

# 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!

## Winter and Spring Highlights

### \* January 22: Mondays with the Mayor at Pike Road Family Eye Care

Our Mondays with the Mayor monthly radio broadcast has proven a huge success as we continue into 2018. In January, Mondays with the Mayor was located at Pike Road Family Eye Care in Pike Road Place, one of the first commercial office complexes in the Town of Pike Road. Pike Road Place is also home to Pike Road Counseling, Thrive Chiropractic, Webb Law, New York Life, and Encore Physical Therapy. If your New Year's Resolution was to increase your physical, mental financial health, these Pike Road businesses are here to help - and if not, it's never too late to get started. Located on Vaughn Road near the intersection of Pike & Vaughn, Pike Road Place was developed by Dr. Nicki Hill, Owner & Optometrist of Pike Road Family Eye Care, and opened its doors in January of 2017. Since then, it has grown into a bustling corner in the Town of Pike Road that is ready to help you and your family grow.



Above: Mayor Stone with Doug and Charlie of WTKX The Ticket at Pike Road Family Eye Care. Below: Dr. Nicki Hill of Pike Road Family Eye Care serves a customer.



### \* February 5: Mondays with the Mayor at Southeast Gas



Doug Amos of WTKX The Ticket, Mayor Stone and Shannon Jackson, Director of Marketing and Communications at Southeast Gas



Shortly after stopping in Pike Road Place, Mondays with the Mayor touched down at Southeast Gas's Pike Road location, along Vaughn Road near the Outer Loop. As a natural gas provider in the Town of Pike Road for nearly twenty years, Southeast Gas has proven to be a true partner. Through programs such as scholarships and the Give Back to Schools initiative, Southeast Gas is powering more than just homes in our community.

### \* February 10: Crossroads Theater Presented "In Her Own Fashion" by Dolores Hydock

Community-favorite Dolores Hydock returned to the Town of Pike Road for the 2018 installment of Crossroads Theater, an annual production of the Pike Road Arts Council. This year, storyteller Dolores Hydock celebrated a special piece of River Region history: Loveman's Department Store! "In Her Own Fashion," an original story play by Hydock, was created through months of interviews with Ninette Griffith, Fashion Coordinator of Loveman's in Birmingham in the 1950's and 60's. Town Hall and the standing-room only audience were transported back in time as Hydock took to the stage and recounted the hilarious, irreverent stories that Ninette lived throughout her career. Her spirit? Brass and iron. Her voice? Silk and Chiffon. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the show, as well as the Pike Road Arts Council whose hard work and dedication brought Dolores Hydock and her artistic flair to our community.



Storyteller Dolores Hydock (Above) performed for a full house at this year's Crossroads Theater (Right).



### \* February 2-12: Valentines for Veterans



Each year, the Town of Pike Road community brings handmade cards and sweet notes to Town Hall to be given to local veterans, and 2018 is no different. In partnership with the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care Systems, the cards are delivered to the men and women who need them the most. Thank you to everyone who joined us in this campaign for companionship and appreciation. Your efforts to support our local heroes are greatly appreciated.

Pictured: Katy Garren presents Valentines to Vanessa Bullock of the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care Systems (Left) Town of Pike Road citizens donate handmade cards (Right).

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### \* February 21 - March 3: Alabama Arbor Week Seedling Giveaway

In partnership with the Alabama Forestry Commission, we were able to give away nearly 1,000 seedlings to the Town of Pike Road community in celebration of Alabama Arbor Week. With 4 varieties including hickory and oak, these trees are a perfect addition to any yard. Thank you to everyone who participated and planted a tree in the Town of Pike Road!



Thank you, Alabama Forestry Commission, for helping our neighbors plant trees in the Town of Pike Road!

### \* February 26: Turkey Hunting Safety Seminar



Dir. Chuck Sykes sat down to get to know attendees before the seminar began.

