



## News from Town Hall



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 our email address to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox!

You may [unsubscribe](#) if you no longer wish to receive our emails.

September 25, 2020

### Today is the LAST DAY to Order Veterans Bricks!



#### Honor a Veteran! Order a Brick Today!

Veterans paved the path to freedom. Now, you can honor a veteran you know and love with a commemorative brick paver in the Pike Road Veterans Memorial Walk of Honor. Bricks can be personalized with veterans' name, rank, and date of service, and will be dedicated in the Walk of Honor as part of our Veterans Appreciation celebrations this November.

This year, the deadline to order a brick is 5 p.m. on September 25. [Click here to learn more and access the order form!](#) Bricks ordered through today will be installed and dedicated during the November 2020 Veterans Appreciation celebrations. However, bricks can be ordered year-round, and will be dedicated at the following year's Veterans Appreciation event.

### Today is the LAST DAY to Register for Hay, Look at Us!

*It's Fall, Y'all!* **HAY, LOOK AT US! IS BACK.**



REGISTER YOUR TEAM FOR THE 2020 HAY, LOOK AT US! HAY BALE DECORATING CONTEST:  
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE SEPT. 11 • APPLICATIONS DUE BY SEPT. 25 AT 12 PM. 

Gather your Pike Road neighborhood, business, church or service organization, and register NOW for Hay, Look at Us! ([Click here to access the 2020 Application!](#)) This fall-favorite event is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our community's unique character and get creative through teamwork. The more people you engage, the more creative you will be, and the more fun we will ALL have!

All registration packets must be completed and returned to Town Hall or Founders Station no later than Friday, September 25th in order to receive a hay bale. Printed application packets are currently available at these locations for your convenience. Contactless application drop-off will be available at Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Road) and Founders Station (4902 Pike Road), from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Applications should be placed in the boxes marked "Hay, Look at Us! Application Drop-off" at these two locations. You will receive an email to confirm that your application has been successfully submitted. If you have any questions or need assistance through this process, please call (334) 272-9883 or [email Community Involvement Coordinator Katy Brasfield at katy@pikeroad.us](mailto:katy@pikeroad.us).

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### **Tonight: Home Produce Fermentation Ag & Stewardship Seminar**



There are a few spaces left for today's [Home Produce Fermentation Workshop](#), hosted via LIVE webinar from 4-6 p.m.

[Food Safety & Quality Extension](#) Agents Janice Hall and Angela Treadaway will lead the virtual workshop and discuss proper preservation procedures for preparing fermented foods and Kombucha, a fermented tea. Participants will have the opportunity to follow along with the webinar by creating and canning from home.

[This is a free workshop, but registration is required.](#) Please click here to [contact Community Involvement Coordinator Katy Garren at katy@pikeroad.us](#) and register now!

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



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

"There is so much happening in the Town of Pike Road, and we want to say thank you for all you continue to do to be smart and stay safe as you enjoy fall activities. From football games to community events, you continue to show your care for one another by wearing face masks, practicing social distancing, and safely connecting with neighbors. We appreciate all you are doing, and we encourage you to maintain your dedication to these practices so that we can continue to make progress in the ongoing COVID-19 challenge.

As a reminder, please continue to utilize trusted resources like the CDC and Alabama Public Health for safety recommendations and guidelines. Maintain a six-foot distance from others, wash your hands and sanitize your environment frequently, and be aware of the

risks of large crowds. The current Safer at Home order and statewide mask requirement continue through Oct. 2, and wearing a face covering or mask is a simple way to help protect both yourself and others. Thank you for continuing to safely support one another, as well as supporting our local businesses. Your actions help build confidence as we move forward.

Fall is an active season in the Town of Pike Road, and community activities are happening now. This week, we had a great virtual Lunch & Learn presented in partnership with Troy University Continuing Education & Outreach, and the Pike Road Arts Council's Virtual Quilt Show is ongoing at [www.pikeroad.us](http://www.pikeroad.us). Today, Sept. 25, is the deadline for two traditional annual activities: Hay, Look at Us! and our Veterans Bricks program. Visit [www.pikeroad.us](http://www.pikeroad.us) to learn how you can honor a veteran you know and love, as well as register your neighborhood, business or organization for the fall-favorite Hay, Look at Us! contest now. We encourage you to visit us online to learn about everything that's happening and safely engage in these community-building activities. There is so much to celebrate in our special hometown!

