

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"The Town of Pike Road joins our partners at the federal, state, and local levels to recognize and honor the significance of Juneteenth. We know that June 19 is a day of great importance. The 1863 Emancipation Proclamation and the following actions, leading to the 1865 emancipation of enslaved persons in Texas, forever changed the lives of Americans and reset the course of our country. The Town of Pike Road is pleased to recognize this national holiday.

Thank you, Pike Road, for your ongoing commitment to making smart, responsible decisions. Your diligence has helped keep our community healthy and allowed for more flexibility and fewer restrictions as we progress through the challenges of COVID-19. As you enjoy the opportunities summer has to offer, please recognize the value of continuing to protect yourselves and others, and exercise personal responsibility as it relates to COVID-19. We encourage you to keep a mask handy and honor the requests of individual businesses and organizations who have health precautions in place. The Town of Pike Road's municipal facilities are open to the public, but we ask visitors to remain safety conscious. We also want to remind you that the COVID-19 vaccines are an excellent tool to help protect ourselves, our families, and our community, and we encourage you to explore opportunities to receive a vaccine. In Alabama, individuals ages 12+ are now eligible to receive the vaccine. Click here to learn more about COVID-19 vaccine safety, eligibility, and availability from Alabama Public Health.

The coming weeks are full of activity, and we are excited to invite the community to join us for SummerFest, a family-friendly fireworks show on Thursday, July 1! Parking will begin at 6 p.m. at Rolling Hills Park and Cottonwood Golf Club, and our family-friendly area with kids' activities will be open from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Rolling Hills Park. This includes food available from local food trucks, inflatables, and music. Lawn chairs and picnics are welcome, but no tents or alcoholic beverages are permitted. We'll wrap up the evening of community fellowship and patriotic spirit with a fireworks spectacular at dark!

Before we celebrate Independence Day, give back by giving blood at Town Hall with LifeSouth on June 25. Then, the Pike Road Arts Council's *I've Been Everywhere, Man!* Art Show will open on June 26 – don't miss the opening reception from 2 – 5 p.m. On the following Monday, June 28, the Mondays with the Mayor Radio Show returns, and we hope you will tune in and join the conversation. Stay in touch so you never miss an event or news from Town Hall: www.pikeroad.us to register for our weekly e-newsletter, and find us on social media (just search @townofpikeroad)!

This is a busy season for travel, and as you head to the lake or the beach or to spend time with family and friends, we encourage you to take care and be safe. Throughout the month of June, we are pleased to share a short video series discussing the variety of community safety programs offered by the MCSO, which are designed to help save lives and protect our homes and businesses. Be sure to check out our Summer Safety video series, presented in partnership with Sheriff Cunningham and the MCSO, to learn more – just visit us on Facebook or at www.pikeroad.us!

The Town of Pike Road team continues to be ready and available to serve you, and we encourage you to schedule an appointment via phone or email if you need to meet with one of our team members. You can also find a variety of municipal resources on our website, www.pikeroad.us. We look forward to serving you!

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

Thank you and God Bless."

Community Updates & Reminders from the Town of Pike Road Regarding COVID-19

Pike Road, ALA – On May 3, 2021, Governor Kay Ivey announced the new Safer Apart Order. This order updates the required COVID-19 precautions and encourages each of us to exercise our personal responsibility and make safe choices that help keep our community healthy. The Safer Apart Order continues through July 6, 2021. 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:

Town Hall and all municipal facilities are open to public access. Face coverings are no longer required in municipal buildings, but
we continue to encourage visitors and members of the Town of Pike Road team to practice safety precautions and exercise
personal responsibility. Face masks will continue to be available upon request. This policy includes Founders Station and the Pike



Road Arts Center. Municipal services continue to be accessible via phone and email, and we encourage you to make an appointment if you need to meet with a member of our team. Please contact our team to learn how we can help serve you!

- Call: (334) 272-9883Email: info@pikeroad.us
- O Visit: www.pikeroad.us to access resources regarding municipal services, local updates, and more.
- Events at municipal facilities are being assessed on a case-by-case basis, and events scheduled for the coming months are being
 evaluated. However, we will continue to offer a variety of virtual events through our ENHANCE initiative, and we look forward
 to more traditional events as we move forward. Based on facility availability and guidance from ADPH, municipal facilities will
 soon transition to be available for public use.
- 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.

Any changes or updates to this policy will be based primarily on CDC and ADPH recommendations. Citizens will be notified via our enewsletter 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