

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.

### Nov. 24, 2023

# Updates from Mayor Stone



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

"Pike Road, we hope you had a safe, happy Thanksgiving! We are thankful for all of you each and every day. Share what you're thankful for with us using #mypikeroad!

Mondays with the Mayor is back! Tune in to the MAX Round Table, or join us at New Waters Realty, this Monday, Nov. 27 from 12 -1 p.m. This is the perfect opportunity for you to ask your questions about the Town of Pike Road and hear about upcoming events!

The holiday festivities have just begun! Join us at the Annual Christmas Spectacular next Friday, Dec. 1, at Pike Road Town Hall. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., this family-friendly event will host hot chocolate, a Christmas story, performances from local theater groups, and even snow! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors with you to enjoy this sweet moment together. This event will kick off the Season of Giving Holidays Collections Drive and Postcards for Santa!

The Town of Pike Road supports our Pike Road Patriots, who have made it to the AHSAA playoffs this year. The date for the Christmas Spectacular may be changed to Thursday, November 30, to accommodate the Patriots as they advance. The event date will be announced Sat., Nov. 25. Please stay tuned to our social media and pikeroad.us for updates.

And there's more where that came from! The Christmas Cake Decorating Workshop, Pike Road Arts Council Christmas Open House, Christmas Quilt & Gift Boutique, and the Pike Road Business Association Celebration of 2023 Business Breakfast and Community Update are all just around the corner.

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."

# Town of Pike Road 1 of 11 Alabama Communities Selected as Inaugural Designee for Innovate Alabama Network



The Town of Pike Road is humbled and honored to be selected as an inaugural designee for <u>Innovate Alabama</u> <u>Network.</u> The Town of Pike Road is 1 of only 11 Alabama communities to receive this honor.

"The Innovate Alabama Network is a major step forward to growing the entrepreneurial and innovation

environment in Alabama," said Innovate Alabama CEO Cynthia Crutchfield. "By providing funding and resources to our local communities, nonprofits and higher education institutions, we are developing a statewide network for innovation programming and catalyzing entrepreneurship in all of our communities, both rural and urban," said Innovate Alabama CEO, Cynthia Crutchfield.

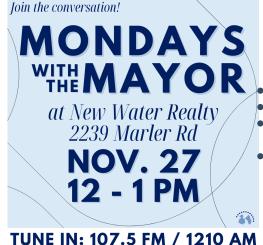
This designation included \$125,000 in seed money, which will forward a special innovative project bolstering a healthy workforce in our community.

"The Town of Pike Road is extremely pleased to be recognized by Innovate Alabama as a partner in their Innovate Alabama Network program. We are excited to join a network of communities and organizations who share a passion for building our state's capacity for innovation. Our team looks forward to working with entrepreneurial leaders in our community whose innovative ideas will not only strengthen the economy of Pike Road but will also assist us with exploring possibilities for new job creation that benefits the entire River Region," said Mayor Stone, Mayor of the Town of Pike Road.

### THIS MONDAY, NOV. 27: Tune In for Mondays with the Mayor!

Join the conversation on Monday, Nov. 27! We're so excited to visit New Waters Realty (2239 Marler Rd) 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 (2239 Marler Rd) and join the conversation. Tune in to hear all things Town of Pike Road including the upcoming Christmas Spectacular & Season of Giving Kickoff!

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 info@pikeroad.us as "Mondays with the Mayor" to be addressed during the Nov. 27 show.

# It's a Town of Pike Road Christmas - Join the Fun at the Annual Christmas Spectacular on Dec. 1



On Friday, Dec. 1, the Town of Pike Road will host its annual Christmas Spectacular at Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Road), beginning at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to this free, familyfriendly evening of holiday cheer!

The event will feature holiday tunes and performances from Pike Road Dance Academy, the Pike Road Show Choir, and the Pike Road Theatre Company, a Christmas story read by Town of Pike Road Mayor Gordon Stone, hot chocolate served by volunteers from the Pike Road High School Leo Club, and a snowy treat!

The Dec. 1 Christmas Spectacular will kick off the Season of Giving Holiday Collections Drive. Beginning Dec. 1, we invite you to drop off

donations of winter clothing, hygiene items, and non-perishable food items at Town Hall. Donations will go directly to the Food Pantry at Woodland Methodist Church and the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care Systems. From Dec. 1 - Dec. 19, donations can be dropped off at Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd) during regular business hours (Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. & Friday 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.) <u>Click here for a list of suggested donations!</u>

In conjunction with this event, we will also have Postcards for Santa kits available at Town Hall or online at <u>pikeroad.us!</u> Postcards to Santa must be completed and returned to our special mailbox by Monday, December 18, to ensure Santa has enough time to receive the postcards and send his letters back!

We hope to see you under the tree on Dec. 1!

### Next Saturday, Dec. 3: Pike Road Arts Council Christmas Open House

Celebrate the season with the Pike Road Arts Council from 2 - 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3! The Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Road) will be packed with original, local art, holiday cheer, and handmade gifts for everyone on your list! Refreshments will be served. You don't want to miss this opportunity to shop, fellowship, and enjoy all this special season has to offer!



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. 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 patty@pikeroad.us.

# Get Your Last Minute Christmas Shopping Done at the Christmas Quilt & Gift Boutique on Weekends in December!



Get your Christmas shopping done at the Pike Road Arts Center! Join us on weekends in December for the Christmas Quilt & Gift Boutique. Many of the items are created by the Pike Road Quilters, and these locally made, unique selections would make great Christmas gifts! These beautiful masterpieces will be for sale at the Pike Road Arts Center (944 Wallahatchie Rd) December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, and 23. 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!

