

The Latest News from Pike Road Town Hall

This section of The Pike features highlights from recent events and initiatives. Keep up with us on social media for more Town of Pike Road fun, and use #mypikeroad to join the conversation!

Fall and Winter Highlights

Oct. 22-27: Founders Week - Celebrating 20 Years



Players and Fans at the 2017 Founders Week Kickball Kickoff



Bryson, of Patriot Pride (Lochshire), kicks off.

Neighborhood Kickball Kickoff

On Sunday, Oct. 22, Founders Week began with a blast as 5 neighborhood teams competed for the Grand Champion trophy at the first ever Founders Week Kickball Kickoff at the Ball Field at Veterans Park. Local DJ Jim Dunham brought the tunes that spurred dance-offs and lip sync battles among players for home team's rights, and the round-robin style tournament turned players into fans as other teams took the field, tailgating and cheering each other on. Council lady Betsy Atkins served as the official scorekeeper.

At the end of the day, the Cecil Community team took home the championship. Patriot Pride of Lochshire decked out in Pike Road Schools gear and received the Team Spirit award, and the Kerington neighborhood team, with some of the youngest and most enthusiastic players, took home the "Ready to Rumble" award. The Mustangs, of Bridle Brook Farms, received the "Life of the Party" award because of the laughter they brought to the field. The Rolling Stones of Stone Park were "Dressed to Impress" with special jerseys created just for the tournament. In addition to team awards, individual players won prizes donated by Town of Pike Road businesses: The Pike Road Butcher Block, No Way Jose, SweetCreek Farm Market, and Bishop's BBQ & Deli at the John Hall Store. Get your gear ready, and warm up your kicking foot - we are already looking forward to next year's neighborhood tournament!

Founders Day Open House

On Founders Day, Oct. 24, the community enjoyed an evening of reflection and conversation. Town Hall was decorated with historical displays and photos as men and women who helped shape the Town over the past two decades gathered to discuss change, growth, and the view from 20 years - both looking back and into the future. We are thankful for the dedicated and passionate people who contribute and have contributed to the Town of Pike Road!

Those in attendance included the Town's first mayor, Wayne Rabren, who shared the happy emotions he and his wife, Charlene, felt at Pike Road Schools' first Homecoming football game. Charlene, former Town Clerk, recalled funny memories of the days that all Town business was conducted at her dining room table. Town Councilman Chris Dunn and Pike Road Schools Board of Education member Jarrod Williams, who previously served on the Town Council, reflected on the character of our Town and the value of immersing yourself in the community. Others in attendance included SweetCreek Farm Market owner, District 75 Representative Reed Ingram, and Doyle Fuller of Fuller & Copeland, legal counsel to the Town since its earliest days.



Mayor Stone speaks with Jarrod Williams, current Pike Road Board of Education member and former Town Councilman.



Wayne Rabren, the Town of Pike Road's first mayor, with his wife Charlene, a former Town Clerk.

Historic Pike Road School Dedication

On Wednesday, Oct. 25, the Pike Road community dedicated the Historic Pike Road School, which reopened this year as the second Pike Road Schools campus, 100 years after its original construction. Prior to the Dedication, the P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team hosted a Circle of Encouragement on the campus, and the community shared prayers and words of encouragement for the school and community.

At the dedication, alumni shared their memories of the original Pike Road School, including one alum's story of riding his horse right up the front stairs, into the school, and onto the auditorium stage that remains part of the building today. Generations connected as attendees browsed Pike Road School memorabilia dating back to the early 1900s, current Historic Pike Road School SGA President Caden Lockett led the Pledge of Allegiance, and former Pike Road School Principal Wiley Cutts presented a commendation from Governor Kay Ivey. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible, from guests who shared memories and memorabilia, to the PTSA volunteers, distinguished guests, and Pike Road Golf Carts, who provided shuttles to visitors.

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Pike Road School alumni, Margaret Sullivan Gilbert (left), browses memorabilia dating back to the early 1900s.



The community shares a quiet moment at the Historic Pike Road School dedication.



Alumni Jim Sullivan shares memories of the Pike Road School.

