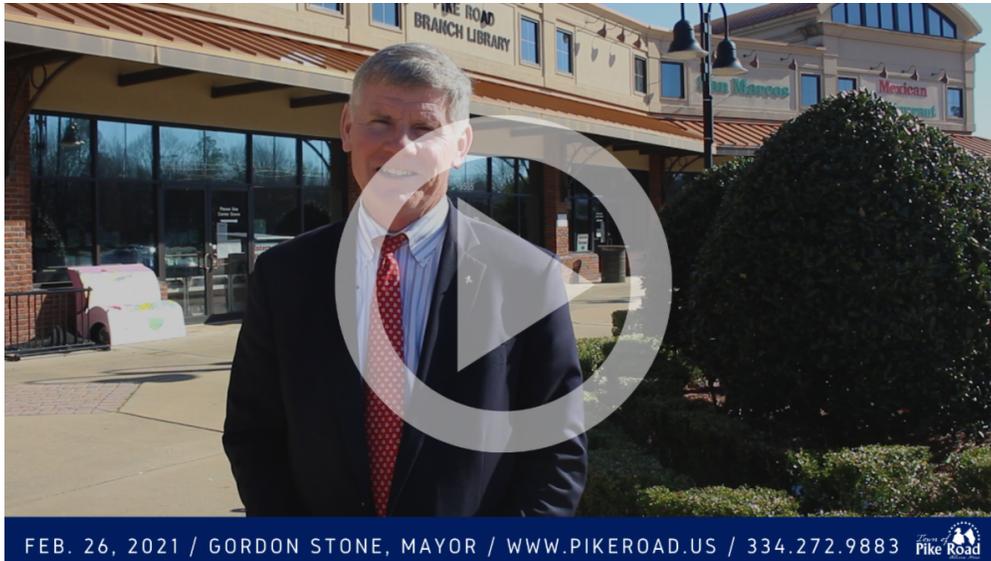


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February 26, 2021



A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone:

[Click here or the image above to view Mayor Stone's weekly update video.](#)

"The weather is warming up, and signs of spring are everywhere. We look forward to all the coming months will hold in our community, including ENHANCE initiative activities and the opening of our first grocery store, Publix, and the Shops at Pike Road. The commitment our citizens, local businesses, schools, and service partners have shown to public health and safety has allowed progress to continue in the Town of Pike Road. Our town's commitment to planning, quality of life, services and education have been the foundation of our success. With our continued focus on these fundamentals, the future is bright, and we are very excited about all of the possibilities that are around the corner in Pike Road.

We are thankful for the continued expansion of access to the COVID-19 vaccine across our state and county. However, this is an ongoing process, and we encourage you to remain aware of both opportunities to receive the vaccine and the continued risk of COVID-19 in our community. To continue moving forward through the challenges of COVID-19, we need to follow the simple, healthy practices 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 so important 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, and the current Safer at Home order and statewide mask requirement continue through March 5..."

[Click here to read Mayor Stone's full Feb. 26 update.](#)

Black History Month: Reflection, Awareness and Opportunities

The Town of Pike Road, Pike Road Schools and Tuskegee University are working together to



develop a plan to recognize and further the awareness of the contributions of African American leaders to the community in which we are blessed to live. For instance, the Town has designated resources in its 2021 budget to broaden recognition of the life and legacy of Miss Georgia Washington. All three entities are committed to creating greater awareness of her extraordinary work in opening educational doors for African Americans.

"Prior to the pandemic, leaders from the Town of Pike Road, Pike Road Schools and Tuskegee University met with leaders from the Mount Meigs community to initiate the process of expanding awareness of the educational contributions of Miss Georgia Washington. During the meeting, it was determined that step one would be to develop expanded educational opportunities at the gravesite. Other ideas for exciting and innovative learning were produced, and the Tuskegee faculty and students agreed to develop a plan. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 circumstances led to a pause in the progress. Now, as we enter 2021, we are excited about renewed efforts to move forward," said Gordon Stone, Mayor of the Town of Pike Road.

"The Robert R. Taylor School of Architecture and Construction Science (TSACS) at Tuskegee University is committed to collaborating with community leaders like Mayor Gordon Stone to integrate cultural knowledge and awareness to serve our communities. The Town of Pike Road project will help carry out our mission and the academic rigor needed to nurture a generation of highly competitive designers and builders," said Dr. Carla Jackson Bell, Dean of TSACS.

