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### November 6, 2020

This Sunday, Nov. 8: Tune In to the Virtual Veterans Appreciation Ceremony, 2 p.m. on www.pikeroad.us!



We are pleased to present the <u>9th Annual Veterans Appreciation Ceremony in a virtual presentation</u> this Sunday, Nov. 8. Beginning at 2 p.m., the video program will be available on our website, <u>www.pikeroad.us</u>, and social media.

The Nov. 8 video presentation will feature the dedication of newly-installed, personalized bricks honoring veterans in the Pike Road Veteran's Memorial, as well as other significant aspects of the traditional Veterans Appreciation Ceremony. Reverend Teddye Gandy, of Pike Road Baptist Church, will present the invocation. Pike Road Schools students will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem, and the Auburn University at Montgomery ROTC Honor Guard will lead the Presentation of the Colors and the Wreath Laying Ceremony. Distinguished guest speaker Colonel Jerime Reid, Vice Commander of the 42nd Air Base Wing, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, will present remarks. Pastor Steve Walters, of the Church at Pike Road, will provide the benediction.

In addition, we have created a virtual library of memories and stories from and about our veterans through contributions from our community. We encourage you to honor these individuals by reading their stories, which will be available on our website beginning Nov. 8. All are invited to share their stories as we continue to build this library. From service-related memories to special times shared at home, please feel encouraged to share photos, videos, or a few sentences with us by emailing info@pikeroad.us.

The week of Nov. 8 - 14 is Military Appreciation Week in the River Region. All active and retired military personnel and their families can enjoy special discounts from River Region merchants all week. Click here to learn more from the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce.



As a reminder, Town Hall will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day. On Veterans Day and every day, we are so thankful for the service and sacrifice of our nation's servicemen and women, past and present. Thank you to all who have served!

#### A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone:



#### Click the image above or click here to view a video update from Mayor Stone.

"This week, Governor Ivey and Dr. Harris updated the Safer At Home order, extending the statewide mask requirement and other health guidelines through December 11, 2020. As we approach the holiday season, we encourage you to please continue being safe and making smart decisions. Through your commitment to health and safety, we continue to make progress, build confidence in our community, and enjoy all the opportunities that this active season offers.

As a reminder, there are four simple principles that help combat the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Please maintain a six-foot social distance from others whenever possible. Wash your hands and sanitize your environment thoroughly and frequently. Be aware of the risks of large crowds, and please keep a mask handy to wear in public. Wearing a face covering or mask is an easy way to help protect both yourself and others, and the current Safer at Home order and statewide mask requirement continue through Dec. 11. Thank you for continuing to safely support one another.

We are thankful for the opportunity to provide many of our traditional fall activities through innovative methods, and we appreciate your energy and engagement. Specifically, we are pleased to present the 9th Annual Veterans Appreciation Ceremony virtually this Sunday, Nov. 8, at 2 p.m. We invite and encourage you to tune in to this

video presentation on www.pikeroad.us or our social media outlets...

In addition, our digital library of veterans' stories, contributed by our citizens, will be available on <a href="www.pikeroad.us">www.pikeroad.us</a>. We encourage you to explore this personal recognition, and encourage you to share stories or photos of veterans you know and love by emailing <a href="mailto:info@pikeroad.us">info@pikeroad.us</a>. The Veterans Appreciation program is just one of many activities presented this fall by our ENHANCE initiative committees. We encourage you to visit us online to learn about all the great things happening in our hometown and how you can safely participate..."

Click here to read Mayor Stone's full Nov. 6 update.

# Happening Now: Arts Council Christmas Tree Silent Auction Benefiting the Food Pantry at Woodland United Methodist Church



Dress your home for the holidays and support our neighbors in need through the <u>Pike Road Arts Council's 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Silent Auction benefiting the Woodland United Methodist Church Food Pantry</u>. Hand-crafted holiday trees and wreaths are up for silent auction through Nov. 22, and all proceeds go to the volunteer-run <u>Woodland UMC Food Pantry</u>, which serves nearly 100 families each month.

Due to social distancing and health guidelines, the available trees and décor are <u>available on the Pike Road Arts Council Facebook page</u>. To place a bid or make an appointment to visit the Arts Center and view the trees in person, please contact Pike Road Arts Council Coordinator, Patty Payne, by emailing

<u>patty@pikeroad.us</u>. Bidding for each tree begins at \$25, with a minimum bid increase of \$5.

From Coordinator Payne: "Proceeds from the Pike Road Arts Council's Christmas Tree Silent Auction are given directly to Woodland United Methodist Church in Pike Road to support their food bank. This year, in particular, has taken a serious toll on many families and many items are in high demand. Right now, there is a high demand for soap, shampoo, deodorant, personal hygiene products, diapers, cleaning products, paper towels and toilet paper, and non-perishable food items. Last year, we raised \$505.00 for the food pantry, and we hope to exceed that amount with this year's entries. We need your help!"

