



News from Town Hall



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A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone:

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"It is with great joy that we wish you and your families a happy Easter weekend. What a blessing it is to live in a country where we can worship and celebrate the things that mean so much to each of us. We are so thankful for the ongoing efforts of our local churches and centers of worship for all they have done to care for our community throughout the challenges of COVID-19 and to provide safe opportunities to worship together. We also want to say thank you, Pike Road, for all you do to support one another and help us progress toward the time when all is back to normal. As we continue to make progress in the fight against COVID-19, we look forward to continued opportunities to enjoy and engage with our community.

We are thankful to continue to see expanding opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. On Monday, Mar. 22, eligibility for the vaccine expanded to include individuals 55+ and other groups. [Click here to learn more from ADPH.](#) However, this is an ongoing process, and, to continue moving forward toward the days when the challenges of COVID-19 are over, we must continue to take the simple, healthy precautions we know can help keep our community safe. Please practice 6-foot social distancing, frequent and thorough handwashing, and avoid crowd situations. It is also vital to have a face mask available to wear in public spaces and around those outside of your household. Wearing a face covering or mask is an easy way to help protect yourself, your family, and all of our neighbors. Although we are making progress, please understand that the risk of COVID-19 is still present, and remain focused on making safe, smart decisions based on

recommendations from the CDC and ADPH. The updated Safer at Home order and statewide mask requirement continue through April 9.

This week, we want to invite you to participate in the annual Spring Cleanup, which will continue throughout the month of April. We'll provide all the supplies – just add volunteers, and help us pick up litter around Pike Road! This is a great way to get outside, get active, and show our love for our neighbors and our community, and two cleanup groups will even receive a spring planting prize from Home Depot! Also in April, the Ag & Stewardship Club will host a Bee Basics workshop on Apr. 16. On weekends, visit the Pike Road Arts Center to enjoy their spring show, It Isn't Easy Being Green, through April 18. You may find the perfect piece to spruce up your home! Visit us online at www.pikeroad.us to learn about these events, and register for our weekly e-newsletter so you always know what's coming up. Spring brings great energy to our community, and there are so many ways to get involved in the Town of Pike Road. Thank you for your engagement in our ongoing array of ENHANCE initiative activities!"

Visit us online for our full Apr. 2 Update and to learn how you can safely engage in the Town of Pike Road community!

[Click here to read Mayor Stone's full Apr. 2 update.](#)

Help Us Pick Up Pike Road: April is Spring Cleanup Month! Your Cleanup Crew Could Receive a Spring Planting Prize Pack from Home Depot.



The [Spring Cleanup](#) returns in April 2021, and we are excited to host this annual beautification initiative in partnership with [Alabama People Against a Littered State](#). The 2021 Cleanup will run throughout the month of April, and we hope you will join us as we Pick Up Pike Road! As always, we will provide the supplies. All you have to do is select a spot to pick up! TWO Spring Cleanup crews will also receive a Spring Planting Prize Pack from our local Home Depot.

Is your family, neighborhood, class, organization, or business interested in participating? Let us know! [Contact Community Involvement Coordinator Katy Brasfield at \[katy@pikeroad.us\]\(mailto:katy@pikeroad.us\) to learn more.](#) Walk-in registration and supply kits

are available weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd) and Founders Station (4902 Pike Rd).

Bee Basics: Learn All About Pollinators on April 16!



Spring has sprung, and many of us are noticing more than just pollen floating in the air! With beautiful spring flowers come our buzzing friends, the bees, and it's important to understand just how special these little pollinators are for our gardens and local ecosystems.

Jack Rowe, Alabama Cooperative Extension Regional Agent & Forestry, Wildlife, & Natural Resources Specialist, will give us a closer look at these vital pollinators. His motto is "To keep bees know bees" and that's exactly what he will help us accomplish [with a live webinar from 9 - 11 a.m. on Friday, April 16.](#)

We'll cover topics like:

- Bee Biology & Societies
- Major Bee Parasites & Diseases
- Hives & Related Tools
- Maintaining a Hive
- Harvesting Honey

This is a free event, but registration is required. [Click here to register today!](#)

Bee Basics is the April installation of the 2021 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.