6th Annual Plein Air Paint Out

Founders Week wrapped up with the Plein Air Paint Out, which returned to Pike Road on Oct. 27-28. A record number of regional and national artists visited the Town of Pike Road with the intention of celebrating and preserving its character in one-of-a-kind paintings. Martha Fulghum of Montevallo took home 1st Place at the Quick Draw competition at SweetCreek Farm Market on Friday - Artists had only two hours to paint their favorite scene! On Saturday morning, despite cold, wet weather, artists spread out across Town and painted all day, bringing their fresh works to Town Hall for a bustling Art Show & Sale Saturday evening. Thank you to the artists and the Pike Road Arts Council for another great year and many beautiful pieces.



Plein Air artists show off the paintings created during the 2-hour Quick Draw competition at SweetCreek Farm Market.



Artist Adelaide Booth paints Grace Episcopal Church.

Hay, Look at Us! Hay Bale Decorating Contest

This is the 8th year of the fall-favorite Hay, Look at Us! contest, and we had some incredible entries. Rainy, windy weather the weekend before judging created many challenges, but our neighborhoods pulled through. One of the most popular themes we saw was the 2016 movie, "Trolls." Hay bales were judged during Founders Week, and the winners were:

Business/Organization Winners:

1. St. James United Methodist Church
2. Pet Palace Hotel
3. Pike Road Elementary School
4. Honorable Mention: Pike Road Volunteer Fire Dept.

Neighborhood Winners:

1. Bridle Brook Farms
2. Merry Station
3. Providence
4. Honorable Mention: Waterscapes

People's Choice Award: Bridle Brook Farms



St. James United Methodist Church



Bridlebrook Farms Neighborhood

Veterans Appreciation Ceremony

On Sunday, Nov. 5, the Town of Pike Road community honored and celebrated the men and women who have sacrificed for our great nation at the 2017 Veterans Appreciation Ceremony. Pack 8 Webelos Scouts from St. James United Methodist Church helped welcome veterans and attendees, and Ms. Wendy Hallford's C1 Pike Road Schools learners shared handmade Remembrance Poppies with veterans, a tradition inspired by the WWI poem, "In Flanders Fields." Local aviator Tommy Ussery began the Ceremony with a patriotic flyover, and veterans processed through the crowd to the patriotic music of the Capitol Sounds. Local pastors, James Keith Posey of Century Church and Steve Walters of the Church at Pike Road, contributed opening and closing prayers, and Rev. Walters' daughters led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pike Road Schools learners sang the National Anthem, and Mayor Stone dedicated new, personalized bricks installed in the Walk of Honor at the Veterans Memorial. Later, distinguished guest speaker Colonel Patrick T. Budjenska addressed the crowd, speaking of unity and its importance in the past and present.



A Pike Road Schools learner shares a Remembrance Poppy with a Marine.



The Pike Road community honored our nation's veterans on Nov. 5, 2017.

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Celebrate the Season with the Pike Road Arts Council

The Pike Road Arts Council invited everyone to Celebrate the Season on November 18. The event featured handmade gifts from Alabama crafters, Christmas trees decorated by local groups and artisans available by silent auction to benefit the Food Pantry at Woodland United Methodist Church, and a surprise visit from Santa Claus that brought excitement to all ages.



Santa surprised the youngest attendees of the Celebrate the Season event.

Town Christmas Tree Lighting

Once again, the Town of Pike Road Christmas Tree Lighting, held on Dec. 1, was a success! Smiling Town of Pike Road Staff served hot cocoa, Mayor Stone read an Alabama Christmas story, and Pike Road Schools learners and children from St. James United Methodist Church spread Christmas cheer by singing holiday tunes. The evening ended with a snowy surprise, much to the delight of the youngest attendees!



Will enjoyed the "snow" at the Annual Town Christmas Tree Lighting.

"Snow" in hair and cocoa in hand at the 2017 Town of Pike Road Christmas Tree Lighting.



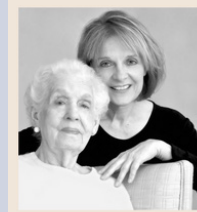
Representatives from the Food Pantry at Woodland United Methodist Church and the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System were thankful for the Town's donations.