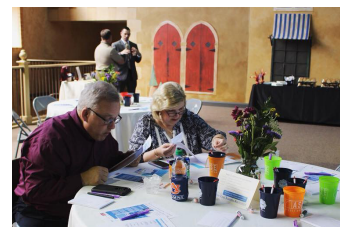
February's Turkey Hunting Safety Seminar kicked off the 2018 Agriculture & Stewardship Club Seminar Series. We were joined at Town Hall by Director Chuck Sykes of the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, who shared tips, tricks and safety information with the group of hunting enthusiasts who joined us. Thank you, Dir. Sykes, for helping make this possible. Be on the look out for the next installation of this series!

### \* March 3: Seventh Annual Pike Road Art Market

The Pike Road Art Market returned to the Town Hall Mezzanine in early March, and a car show by a local British Motoring Club adorned the exterior of Pike Road Station. In addition to the British Motoring Club's display, warm smiles greeted every shopper: The Pike Road Schools cheer squad set up outside to sell freshly-grilled hotdogs and raise money for their team. This year, 600 visitors shopped over 25 artists and artisans - some of them from across the River Region, and others you may have recognized from your Pike Road neighborhoods! The variety of goods ranged from traditional paintings and drawings to woodworking, handcrafted small-batch jams and jellies, jewelry, and more, ensuring there was something for everyone in attendance. Thank you to the Pike Road Arts Council who organizes this event every year.



Above: Views from the 7th Annual Pike Road Art Market.



Small business owners and other community members joined us to learn about the power of digital marketing from Jenny Brown.



### \* March 15: Pike Road Business Association Lunch & Learn

Lunch & Learn returned this March to address a topic on the minds of many small businesses: social media. We were thrilled to be joined by digital media guru Jenny Brown of the Montgomery Advertiser, who shared her expertise with many small business owners and social media beginners from the Town of Pike Road. Through meaningful discussion and tech-savvy tips, guests walked away with a broader understanding of social media and how to use it to take their endeavors to the next level. Thank you to OutReach at Auburn Montgomery and our sponsor, ASE

Credit Union, for partnering with the Pike Road Business Association to make events like this possible. We hope to see you at the next quarterly Lunch & Learn this June.

### \* March 19: Mondays with the Mayor at Cottonwood Golf Club

The Mondays with the Mayor program continued in March at Cottonwood Golf Club, located near the Rolling Hills neighborhood and the future location of the Patriot Park educational and recreational facility. We were excited to receive a great response from our audience, with more audience questions than could be answered in an hour! Topics of discussion during the show included service providers and the future of sanitation in the Town of Pike Road, the continued commitment to quality educational opportunities in our community, and the new businesses that will soon find their homes in the Pike Road Station complex. Did you miss it? Check out these videos and more at youtube.com/townofpikeroad.



Left: Doug and Charlie of WTKX The Ticket with John Garner, General Manager at Cottonwood Golf Club, smile with Mayor Stone. Right: Community members stop by Mondays with the Mayor.

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### \* Mondays with the Mayor Continues

We're hitting the airwaves all spring and summer! In partnership with WTKX, ESPN the Ticket, a Pike Road radio station and local ESPN affiliate, Mayor Stone is on air to discuss the Town of Pike Road and answer YOUR questions one Monday per month. 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 any recent episodes, at Pike Road Family Eye Care, Southeast Gas's Pike Road location, or Cottonwood Golf Club, 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:

April 23 at Pike Road Station  
May 21 at Founders Station and Veterans Park  
June 25 at the Pavilion at The Waters

### A Bright Future for Pike Road Schools

*A Letter from Dr. Ledbetter, Pike Road Schools Superintendent*

As we prepare to welcome a new class of learners to Pike Road Schools, we are excited to announce that we will offer 6 new Advanced Placement (AP) courses to high school learners in 2018-19, with expanded AP offerings in the future. In partnership with A+ College Ready, these courses will provide intensive instruction and result in increased future opportunities for our learners. We are continuing to work to make sure our students understand that high school graduation is one step on the road to success, and not the finish line. As such, we are preparing them for future success in life and to have a foot in the next door.

We are working hand-in-hand with the Town of Pike Road to ensure that our growing student body has the resources and facilities conducive to excellent and innovative education. We look forward to the next stages of development of the Patriot Park educational and recreational complex, which will include learning spaces and athletic facilities to our students.