# Plein Air Paint Out Virtual Art Show Continues, Vote for the People's Choice Award Through November!



On Oct. 16-17, the <a href="9th Annual Plein Air Paint">9th Annual Plein Air Paint</a> brought a record number of artists to the Town of Pike Road. Over the weekend, they set out to capture on canvas the scenery of our beautiful, growing hometown. We are so appreciative of the way this fall-favorite event helps record our history while providing a fresh, artistic look at the sights we see every day. Now, you can view these works in a virtual art show! Click here to access the art now. You can also click here to learn about the visiting artists.

Until 10 p.m. on November 29, the community is invited to "vote" for their three favorite paintings to win the People's Choice Award by "liking" the three favorites. The annual Pike Road Plein Air Paint Out is presented by the Pike Road Arts Council, an ENHANCE initiative committee.

Pictured, Ohio artist Robine Wright shows off one of her 2020 Plein Air Paint Out masterpieces.

#### Nov. 2: Town of Pike Road Welcomes, Installs Town Leadership



Nov. 2, we had the privilege of officially installing our Town Council and Mayor for the 2020-2024 term. We are excited to welcome Councilmen Doug Fuhrman and Chris Myers to the Pike Road Town Council, alongside Council members Angie Bradsher, Chris Dunn, and Rob Steindorff, and we look forward to all the future holds for our special hometown!

It was an honor to be joined by Associate Justice William B. Sellers,

Judge Brooke Reid, and Senator Will Barfoot, who administered the oaths of office to our Town leadership. Dr. Lester Spencer, of St. James UMC, provided an encouraging and meaningful invocation. Were are so thankful for each of our councilmembers' dedication to the Pike Road community and their willingness to serve the Town of Pike Road in the years to come!

Mayor Stone shared: "It is one of life's greatest gifts to have the chance to impact the lives of others, and we all have that gift...Thank you, council members for serving. Thank you, people of Pike Road, for keeping this town special, and may we always, always remember how fortunate we are to be here!"

Pictured, left to right: Councilwoman Angie Bradsher, Councilman Rob Steindorff, Mayor Gordon Stone, and Councilmen Chris Dunn, Doug Fuhrman, and Chris Myers.

Nov. 5: Town of Pike Road Welcomes Brantley Bank & Trust Co.



On Thursday, Nov. 5, we had the privilege of extending a warm "Welcome Home" to Brantley Bank & Trust Co. at their groundbreaking ceremony alongside leaders from our hometown, Montgomery County, and the State of Alabama. Brantley Bank at Pike Road will soon be part of the growing town center near Pike Road Station and Town Hall. We know their team of friendly faces and spirit of service will be an asset to our

community, and we are excited they have decided to call the Town of Pike Road home!

#### In Our Schools: Regional Playoffs & More



Tonight at 7 p.m., the undefeated Varsity Football team will take on the Shelby County Wildcats at Patriot Field in the first round of AHSAA playoffs! Earlier this week, the Patriot Cheerleaders traveled to Mobile to compete in Super Regionals, and Patriot Cross Country runners are competing today in AHSAA sectionals.

<u>Visit Pike Road Schools on Facebook</u> to buy tickets to the football game and learn more about all the great things happening in our community's schools! Go Patriots!

## Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road and Celebrating 23 Years!



Fall is a beautiful time in the Town of Pike Road! Crisp weather makes enjoying the great outdoors even better, and activities and events from our local businesses bring excitement across Town. Thank you, Amanda, for sharing your family's fun at SweetCreek Farm Market with us using #mypikeroad!

We continue to encourage you to share your Pike Road pictures using #mypikeroad and tagging @townofpikeroad on social media. Who knows - you may see them somewhere soon!

#### Save the Date!

Take advantage of digital activities during the ongoing season of social distancing! Click here to view several upcoming activities on our website.

Nov. 7: Pike Road Kiwanis Club Holiday Ornament Fundraiser\*

Nov. 7: Local & Bloom Holiday Market, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.\*

Nov. 8: Pike Road Veterans Appreciation Ceremony, Virtual Event, 2 p.m.

Nov. 8 - 14: Military Appreciation Week\*

Nov. 9: Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Nov. 9: Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Nov. 11: Town Hall Closed in Observance of Veterans Day - Thank you to all who served!

Nov. 14: Pike Road Lions Club Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness\*

Nov. 22: Arts Council Christmas Tree Silent Auction Ends 4 p.m.

Nov. 25: Town Council Meeting, 7 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Nov. 25: Town Hall Closes at Noon in Observance of Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov. 26 - 27: Town Hall Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving Holiday. Have a great Thanksgiving!

Nov. 30: Mondays with the Mayor Radio Show, 12 - 1 p.m. on the MAX Roundtable on

WTXK, 107.5 FM / 1210 AM

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.

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

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