In just under a week, we will also reach another very important date. September 30 is the last day to participate in the 2020 Census. If you have not already filled out your census, please visit [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) to do so today! Pike Road has done a great job so far, but it is so important that every household be counted. Every ten years, the census is used to determine congressional representation and set standards of federal funding for schools. The Census assists with healthcare, access to grants for community programming, and infrastructure projects across the nation. The 2020 Census has 10 questions, and it takes about 6 minutes to complete. Remember, it can affect billions in funding for Alabama.

The current Safer at Home order and statewide mask requirement continue through Oct. 2. Based on the current safety guidelines, the Town of Pike Road will continue to operate with limited access to our municipal facilities through October 2. We are committed to safely serving our community, so please know that our team is always available to help you via phone and email, and you can find a variety of municipal resources on our website, [www.pikeroad.us](http://www.pikeroad.us).

As always, we will continue to pray for you, and we encourage you to pray for each other. Together, we will come through this.

Thank you and God Bless."

### **Community Updates & Reminders from the Town of Pike Road**

Pike Road, ALA – On August 27, Governor Kay Ivey announced updates to the Safer At Home order. These updates extend the mask requirement and other measures through October 2, 2020. [To learn more about this order, please click here.](#) Based on the current Safer At Home order and recommendations of social distancing, the following policies and procedures will apply in the Town of Pike Road through October 2, 2020:

- Town Hall and all municipal facilities will continue to be closed to public access. This policy includes Founders Station and the Pike Road Arts Center. Municipal services continue to be accessible via phone and email, and appointments and meetings at Town Hall will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Please contact our team to learn how we can help serve you!
  - Call: (334) 272-9883
  - Email: [info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us)
  - Visit: [www.pikeroad.us](http://www.pikeroad.us) to access resources regarding municipal services, local updates, and more.
- The Town of Pike Road has extended the suspension of most events at municipal facilities, and events scheduled for later in the year are being evaluated. However, we will continue to offer a variety of virtual events through our ENHANCE initiative. Visit us online to learn more.
- The Recycling Depot is open for recycling drop-off three days per week: It will open at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and remain open until 5 p.m. on Thursdays. This schedule is subject to change based on the safety requirements of the ongoing COVID-19 challenge, and we ask that you utilize the Recycling Depot respectfully and with



consideration for the Town of Pike Road team that maintains it.

- The Safer At Home order allows for the use of athletic facilities. If you would like to utilize the Community Ball Field at Veterans Park, please note that the regular reservation requirements are in place. You must also follow the guidelines and recommendations for safe athletic activities available from ADPH. Call Town Hall at 334.272.9883 to make a reservation, [and click here to access the ADPH guidelines](#).

Any changes or updates to this policy will be based primarily on CDC and ADPH recommendations. Citizens will be notified via our e-newsletter and normal communications methods, including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Follow this link to register for our weekly e-newsletter, and receive updates in your inbox each Friday: <http://bit.ly/TPRenews>. We want to reiterate that we are here to help.

As the COVID-19 challenge continues in our community and beyond, we encourage you to personally review information provided by trustworthy organizations with recommendations from experts, such as the continuously updated pages available below:

- Alabama Public Health: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/index.html>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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### The Pike Road Quilters' Virtual Quilt Show is Happening Now!



The works of the Pike Road Quilters, a local group of artisans who met regularly at the Pike Road Arts Center to share their skills, are on display now through a virtual show! [Click here to "meet" the artists and enjoy a video tour of the quilts with Quilter Charlene Rabren.](#)

[In addition, you may contact the Pike Road Arts Council for viewing opportunities at the Arts Center.](#) This

event is presented by the Pike Road Arts Council, an ENHANCE initiative committee. [Click here to visit the Pike Road Arts Council on Facebook, and be sure to "Like" their page for updates.](#)

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### Thanks for Tuning in to Mondays with the Mayor at the Pike Road Arts Center!



Thank you to everyone who tuned in to the Mondays with the Mayor radio show this week! We were excited to broadcast live from the Pike Road Arts Center on Sept. 21 in the midst of the beautiful quilts currently on display! It was a treat to be joined by Pike Road Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne and quilter Charlene Rabren.