Season of Giving Holiday Collections Drive

Each year, the Town of Pike Road community shares their holiday spirit by donating food, toiletries, and other items to the Season of Giving Holiday Collections Drive, which benefits the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System and our local food pantry at Woodland United Methodist Church. This year was no different - thank you, Pike Road community, for your selfless display of generosity, and for keeping our neighbors in need in your hearts and minds this holiday season.

Coming Soon:

Crossroads Theater presents: "In Her Own Fashion," a Story Play by Dolores Hydock



NINETTE & DOLORES

On Saturday, Feb. 10, the Pike Road Arts Council's Crossroads Theater will return with "In Her Own Fashion," the nostalgic but exciting story of Ninette Griffith, the Fashion Coordinator of Loveman's Department Store in Birmingham in the 1950's and '60's. Sassy, ambitious, and unflinchingly honest, Ninette was an elegantly independent woman who lived - and savored - a life full of celebrity hijinks, career disasters, and reckless romance. Tickets are \$20 each, and can be purchased by calling or stopping by Town Hall. If you have memories of Loveman's Department Store, share them with the Arts Council by emailing them to patty@pikeroad.us. One person who contributes their memories will receive TWO free tickets to the show. We want to hear from you!

Mondays with the Mayor

This fall, the Town of Pike Road kicked off a monthly radio program on WTXK 107.5 FM, a Pike Road radio station and local ESPN affiliate. One Monday per month, Mayor Stone is on air to discuss the Town of Pike Road and answer YOUR questions. You can send questions or comments for Mondays with the Mayor to info@pikeroad.us, or call or text in during the show! If you missed the first few episodes, at Town Hall, SweetCreek Farm Market, the Pike Road Butcher Block, and Home Depot, visit youtube.com/townofpikeroad for highlights, and be sure to follow us on social media (@townofpikeroad) and sign up for our e-newsletter (available at www.pikeroad.us) so you don't miss out again!

* **Coming Soon:**

Mon., January 22 at Pike Road Place, home of Pike Road Family Eye Care

Mon., February 5 at Southeast Gas's Pike Road location

Mon., March 19 at Cottonwood Golf Club



December's Monday with the Mayor was hosted at Home Depot on Chantilly Parkway.



Charlie, Doug & Mayor Stone at SweetCreek Farm Market in October 2017

Administrative Updates

The Town of Pike Road Planning Commission and Town Council, made up of dedicated residents, have been hard at work this season. They maintain a relationship that allows them to work in the interest of the vision of the people of Pike Road, maintaining a strong commitment to *maintaining character while planning for progress*. The adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, referenced in the fall edition of "The Pike," has been integral to this process.

Over the past few months, the Town of Pike Road leadership has honored and celebrated several individuals integral to the creation and continued growth of our Town.

- Congratulations to Chief Jon Briggs of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office on his promotion from Major to Assistant Chief Deputy! Thank you, Chief Briggs, for your years of dedicated service to the Montgomery County community.
- Mayor Stone and the Town Council presented a proclamation of honor to the family of the Honorable Judy Rittenour, former Mayor of the Town of Pike Road, who passed away in September. Also presented to her family was a flag that was flown, at the request of Congressman Mike Rogers, over the U.S. Capitol in honor and remembrance of Mayor Rittenour on September 27, 2017.

- We express our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Morgan Simpson, former member of the Pike Road Schools Board of Education, who passed away in December. Mr. Simpson was instrumental in the formation of the Pike Road Schools system, and his passion for Pike Road was a gift to the entire community.

Town of Pike Road Town Council & Planning Commission meetings are open to the public. The Planning Commission meets the second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. The Pike Road Town Council meets the second Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. (or immediately after the Planning Commission meeting, but not before 6:00 p.m.) and the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00 a.m. These meetings are held in the council chamber at Pike Road Town Hall., and meeting agendas can be found online at bit.ly/tp-r-agendas.

Join the Conversation Using #mypikeroad!