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# Yum! Christmas Cake Decorating Workshop on Dec. 7

Join us on Thursday, December 7 from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation, & Performing Arts Park (6281 Trotman Rd), to learn to create fun and festive holiday cakes through a workshop presented in partnership with the The Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Town of Pike Road's Agriculture & Stewardship ENHANCE Committee. On December 7, we'll create a variety of holiday cakes and enjoy time with friends and neighbors. Spaces are limited, and registration is required.

Together, we will work with fondant and multiple cake sizes to create edible art! These festive creations will be the perfect touch for

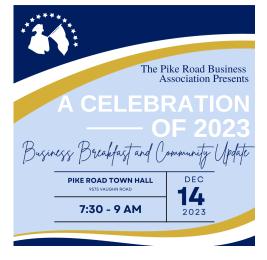
your holiday events. Participants will receive multiple cakes and all necessary supplies.

This workshop costs \$20/person for ages 13 and up. One child 12 or under may accompany a registrant at no additional cost. <u>Click here to register today!</u>

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. Friday, December 1 in order to participate. If you are unable to pay online or have additional questions, please email Jennifer Grace Arnold at <u>jarnold@pikeroad.us!</u>

Christmas Cake Decorating Workshop is the December installation of the 2023 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. Thank you to everyone that has brought so much joy and success to the Agriculture & Stewardship Club for 2023! Happy Holidays from the Town of Pike Road!

# You're Invited: Business Association Celebration of 2023 Business Breakfast and Community Update



Celebrate and acknowledge our community's outstanding accomplishments this year! Join local business leaders and community members at Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Pike Road) from 7:30 - 9:00 AM on Thurs. December 14th for a morning of delectable breakfast treats; networking opportunities; and presentations from local, county, and state leaders.

Individual Tickets and Sponsorship Packages are available for purchase. <u>Click here to view ticket</u> <u>details and reserve your spot for this can't-missevent TODAY!</u>

*Questions?* Contact Community Development Director, Katy Brasfield, by emailing

katy@pikeroad.us or calling (334) 272-9883.

The Celebration of 2023 Business Breakfast and Community Update is proudly hosted by the Pike Road Business Association.

#### Welcome Home, Mellow Mushroom!



Welcome Home, Mellow Mushroom! Yesterday, we had the pleasure and the privilege of welcoming Mellow Mushroom to the Town of Pike Road with a ribbon cutting upon their grand opening. Be sure to stop by this new business on Vaughn Road and share a warm Pike Road welcome to the team!

We are so grateful for our business here in the Town of Pike Road. For more information about ribbon cuttings, please contact

Community Involvement Director Katy Brasfield at katy@pikeroad.us.

#### ICYMI: Workshops Galore at the Pike Road Arts Center!



Last Saturday, Nov. 18, we had a ball at the Gingerbread House and Christmas Ornament Workshops! Friends, families, and neighbors gathered together to get into the holiday spirit with one another. Thank you to those who participated, and a huge thank you to the Pike Road Arts Center for hosting these festive events! Missed out on these workshops? Don't worry - the Pike Road Arts Council always has something exciting just around the corner. <u>Check out their Facebook to see all of their upcoming events!</u>

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Payne by emailing <u>patty@pikeroad.us.</u>

#### Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road!



This week and all year round, we are thankful for YOU, Pike Road! We're so grateful for the community we have here in our hometown. Thank you, Joanie, for sharing your artwork with us using #mypikeroad. What are you thankful for? Show us using #mypikeroad to be featured in our weekly enewsletter 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 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>

Nov. 23- 24: Town Hall Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov. 27: Mondays with the Mayor at New Waters Realty, 12 - 1 p.m., 2239 Marler Rd

**Nov. 29 - Dec. 3:** <u>The 18th Annual Interfaith Nativity Exhibit</u>, 1 - 8 PM, Grace Episcopal Church

Nov. 30 - Dec. 17: Pike Road Community Theatre Company Presents "White Christmas"\*

**Dec. 1:** <u>Christmas Spectacular & Season of Giving Kickoff</u>, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Dec. 2 - 23: Christmas Quilt & Gift Boutique, Pike Road Arts Center

Dec. 3: Pike Road Arts Council Christmas Open House, 2 - 4 p.m., Pike Road Arts Center

Dec. 3: St. James Church Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, 5:30 PM, 9045 Vaughn Road

Dec. 10: St. James Church Women's Christmas Dinner, 5:00 PM, Family Life Center

(9045 Vaughn Road)

Dec. 11: Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

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

Dec. 14: <u>Pike Road Business Association Celebration of 2023 Business Breakfast and</u> <u>Community Update</u>, 7:30 - 9:00 AM, Pike Road Town Hall

Dec. 16: <u>Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus at The Well</u>, 8:30-10:30 AM, 1001 Marler Road\*

**Dec. 16-17:** <u>A Night in Bethlehem: A Live Nativity Event at The Well</u>, 7:30 PM, 1001 Marler Road\*

**Dec. 17:** Happy Birthday Jesus Party at St. James Church, 10:45 AM, Family Life Center (9045 Vaughn Road)

Dec. 17: Lessons and Carols Service at St. James Church, 11:00 AM, 9045 Vaughn RoadDec. 20: Town Council Meeting, 7 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.

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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