We are proud of all that our learners and lead learners have accomplished this year. Among other milestones, the Pike Road Patriots basketball teams hosted their first home varsity games this winter, and the Pike Road Robotics Team has qualified to compete with students from all over the world in the VEX Robotics World Championship competition. We look forward to what the future brings for Pike Road Schools.

Go Patriots!

Dr. Chuck Ledbetter  
Pike Road Schools Superintendent

### Get Involved: Check out these upcoming events!

#### \* Apr. 21: Pike Road Community Yard Sale benefiting the Pike Road Lions Club

Booths are available until 5 p.m. April 19 for the Pike Road Community Yard Sale! Booth spaces are \$25 each, and can be reserved by visiting Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd). Cash or check payment must be received in order to reserve a space. Booth spaces are 9'x16' (one standard parking space). Tables, tents or power will not be provided, and if you plan to use a 10x10 tent, you will be required to purchase TWO spaces. Proceeds from space rentals benefit the Pike Road Lions Club.

The Yard Sale will take place from 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 21 at Pike Road Town Hall. Complete with a DJ and concessions offered by the Pike Road Lions Club, you don't want to miss this opportunity to shop, sell and get to know your neighbors.

#### \* Apr. 21-28: Annual Spring Cleanup in partnership with Alabama PALS

The Community Yard Sale will kick off the annual Pike Road Spring Cleanup. Your business or organization can make a difference in just a few hours. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Gather a group of volunteers
2. Pick a roadside to clean
3. Clean your location & bring your trash bags to the dumpster in front of Town Hall by April 28.

We will provide all supplies. Just add volunteers, and help us #pickupPikeRoad! For more information, or to sign up, email Katy Garren at katy@pikeroad.us.

*We hope to see you around town, soon!*

## Administrative Updates

The Town of Pike Road Planning Commission and Town Council, made up of dedicated members of our community, have been hard at work this spring, as always. They maintain a relationship that allows them to work in the interest of the vision of the people of Pike Road. They are committed to *maintaining character while planning for progress*.

\* In February, the Pike Road Town Council amended the Business License Code to better serve our community and encourage special events. One, two and three-day business licenses are now available in the Town of Pike Road.

\* Information regarding fair housing practices and regulations are available on the Town of Pike Road website in recognition of April as Fair Housing Awareness Month. Follow this path to access the documents: [pikeroad.us](http://pikeroad.us) > Planning > Meeting Agendas > Postings.

\* In March, the Pike Road Town Council voted to move forward with a new sanitation service provider as the current contract comes to a close. Thank you to Council lady Betsy Atkins for leading the effort to secure efficient and effective sanitation services for the citizens of the Town of Pike Road. More details will be forthcoming as this process progresses.

\* Although we will miss The Butcher Block and No Way Jose, we are excited about two new partners, and we look forward to them providing lunches, dinners and other services that we traditionally enjoy in the Town of Pike Road. San Marcos Mexican Restaurant and Pye Bar / A Catered Affair will join the Pike Road Station complex this spring.

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/tpr-agendas](http://bit.ly/tpr-agendas).

## Town of Pike Road Service Updates

The Town of Pike Road has maintained a strong relationship with our service providers for the past 21 years. Working with these partners, residents have enjoyed a full complement of amenities.

The Town has tremendous examples of great service provider relationships. Recently, the town congratulated Sheriff Derrick Cunningham for his successful team and their dedication. The volunteer fire departments are also to be congratulated for their contributions. Each of these providers makes Pike Road a safer place to live. The emergency services are efficient and effective because of the support of their great employees and selfless volunteers with extraordinary commitment levels. We also have an efficient road maintenance program because of our engineering department and a dedicated partner.

The Town has also established a process for continuing to evaluate the services. Through a series of committees, Town Council members provide a means for citizen feedback and input.

Recently, the Town determined that it was appropriate for us to revisit our solid waste removal plan. As a result, we are pleased to announce that the Town has secured a new sanitation provider agreement. AmWaste won the bidding process and will be starting on June 1 with garbage pickup services. As a provider, they have agreed to establish an office in the Pike Road area. Citizens will soon receive a detailed description of their plan and the appropriate process for customer service.

The new services will include both garbage and a pickup of yard waste. AmWaste will reach out to Pike Road residents to establish accounts and gather billing information. This communication will include details on routes and other services.