The town utilizes various communication media in an effort to keep residents aware of news and events in and around the town. Here are some of the best ways to keep up with what is happening in and around Pike Road:

- If you are a Facebook user, "like" the Town of Pike Road to receive updates on your news feed. We can be found at www.facebook.com/townofpikeroad.
- You can follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/townofpikeroad.
- We're on Instagram, too: @townofpikeroad. Use #mypikeroad for a chance to be featured.

- If you are not already receiving our weekly e-newsletter, visit www.pikeroad.us, and click "Connect with Us" to sign up. You can unsubscribe at any time, but we hope you will never want to stop receiving this valuable communication piece.
- If your daily commute takes you past Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Road), watch the digital marquee out front for announcements about upcoming events.

- We also advertise Town of Pike Road announcements and events on the digital billboard near the intersection of Chantilly Parkway and Vaughn Road.
- We're partnering with WTKX 107.5 FM to bring you "Mondays with the Mayor!" One Monday per month, Mayor Stone will be on air to discuss the Town of Pike Road and answer your questions. Send questions or comments for Mondays with the Mayor to info@pikeroad.us!

Communication is a two-way street, and the Town Hall staff and our elected officials would love to hear from you. Call Town Hall any time during business hours at 334-272-9883. Of course, we also monitor our social media sites constantly during business hours and will reply to comments or private messages as quickly as possible. No matter how you choose to communicate with us, we welcome your input!

Pike Road Schools Look Toward 2018

A Letter from Dr. Ledbetter, Pike Road Schools Superintendent

As we embark upon a new calendar year, we are also beginning the second half of the school year with lots of activities and excitement. January brings our first AdvancED (previously SACS) accreditation team visit as we complete the district accreditation process. Our educators, parents and community have been hard at work in preparation, and we are ready to show the AdvancED team the fantastic learning taking place in Pike Road Schools! Our students exhibit their abilities to think, innovate, and create daily.

First semester saw our students excel in academic competitions, with both the PRHS and PRES robotics teams performing among the best at the regional and state levels. Our arts programs are also growing fast - our band program is beginning to take shape as the leader it will be. In sports, our football team went undefeated, our volleyball team went 10-2, and our young cross-country team ran strongly. Our basketball teams are currently in mid-season and playing well, and our wrestling team is in its first season. We are approaching the preseason practice for spring sports including baseball, softball, soccer, track, tennis and golf. As the winter begins to warm toward spring, our athletic calendar heats up accordingly.

It is amazing to see our students engage in problem-solving, writing, presenting and creating every single day. If you want to rekindle your hope for the future of this country, stop by and see the amazing things Pike Road students are doing as they learn - just be sure to bring your driver's license or identification! Pike Road Schools have begun use of the Raptor background check system for all visitors to keep our students safe.

Pike Road Schools continues to grow, and we are working with the Town of Pike Road to successfully handle the learning needs of our growing community in 2018 and beyond. Our enrollment is up by almost 200 students over last year, and we anticipate a similar increase for next year. We are glad that people want to live in the Town of Pike Road and have their children educated in our outstanding school system. To all our newcomers, Welcome Home! 2018 promises to be a great year for Pike Road Schools.

Happy New Year, and Go Patriots!

Dr. Chuck Ledbetter
Pike Road Schools Superintendent



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ENHANCE: A Vision with Focus

The "ENHANCE initiative" is a long-term strategic plan designed to ensure that the Town of Pike Road continues to mature in the four areas identified by residents in 2005 as the keys to the municipality's success: quality of life, community planning, public education and municipal services. We call these the Four Pillars. Focusing on the quality of life pillar, the ENHANCE initiative organizes community groups to help carry out activities that promote the key areas of the ENHANCE initiative: Exercise, Nature, Health, Agriculture, Nutrition, Community & Education.



ENHANCE initiative Committees:

Agriculture & Stewardship Club · Neighborhood Leaders
Recreation and Health Service Corps · Arts Council · P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team
Business Association · Community Enrichment

So, what's your passion? Are you an artist, an entrepreneur, a health guru? Everyone can contribute to our community through the ENHANCE initiative. For more information about these committees or to get involved, visit bit.ly/tp-r-ENHANCE or email info@pikeroad.us.

