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February 19, 2021



### **A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone:**

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

"Throughout the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been blessed to work with outstanding partners whose dedication ensures that our daily lives were affected as little as possible. For their hard work and commitment, we want to say thank you. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office team, our local volunteer fire departments, and all of our first responders continue to serve with efficiency and care, often at their own risk. AmWaste, our sanitation service partner, adapted to the needs of our community as we spent more time at home. Our utility providers continue to ensure we receive excellent service amid the challenges of both the pandemic and winter weather. Our local businesses continue to find innovative ways to safely serve the community, and partners like the Alabama Cooperative Extension System have worked with us to continue providing virtual ENHANCE initiative quality of life programming for everyone. Not to mention, the leadership, teachers, and staff of Pike Road Schools have innovated and adapted to ensure every child has the opportunity to learn safely throughout this time. Thank you for all you do, and thank you, Pike Road, for your support and engagement.

As we move forward, we are excited to see access to the COVID-19 vaccine continue to expand, but it is important to recognize that the pandemic is an ongoing challenge. In order to continue to make progress, we must pay attention to the simple safety steps we know can help keep our community safe. Please continue to practice 6-foot social distancing, frequent and thorough handwashing, and avoiding 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. 19 update.](#)

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## Register Now, and Celebrate Alabama Arbor Week with the Ag & Stewardship Club! Free AL Native Trees Workshop Feb. 26



### Feb. 26: Native Trees for Your Yard

The Pike Road Ag & Stewardship Club is celebrating Alabama Arbor Week with an [Alabama Native Trees workshop on Feb. 26](#). The workshop will be led by Dr. Nancy Loewenstein, ACES Extension Specialist in Forestry & Wildlife Sciences.

Learning how to identify native trees for your yard is vital to preserving an areas biodiversity and ensuring that your landscape dreams have the best chance of becoming reality. During this presentation, we will discuss:

- The importance of Alabama native trees to our local ecosystem
- Native tree options to consider for your residential property
- Invasive tree species to avoid.

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

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. Questions about this event or the Ag & Stewardship Club? [Email Community Involvement Coordinator Katy Brasfield at \[katy@pikeroad.us\]\(mailto:katy@pikeroad.us\)](#)

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### Seedling Giveaway: 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!](#)

We expect to have seedlings available on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 23. Please stay tuned for details, and plan to pick up a seedling - or two - at Founders Station this February to plant in the Town of Pike Road. Information regarding seedling availability will be announced on our social media and website.

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

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

There is one week left to enjoy the Pike Road Arts Council's Cloudscapes Art Show and place your vote for the People's Choice Award!

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.

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](#). Face coverings are required, and social distancing and other health precautions are in place.

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: "Red Sunset" by Norma Jean Robbins.

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!](#)

### **March 11: Lunch & Learn Returns with Virtual Manners Matter!**

PIKE ROAD BUSINESS ASSOC. LUNCH & LEARN  
*"Virtual Manners Matter"*  
PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TROY UNIV.  
CONTINUING EDUCATION & OUTREACH.  
SAVE THE DATE!  
MARCH 11, 12 - 1 PM

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 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.](#) We look forward to "seeing" you for this digital presentation of Lunch & Learn!

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 kathy@pikeroad.us to learn more.](#)

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### **In Our Schools: Students Succeed On & Off the Field**

It is National Entrepreneurship Week, and Pike Road Schools took the opportunity to recognize some of their very own student entrepreneurs! Pictured, PRHS junior Ayriana Thomas started her own clothing line in May of 2020, utilizing the technology skills that she gained in the classroom to help launch her business. [Visit PRS on Facebook to learn more about Ayriana and other Patriot entrepreneurs!](#)



In addition, PRIS Principal, Mrs. Vicki Davis, presented information about the history of PRS and the ways they have used technology to balance grade level instruction and differentiation at the 2021 School Superintendents of Alabama Legislative Conference.

Pre-registration for [Pike Road Schools](#) 2021-2022 First Class Pre-K program continues. Students aged four years prior to 9/1/2021 are eligible for this program. [Click here to view the Pre-K Registration information.](#)

Athletics are in full swing, and the Patriots' Varsity Baseball team took home their first win of the season on Feb. 17. The Patriot Band will present a preview concert on Mar. 11 as they prepare for their state assessment.

[Click here to visit PRS on Facebook and learn more about these items and all the exciting things happening in our community's schools!](#)

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## **Feb. 16: Join the Conversation with Another Tuesday Edition of Mondays with the Mayor!**



Thank you to everyone who tuned in on Tuesday as our monthly radio show visited the [Pike Road Arts Center!](#) We enjoyed great conversation with Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne about the Council's ongoing and upcoming events.

About the Arts Center, which is located under the water tower on Wallahatchie Road, Patty shared: "I think the basic thing for coming out here is to get interested in art, especially for young people to come and see. We have a huge variety of different types of art, and they can

really get a good look at what local people do, people who live real close to them are doing. We do have so much talent – I heard the mayor talking about that earlier. All of Alabama has an incredible amount of talent, really. So, we're very proud to represent almost 80 artists, all from Alabama, right here in this building."

[Click here to listen to the show on the MAX Round Table podcast!](#) Don't forget to save the date for our next edition of Mondays with the Mayor, to broadcast live on Mar. 22 [on the MAX Round Table, WTXK 107.5 FM/1210 AM.](#) Mayor Stone will discuss what's happening in our community and take questions from the audience.

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## **Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road!**

What a week it has been for weather in the Town of Pike Road and across Alabama! On Tuesday morning, some of our neighbors experienced a winter wonder as snow flurries fell in our area. Thank you, Zack, for sharing these one-of-a-kind snowflakes with us using #mypikeroad!

We are thankful that our community was not impacted by winter storms this week. However, as spring approaches and the weather warms, potential issues can pop up



anytime. Don't wait: Visit [readyalabama.gov](http://readyalabama.gov) today to prepare your household for weather emergencies before they strike.

We continue to encourage you to share your Pike Road pictures using #mypikeroad and tagging [@townofpikeroad](https://www.instagram.com/townofpikeroad) on social media. Who knows - you may see them somewhere soon!

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## 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. 22 - 27:** [Alabama Arbor Week](#) - Stay tuned for details on our annual Seedling Giveaway in partnership with the Alabama Forestry Commission!
- Feb. 24:** Town Council Meeting, 7 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall
- Feb. 26:** [Alabama Native Trees Ag & Stewardship Workshop](#), 9 - 11 a.m., via Zoom
- Feb. 27:** [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)\*
- 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. 6 - 12:** [Submissions Accepted for "It Isn't Easy Being Green" Art Show](#)
- Mar. 8:** Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall
- 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

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](mailto:info@pikeroad.us). You can also access our online calendar at [www.pikeroad.us](http://www.pikeroad.us). Please [click here for the Pike Road Schools calendar.](#)

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