As we move forward, the Town will continue to work with all providers to ensure that citizens receive the best possible services.

## 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](http://www.facebook.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](http://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](mailto: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!

Town of Pike Road

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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.

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APRIL 21-28

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Town of Pike Road  
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creating quality of life

### 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 committee or to get involved, visit [bit.ly/tpr-ENHANCE](http://bit.ly/tpr-ENHANCE) or email [info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us).

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Leroy Tolliver, Council  
Lisa Burke, Clerk



## Calendar

of Confirmed Town Events

- Apr. 19: Deadline to Reserve a Community Yard Sale Booth
- Apr. 21: Community Yard Sale
- Apr. 21-28: Annual Spring Cleanup
- Apr. 23: Mondays with the Mayor at Pike Road Station
- Apr. 25: Town Council Meeting
- Apr. 28: County Cleanup Day
- May 14: Planning Commission Meeting
- May 14: Town Council Meeting
- May 21: Mondays with the Mayor at Founders Station
- May 23: Town Council Meeting
- May 26: County Cleanup Day
- May 28: Town Hall Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
- Jun. 11: Planning Commission Meeting
- Jun. 11: Town Council Meeting
- Jun. 25: Mondays with the Mayor at The Square at The Waters
- Jun. 21: Pike Road Business Assn. Quarterly Lunch & Learn
- Jun. 27: Town Council Meeting
- Jun. 30: County Cleanup Day
- July 4: Summerfest at The Square at The Waters

## Coming in April

Annual Spring Cleanup  
Annual Community Yard Sale  
Monday with the Mayor

More activities may be added! Visit [www.pikeroad.us](http://www.pikeroad.us) and follow us on social media to stay in-the-know.

The Pike

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Town of Pike Road Spring 2018  
A Product of the Community Development Department

To the excitement of many, we received a surprising amount of snowfall early this year. Since then, we have experienced additional odd weather patterns. As we move toward the summer months, we approach severe weather season. It is with that in mind that we are reminded how thankful we are to have the great partners that help us prepare for emergencies and provide assistance to the Town of Pike Road. The Alabama Emergency Management Agency, the Montgomery City/County EMA, the local volunteer fire departments, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and our engineers are great resources during severe weather. We appreciate them working alongside Town of Pike Road staff, Town leadership and the P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team to ensure the safety of citizens when emergencies arise.

In addition to partnering with emergency service providers, we are thankful for the partners who provide everything from electricity to sanitation in our area. As the Town of Pike Road continues to grow, it is important that we consistently evaluate the benefits to our citizens. We look forward to the new sanitation partner who will soon provide additional amenities to Town of Pike Road citizens.

Already in 2018, we have enjoyed a variety of events presented by our ENHANCE committees. The Pike Road Arts Council enjoyed exciting attendance numbers at both the January Crossroads Theater production, "In Her Own Fashion," and the 7th Annual Pike Road Art Market. In partnership with the Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, the Agriculture & Stewardship committee kicked off the 2018 Ag & Stewardship Seminar Series with an entertaining and informative Turkey Hunting Safety Seminar. Together with OutReach at AUM and ASE Credit Union, the Pike Road Business Association hosted the first 2018 quarterly Lunch & Learn. This event was a success not only in informational value, but in connecting our business owners with one another. It is energizing to see the ENHANCE committees develop, and we look forward to more events involving our community in the coming months.

As you know, the Town of Pike Road remains committed to the Four Pillars identified by the citizens of the Town of Pike Road: Services, Planning, Quality of Life and Education. Looking through this newsletter, we hope you find something that interests you. The involvement and energy of citizens like YOU are a huge part of what makes this possible. You may have a unique talent or idea that could benefit others in our community. We are pleased to welcome your thoughts and ideas. For example, our team stands ready to meet with anyone who has ideas concerning opening or expanding business in the Town. We would love to showcase our Comprehensive Plan and to explain how the Town is a great partner.

Thank you for making the Town of Pike Road your hometown, and for your continued support of this special community. God Bless!

Gordon Stone, Mayor



Mayor Stone and WSFA Service Dog Bailey

Mayor Stone meets with PRHS learners.