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY THE PIKE ROAD ARTS COUNCIL CROSSROADS THEATER RETURNS WITH

In Her Own Fashion

A STORY PLAY BY DOLORES HYDOCK
The funny, irreverent, true story of Ninette Griffith, the
Loveman's Department Store Fashion Coordinator in
Birmingham, Alabama in the 1950's and 1960's

Tickets: \$20 Each - On Sale NOW!
Contact Town Hall to Purchase.

Want free tickets? Email your Loveman's memories to
patty@pikeroad.us by Jan. 31. One contributor will
receive 2 tickets to the show!



NINETTE & DOLORES

FEBRUARY 10, 2018, 7:30 P.M. AT PIKE ROAD TOWN HALL
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Lisa Burke, Clerk



Calendar

of Confirmed Town Events

- Jan. 15: Town Hall Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 19-20: Alisa Koch Art Workshop
- Jan. 22: Monday with the Mayor
- Jan. 24: Planning Commission Meeting
- Jan. 24: Town Council Meeting
- Jan. 27: County Cleanup Day
- Feb. 5: Monday with the Mayor
- Feb. 10: Crossroads Theater Presents "In Her Own Fashion"
- Feb. 12: Planning Commission Meeting
- Feb. 12: Town Council Meeting
- Feb. 24: County Cleanup Day
- Feb. 28: Town Council Meeting
- Mar. 3: Pike Road Art Market
- Mar. 12: Planning Commission Meeting
- Mar. 12: Town Council Meeting
- Mar. 15: Lunch & Learn
- Mar. 19: Monday with the Mayor
- Mar. 24: County Cleanup Day
- Mar. 28: Town Council Meeting

Coming in April

Annual Spring Cleanup
Annual Community Yard Sale
Monday with the Mayor

More activities may be added! Visit
www.pikeroad.us and follow us on
social media to stay in-the-know.



The Quarterly Newsletter of the Town of Pike Road • Winter 2017
A Product of the Community Development Department

Over the past year, the people of the Town of Pike Road have once again come together in friendship and to show community support! Milestones like the reopening of the Historic Pike Road School and Pike Road Schools' first homecoming have connected generations in shared history and a commitment to progress. The 20th anniversary of the Town's incorporation not only reminded us of the passion and dedication exhibited by the community that came together to create our town, but also showcased the energy and enthusiasm of the community that continues to embody our motto: "Welcome Home." We are thankful for each and every individual, family and group who has been and continues to be a part of our journey.

Partnerships with service providers have aided the Town's growth by allowing us to make progress in the most fiscally responsible way while providing efficient and quality results. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and the three volunteer fire departments that serve our community continue to provide fast response times, effective resolution of issues, and excellent professionalism. In 2017, we have experienced expansion of access to internet, gas and power. All of these factors encourage economic growth, and we look forward to the ways our Town will continue to grow in the future. We also adopted our Comprehensive Plan to guide progress and help us maintain a commitment to the vision of our citizens. It is the people of the Town of Pike Road who truly make it the special place that it is, has been and will continue to be.

As we celebrated our 20th year of incorporation, we began new traditions and enjoyed the ones that we hold dear. The first Founders Week Kickball Kickoff brought neighbors together as teammates, and connected neighborhoods in laughter and friendly competition. The fall favorite "Hay, Look at Us!" competition invited creativity and fresh thought while delighting the greater community and connecting us to the agricultural roots of our Town. We recently celebrated the Christmas season with the annual Town Christmas Tree Lighting and kicked off our Season of Giving Holiday Collections Drive. The drive showcased the generosity and commitment to togetherness of the people of the Town of Pike Road.

We have been encouraged and excited by the response to our new radio initiative, Mondays with the Mayor. This monthly radio show not only highlights the services and products offered by businesses in the Town of Pike Road, but also provides an opportunity to connect with people in our community and share our excitement with those who may want to learn more about the great things happening here. As we discuss growth, change and the value of community partnerships and participation, we hope that one of the events or topics in this newsletter will catch your eye. We're looking forward to another great year, and we want YOU to be part of it.

God Bless,

Gordon Stone, Mayor

As we wrap up another exciting year in the Town of Pike Road, we look forward to the adventures and opportunities that 2018 will bring. We hope to see you around town soon!