources to children facing hunger during the summer months each Saturday at Woodland Church. The P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team also continues to seek volunteers to assist with the packaging and distribution of this much-needed nutritional

support. Email Stacy Dickinson stacyddickinson@gmail.com to learn how you can volunteer or donate.

The Pike Road Arts Council has a lot to offer, too. The Pursuit of Happiness Art Show continues on weekends in June & July, showcasing the ways artists enjoy the freedoms of our great nation. There are more events on the horizon!

To stay in the know about these events and more, stay connected with us at @townofpikeroad on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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

Saturdays: P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team Summer Feeding Program Serves Neighbors in Need – Important Updates Below



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 through July 22.

Weekly food packages are 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 Note: Due to potential inclement weather on Saturday, June 17, the Summer Feeding Program will **ONLY** distribute food at Woodland Church (4428 Wallahatchie Rd) and Pike Road Village (6287 Troy Hwy). Distribution times will not change (9 -11 AM) Food will **NOT** be available at other mobile distribution sites. Questions? Email jarnold@pikeroad.us.

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

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.

"Pursuit of Happiness" Art Show Continues to Showcase Patriotism Just in Time for July Fourth



Discover joy and patriotic spirit at the ["Pursuit of Happiness" art show](#) through 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?

The show will continue to be available for viewing during the Pike Road Arts Center's open hours.

Open Hours:

- Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Sundays: 1 - 4 p.m.
- First Thursday of each month (July 6): 5 – 8 p.m.

To visit the Arts Center outside of regular hours, please email 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.

June 29: SummerFest - Kick off the Fourth of July Weekend with Family-Friendly Fun & Fireworks!



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).

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!

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.

*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!

Dogwood Media Solutions Tackles Digital Marketing, SEO, and More at Pike Road Business Association Lunch & Learn



Yesterday's Business Association Lunch & Learn: Dive Into Digital Marketing was packed with information. Everyone left with filled with knowledge and tacos, thanks to Dogwood Media Solutions and So!

In case you missed it, we've gathered some of the highlights that Lauren Cumbie and Beth Gillem from Dogwood Media Solutions shared with us:

Update your website regularly so your consumers don't get bored. Utilizing SEO

best practices when updating your website helps ensure potential customers can find the information you need.

- Utilize Google's Keyword Planner to see how your business ranks on the Google

search page.

- Facebook is the most popular social media site - use it to promote your business!
- If you do nothing else, claim your business on Google and update the listing to ensure it's accurate.

Participants enjoyed lunch and complimentary headshots while they absorbed all the information from yesterday's program. We're so grateful to be able to partner with local businesses that make opportunities like this possible. If you missed this week's Lunch & Learn, don't worry! Connect with the Town of Pike Road on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) so that you never miss an event.

Lunch & Learn is a presentation of the Town of Pike Road's Business Association, an ENHANCE initiative committee.

Water-Soluble Oil Painting Workshop with Craig Reynolds Teaches Artists New Way of Painting



Artists are putting the finishing touches on their pieces today as the Water-Soluble Oil Painting Workshop with Craig Reynolds wraps up! We've had so much fun learning about this new way of painting, and we've collected a few pieces of advice for those who didn't get to attend:

- Paintbrushes aren't the only tools available to painters! Craig reminded students that they could use their fingers to spread pigment, and he often uses old gift cards to remove paint or create straight lines.
- If you are working with acrylics but want the beautiful depth and versatility of traditional oils, then water-soluble oil paints are a great option.
- If you want an easier clean-up system than when working with regular oil paints, then switch to water-soluble oil paints.

Many artists enjoy the speed that comes from working with water-soluble oil paints. 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!"

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Build Connectivity Across Montgomery County by Completing Internet Access Survey

Montgomery County is asking residents to complete the [Montgomery County Alabama Business Broadband Survey](#). By participating in this survey, you will provide a better understanding of needs in our community and the rest of our county.

Internet access is important! Help yourself, your business, and your neighbors by making county leaders aware of local needs. All responses are confidential. For



more information, email questions@montgomerythrive.org and set the subject line to: Broadband Study.

Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road!



Nothing compares to a River Region sunset! Remember to take the time to appreciate the small moments this week. Thank you, Jen, for sharing your golden-hour picture 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](https://www.facebook.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.

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.](#)

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

June 19: *Town Hall Closed in Observance of the Juneteenth National Holiday*

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 - Face the World](#), 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)

July 3 – 4: *Town Hall Closed in Observance of Independence Day Holiday – Have a happy Fourth of July!*

July 8: Pet Photos with Santa, benefiting the Montgomery Humane Society, Pike Road Arts Center – Stay tuned for details!

July 16: Art Talk & Tea with George Taylor, 2 - 4 p.m., Pike Road Arts Center

**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 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!