"Quilting is just another form of creativity. You can see in this room the ceramics and the wood working, the oil paintings. But quilting began as a necessity. It was a way to keep warm. They were made of small scraps of fabric from clothing or other remnants, which were layered together... Historically, quilts didn't look quite like this." - Charlene Rabren discussed the Pike Road Quilters Quilt Show on the Sept. 21 show.

Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne noted that the 9th Annual Plein Air Paint Out will bring dozens of artists to the Town of Pike Road October 16-17. In addition, the Arts Council will host their 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Silent Auction in October. Stay tuned for details!

[Click here to listen to the Mondays with the Mayor Hour on the MAX Round Table Podcast!](#)

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 [info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us) anytime,\* or plan to call in during the show!

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## Communicate, Collaborate to Bridge Generational Differences in the Workplace - Thanks for Joining us for Lunch & Learn!



FWe had a fantastic virtual Lunch & Learn yesterday with local businessmen and women, tackling generational differences in the workplace. Thank you to everyone who joined us for *"Big" Movie, Bigger Lessons* with Professional Trainer Joel Hughes of [Troy University Continuing Education &](https://www.troy.edu/continuing-education)

### Outreach.

Did you know: From Traditionalists to Gen Z, there are FIVE generations in the workforce today! Due to differing communication styles, motivating factors, and world views shaped by a variety of events throughout the years, this can cause tension in the office. Here are a few tips for building harmony and cultivating teamwork:

- From Traditionalists to Gen Z, there are FIVE generations at work in today's world!
- Tailor your communication approach based on your end goal and the people you're working with.
- Seek out opportunities to learn from one another. Believe it or not, Baby Boomers thrive in a mentoring role, which can work well when partnered with Millennials.
- Avoid stereotyping. Communicate, and get to know one another!

Thank you, [Troy University Continuing Education & Outreach](https://www.troy.edu/continuing-education), for partnering with the Pike Road Business Association to provide this educational and entertaining webinar. We can't wait to "see" you all again for our next Lunch & Learn in December! Lunch & Learn is a quarterly presentation of the Town of Pike Road's Business Association, an ENHANCE initiative committee.

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## Share a Story, Honor a Veteran: Send Photos, Videos, Memories through Oct. 30!



### Share a Story in Honor & Remembrance

In addition to our traditional Veterans Appreciation programs, the Town of Pike Road is creating a virtual library of memories and stories from and about our nation's veterans. We look forward to sharing these with the community in honor and remembrance of those who have served our country. We would love to hear from local veterans and about the veterans our citizens and neighbors know and love. Every American service member – past and present – is someone's friend, sister, father, and so much more.

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](mailto:info@pikeroad.us). To learn more, please visit [www.pikeroad.us](http://www.pikeroad.us). Stories submitted by Oct. 30 will be part of our 2020 Veterans Appreciation celebrations, but this digital library will continue to be open for community contributions and reflection throughout the year.

## Share Your Fall-Favorite Recipes and Family Traditions for the Memories & Meals Community Cookbook!



We had so much fun celebrating summertime and the Fourth of July with you through the [Memories & Meals Community Cookbook \(click here to savor the flavors of summer!\)](#). Now, as we head into the season of pumpkin spice, tailgate treats, and traditional holiday meals, we want to hear from you again!

Share your fall-favorite recipes, photos, and family traditions with us by emailing them to [info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us) by Oct. 16 to be included in the Fall 2020 section of the Community Cookbook. We can't wait to see how your family celebrates the flavors and fun that fall has to offer. [Click here to access the flyer and submission guidelines!](#)

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### In Our Schools: Learning Continues, Homecoming Oct. 2



Tonight, the Pike Road Schools Patriots varsity football team takes on Tallassee at Patriot Field! Tickets are limited, and must be purchased online before the game. Students continue to learn in a variety of ways - both in-person and virtually - and activities like Robotics are in full swing. Next week, Oct. 2, the Patriots celebrate Homecoming! The spirit week will wrap up with a home game against Charles Henderson. [Click here to visit Pike Road Schools on social media to learn more about what's happening and access tickets for upcoming athletic events.](#) Be sure to give them a "like" to stay in-the-know, and Go Patriots!