"I appreciate the Town of Pike Road allowing Pike Road Schools to have a seat at the table in the planning of this memorial to Ms. Washington. As one of the early education pioneers in this state dedicated to educating every child, the legacy of Miss Georgia Washington is extremely important in the history of Alabama. The Pike Road Schools family is dedicated to both conserving her story and making sure that people know the contribution she made, as well as honoring her memory," said Dr. Chuck Ledbetter, Superintendent of Pike Road Schools.

How can citizens in the Town of Pike Road assist? In reflection and acknowledgement of Black History Month, we would like to offer you the chance to share your stories about local African American leaders who have made a difference. Please consider sending us a short video message or a one-page narrative that communicates a story of an influential person in our region who is making or has made a positive impact. Stories may be submitted by email to info@pikeroad.us. We will gladly use your contributions in our effort to successfully acknowledge the life-changing work of others.

The ongoing work to recognize and support the great contributions of Miss Washington is exciting and serves as a beginning point for additional possibilities. Together, we look forward to celebrating the difference-makers of today, yesterday, and tomorrow.

Seedling Giveaway Begins Mar. 2: Plant a Tree in the Town of Pike Road!

In celebration of Alabama Arbor Week, we are excited to present our annual Seedling Giveaway in partnership with the [Alabama Forestry Commission!](#)

Pike Road residents are invited to stop by Founders Station (4902 Pike Road) beginning at 8 a.m. on Mar. 2 and from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. through Mar. 5 (or



Seedling Giveaway

Begins Tuesday, Mar. 2
Pickup Weekdays, 8 AM - 5 PM
at Founders Station, 4902 Pike Rd

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while supplies last) to pick up a seedling - or two - and tips to care for it.

For more information, please contact Community Involvement Coordinator Katy Brasfield by emailing katy@pikeroad.us.

Alabama Arbor Week is Feb. 21 - 27, and we encourage you to explore opportunities to engage in our natural resources and arbor-related activities.

Last Chance: Cloudscapes Art Show Wraps Up Feb. 28!



The Pike Road Arts Council's Cloudscapes Art Show ends this Sunday, Feb. 28! Don't miss this last chance to view the pieces and place your vote for the People's Choice Award!

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

place.

About the Show: Rain or shine, the skies of Alabama provide our lives with color, movement, and energy of all kinds. Explore these skies through the eyes of Alabama artists through the Pike Road Arts Council's [Cloudscapes Art Show](#)! 50 original pieces by Alabama artists are on display and available for purchase during this show.

Don't Forget to Choose Your Favorites: Every time you view the paintings, place your vote for the People's Choice Award by "liking" your favorite! Pictured: "Big Summer Clouds" by Pike Road resident & Pike Road Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne.

Interested artists of all skill levels are invited to participate in the Arts Council's next show, It Isn't Easy Being Green. Pieces will be accepted Mar. 6 - 12, and the show will be held Mar. 13 - Apr. 18. [Click here to learn more!](#)

Register Now: Lunch & Learn Returns on March 11 with Virtual Manners Matter!

Join the Pike Road Business Association via webinar for the first installation of the 2021 Lunch & Learn series, to be held from 12 - 1 p.m. on March 11! Ronda Walker, Professional Trainer with [Troy University Continuing Education & Outreach](#), will present "[Virtual Manners Matter.](#)"

As southerners, we know that manners matter, but understanding business etiquette in our brave new digital world can be a challenge to all generations. As we continue to utilize new and evolving mediums of communication, we need to know there is still a standard. In this session, we

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will review details on appropriate behavior during telephone, email, text, and in virtual meetings.

This is a free event, but spaces are limited and registration is required. [Click here to register today.](#) The 2021 Lunch & Learn series will include several new additions to the virtual program, including a quarterly local restaurant Lunch Partner. In March, our partner is [SweetCreek Farm Market.](#) Lunch & Learn attendees will receive an exclusive discount to be used at SweetCreek - join us on Mar. 11 for details!