Weekends at the Pike Road Arts Center: *It Isn't Easy Being Green* Art Show Pays Homage to Picasso, Celebrates Spring



Pablo Picasso famously assessed the difficulty of finding the *perfect* green: "They'll sell you thousands of greens. Veronese green and emerald green and cadmium green and any sort of green you like; but that particular green, never."

Find your perfect green at the [Pike Road Arts Council's spring show, *It Isn't Easy Being Green*](#), continues on weekends at the Pike Road Arts Center! 70 pieces by Alabama artists are on display and feature creative usage of green to add depth and energy. Pictured: "Remembering Ireland" by Jo Ackerman.

The show is available at the Pike Road Arts Center during Weekend Hours: 9 AM - 4 PM Saturdays | 1 - 4 PM Sundays, as well as on the [Town of Pike Road website](#) and [Pike Road Arts Council Facebook page](#). To visit the Arts Center outside of weekend hours, email Arts Council Coordinator [Patty Payne at patty@pikeroad.us](mailto:patty@pikeroad.us) to make an appointment. *Face coverings are required, and social distancing and other health precautions are in place.*

Reminder: Many, if not all, of the pieces on display at the Pike Road Arts Center are available for purchase! Don't hesitate to ask how YOU can take home an Alabama original.

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 at patty@pikeroad.us](mailto:patty@pikeroad.us)

In Our Schools: Students Showcase Hard Work, PRS Recognized for Military Partnership

There are always exciting things happening in our community's schools!

Last week, we shared that the Pike Road Intermediate School Student Government Association partnered with local business Froggy Bottom Materials to improve accessibility to the PRIS playground. Students designed a walkway to



connect the playground to campus and implemented their plan with materials donated by Froggy Bottom co-owner Ben Lassiter. To wrap up their project, the PRIS SGA hosted a press conference to share the story! Check it out [here on WSFA](#); and [here on Alabama News Network](#).

Pictured, Maxwell Air Force Base partners presented Dr. Ledbetter and the PRS School Board with the Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence award during Monday night's school

board meeting. The Pete Taylor award is a national award that signifies outstanding community partnerships. Pike Road Schools is honored to work along side Maxwell Air Force Base to give our military families excellent educational opportunities. Military men, women, and their families make up an important part of the Town of Pike Road and River Region, and we are so thankful for all they do.

[Click here to visit Pike Road Schools on Facebook](#) and learn more about these and other activities and opportunities in our local schools!

Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road!



Our local businesses always have something special to share! Pictured, one of Pike Road's youngest citizens loved meeting the Easter Bunny at [SweetCreek Farm Market](#). How are you celebrating springtime and the Easter season? Let us know by sharing your photos using #mypikeroad! Thank you, Kadie, for sharing your family's sweet spring fun 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.](#)

Apr. 1 - 30: [Spring Cleanup in Partnership with Alabama People Against a Littered State](#)

Apr. 2: *Town Hall Closes at Noon in Observance of Good Friday - Happy Easter!*

Apr. 3: [Woodland UMC Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt](#), 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.*

Apr. 12: Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

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

Apr. 13: [Taming Your Backyard Forest with ACES](#)(Pt 1), 12 - 1 p.m. via Live Webinar*

Apr. 16: [Bee Basics Ag & Stewardship Workshop](#), 9 - 11 a.m. via Live Webinar

Apr. 19: Mondays with the Mayor Radio Show, 12 - 1 p.m. on the MAX Round Table on WTXK, 107.5 FM / 1210 AM

Apr. 19: [2nd Dose COVID-19 Drive-Thru Vaccine Clinic*](#)

Apr. 20: [Taming Your Backyard Forest with ACES](#) (Pt 2), 12 - 1 p.m. via Live Webinar*

Apr. 24: [County Cleanup Day](#), 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pike Road Schools Georgia Washington Campus or County Lot Office (across from The Feed Lot on Meriwether Rd)*

Apr. 27: [Taming Your Backyard Forest with ACES](#) (Pt 3), 12 - 1 p.m. via Live Webinar*

Apr. 28: 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.

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

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