

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"We hope you all enjoyed a sunny Memorial Day Weekend with family and friends, honoring the sacrifices of our nation's fallen heroes and celebrating the freedoms our armed forces continue to protect every day. In a region that is touched daily by our military men, women and their families, it is so important for us to remember all they – and those who came before them – do for our community and our nation. Thank you – we appreciate you, and we are humbled by the sacrifices made on our behalf.

Traditionally, Memorial Day Weekend marks the start of summer, and we are excited to enter this active season with growing opportunities to safely enjoy all it has to offer. Thank you, Pike Road, for your continued 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 head into summer fun, please remember that we all have the opportunity and responsibility to help keep our community safe and healthy. Although the current Safer at Home Order no longer includes a mask requirement, please recognize the value of continuing to protect yourselves and others, and exercise personal responsibility. We encourage you to keep a mask handy and honor the requests of individual businesses and organizations throughout Pike Road as it relates to COVID-19 practices and precautions. The Town of Pike Road's municipal facilities are open to the public, but we ask visitors to remain safety-conscious, and face masks will be available upon request. Thank you for your diligence and understanding.

Through the dedicated work of ADPH, the EMA, and all of our healthcare providers, there are an abundance of opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. 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.

We appreciate your engagement in the variety of activities presented by our ENHANCE initiative. As health & safety requirements allow, we are excited to offer more opportunities for in-person activities like the Pike Road Business Association's next quarterly Lunch & Learn. Join the PRBA on June 10 in-person or via webinar for *Leadership: Do You Really Get It?* This free professional development & networking program is presented in partnership with Troy University Continuing Education & Outreach and is designed to help YOU achieve your business goals. The Pike Road Arts Center is buzzing with activity. The Pike Road Quilters have resumed weekly quilting classes, and, later this month, the *I've Been Everywhere, Man!* Art Show will feature places traveled and travel desires from local artists. Also on the horizon is SummerFest, the Town of Pike Road's annual Fourth of July celebration. Save the date, and join us on July 1 for fireworks and family-friendly, patriotic fun, and stay tuned for details! Visit us online at www.pikeroad.us to register for our weekly e-newsletter and learn about all our upcoming events.

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!



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- 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