Lunch & Learn is a quarterly presentation of the Town of Pike Road's Business Association, an ENHANCE initiative committee. The 2021 Lunch &

Learn series is presented in partnership with Troy University Continuing Education & Outreach. [Contact Community Involvement Coordinator Katy Brasfield at katy@pikeroad.us to learn more.](#)

Thanks for Joining Us! Native Trees Workshop Connects Nearly 50 Neighbors with Environment, Alabama Extension Specialists



Thank you to everyone who joined us this morning for the [Alabama Native Trees Ag & Stewardship workshop!](#) Dr. Nancy Loewenstein, ACES Extension Specialist in Forestry & Wildlife Sciences, shared all about the importance of Alabama's native trees, species to avoid, and more. In case you missed it, here are a few top tips:

- Native plants support over 3x more species of herbivores (plant-eating organisms) than non-native plants. Native trees to consider include: Flowering Dogwood, Magnolia, Persimmon, 35 species of Oaks, and and Downy Serviceberry (this one is a favorite of birds!).
- Caterpillars are generally specialists when it comes to reproduction: They only reproduce on certain plants, particularly native plants. Caterpillar populations support bird populations. Oaks, Cherries & Plums, Willows and Birches support up to 500 species of caterpillars.
- [Invasive trees](#) to avoid include: Tree-Of-Heaven, Chinaberry, Silk Tree, Camphor, Chinese Tallow, and Callery/Bradford Pear.
- Planting native trees and shrubs helps connect habitats fragmented by urbanization, support pollinator and wildlife populations, and prohibit further growth of invasive species. Native plants are also better-suited for our weather and soil!
- The Alabama Cooperative Extension System has a variety of forestry and arbor-related resources. [Click here to check out their Native Tree Identification tool!](#)

Native Trees is the February 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.

Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road!



Over the past year, we have all spent a lot of extra time at home. However, for many of us, that meant extra time to spend with family and enjoy activities we may not have otherwise experienced. Thank you, Tara, for sharing your family's creative, cookie-decorating Valentine's Day 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.](#)

Feb. 26 - 28: [Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday*](#)

Feb. 26: [Fairytale & Memories Family Movie Night](#), 5 p.m., [SweetCreek Farm Market*](#)

Feb. 26: [Montgomery 2nd Dose Drive-Up COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic](#), 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., 3003 E. South Blvd*

Feb. 27: [Montgomery Ballet presents "The Masks We Wear,"](#) 6 p.m., The Chapel at The Waters*

Feb. 28: [Cloudscapes Art Show Ends](#), 4 p.m.

Mar. 1: [Montgomery 2nd Dose Drive-Up COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic](#), 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 3003 E. South Blvd*

Mar. 2: Seedling Giveaway in Partnership with the Alabama Forestry Commission, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and weekdays while supplies last, Pike Road Founders Station

Mar. 2 & 3: [Montgomery 2nd Dose Drive-Up COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic](#), 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., 3003 E. South Blvd*

Mar. 4: [Montgomery 2nd Dose Drive-Up COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic](#), 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., 3003 E. South Blvd*

Mar. 5: [Montgomery 2nd Dose Drive-Up COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic](#), 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., 3003 E. South Blvd*

Mar. 6 - 12: [Submissions Accepted for "It Isn't Easy Being Green" Art Show](#)

Mar. 8: Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., to be held via Zoom. Due to the Current Covid-19 Pandemic, the Town's typical meeting procedures have temporarily changed. The Planning Commission meeting will be held via Zoom due to the expectation of a high volume of public attendance and participation. The Zoom meeting registration link will be available at www.pikeroad.us on the home page. If you wish to speak during

the meeting, please send an email to jsmith@pikeroad.us indicating which item you are interested in addressing.

Mar. 8: Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Mar. 11: [Pike Road Business Assoc. Lunch & Learn](#), 12 - 1 p.m.

Mar. 11: [Pike Road Patriot Band MPA Preview Concert](#), 7 p.m., St. James UMC*

Mar. 13: "It Isn't Easy Being Green" Art Show Begins

Mar. 22: Mondays with the Mayor Radio Show, 12 - 1 p.m., LIVE on the MAX Round Table, WTXK 107.5 FM / 1210 AM

Mar. 26: Turfgrass 101 Ag & Stewardship Workshop, 9 - 11 a.m. - Stay tuned for details!

Mar. 31: Town Council Meeting, 7 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall - This meeting has been rescheduled from its original date of Mar. 24.

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](#).

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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!



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