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### ONE Week Left: Take the 2020 Census by Sept. 30. Getting a Census Taker Visit When You've Already Responded

**DROP  
EVERYTHING.  
GET  
COUNTED.**

These visits are part of the Census Bureau's effort to be absolutely sure that they count everyone. If you get a visit and you've already responded, please be patient and kind and answer the census taker's questions.

We know that being visited when you've already responded may be annoying, and even a bit confusing, but please be patient with our census takers—their work is critical to the mission of the Census Bureau and to your community receiving its fair share of funding for critical services. They are making sure that they count everyone in the



right place and not leave anyone out.

By cooperating with the census taker, you're helping us count everyone in the right place, and the Census Bureau have established methods and processes to remove duplicates. We would much rather have to remove some duplicates than miss people entirely or risk your community being underrepresented and underfunded. Thanks for your participation in the 2020 Census.

Remember: You can still self-respond to the census online at [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov), toll-free by phone at (844) 330-2020 or by returning the paper form you received in the spring!

[Click here to learn more from Alabama Counts!](#)

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## **ALDOT Offers Online Public Input Opportunity through Oct. 2**

From the Alabama Department of Transportation:

"The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), in collaboration with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Town of Pike Road, is proposing the installation of roundabouts along Alabama Highway 126 and U.S. Highway 80 from Interstate 85 to Marler Road and some related roadway changes to how vehicles access those highways...

Public meetings are typically held at a location near a proposed project with informational materials displayed and ALDOT staff available to answer questions regarding the project. Due to COVID-19, ALDOT is adapting its public involvement approach for the health and safety of the public and ALDOT employees. The same materials will be made available online as would be available in person."

To learn more about this project and participate in the public input session, [please visit www.aldotinvolved.com](http://www.aldotinvolved.com) to view a pre-recorded presentation, view information about the project, and submit comments through Oct. 2. Special assistance is available if needed.

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## **ADECA Broadband Survey: Share Your Experience to Help Improve Access to Internet Across Alabama**



ADECA, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, is seeking information about internet access and speed from Alabama's citizens and businesses. We encourage you to participate in this brief survey, which will help identify gaps in access to internet service in order

to work toward serving these areas. [Click here to learn more and take the survey!](#)

"The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many to work and complete school from home and further highlighted the importance of having access to high-speed internet across the state," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said. "Taking this speed survey will help us get the data we need to plan our efforts to help close those service gaps."

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

Some students are studying at home, and some are back in the classroom, but they're all full of spirit! We are so excited about all the great things, from education to athletics and extracurriculars, happening in our community's schools. It wouldn't be possible without the dedication, energy, and enthusiasm of our teachers, parents, and students! Thank you, Anna, for sharing your family's Patriot pride 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!

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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.](#)

Sept. 25: [Deadline to Order Veterans Bricks - Click here to learn more today!](#)

Sept. 25: [Home Fermentation Ag & Stewardship Workshop](#) 4 - 6 p.m.

Sept. 25: [Deadline to Submit Hay, Look at Us! Applications](#) 5 p.m.

Sept. 25: [Pike Road Schools Football Home Opener vs. Tallassee](#) 7 p.m., Patriot Field\*

Sept. 26: [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)\*

Sept. 30: Deadline to complete the 2020 Census - [Click here to complete the Census and help ensure Alabama counts!](#)

Oct. 2: ALDOT Public Input Opportunity Ends - [Click here to learn more.](#)

Oct. 2: [Pike Road Schools Homecoming Game](#), 7 p.m., Patriot Field\*

Oct. 4: [Virtual Quilt Show Ends](#)

Oct. 12: *Town Hall Closed in Observance of Columbus Day*

Oct. 13: Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Oct. 13: Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Oct. 16: [Deadline to Share Memories & Meals](#)

Oct. 16 - 17: 9th Annual Pike Road Plein Air Paint Out

Oct. 19: Mondays with the Mayor Radio Show, 12 - 1 p.m., LIVE on WTXK, 107.5 FM / 1210 AM

Oct. 24: Happy Founders Day! The Town of Pike Road is 23!

Oct. 28: Town Council Meeting, 7 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Oct. 31: [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)\*

*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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### Show Us YOUR Pike Road

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!

