



Town of Pike Road
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A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

“Fall is a busy season in the Town of Pike Road, and we have many things to look forward to.

First, I would like to remind every citizen that, on Oct. 5, there will be an important vote on a proposal to raise the revenue to build a new high school in the Town of Pike Road. The Pike Road Schools Board of Education has analyzed the needs and projected the costs of construction. As a result, the school board is recommending the proposed property tax referendum. By adopting this proposal, the school will have the resources in place to continue the path forward for public education. The school has engaged professionals and developed this plan focused on meeting student needs. The action used to develop this proposal follows the same strategic thought pattern that has been applied since the initial days of the Town. As mayor, I understand the value of education, and I will be voting for the proposal. Likewise, the Town Council voted unanimously in support of a resolution endorsing the proposal. If you have questions, please contact the Office of the Superintendent of Schools by visiting www.pikeroadschools.org. They will be happy to provide all the details. Education is an important part of Pike Road, and voting for this proposal helps provide critical infrastructure for our schools.

In addition, please recognize that as we enjoy everything from football games to the upcoming Plein Air Paint Out, it is important to remember that COVID-19 is an ongoing challenge in our community and our state. Together, we have a responsibility to make smart decisions that keep both our families and our community safe and healthy. Please continue to recognize the value of the simple things like social distancing, mask-wearing, and hand-washing that help protect you and those around you. One of the most effective tools to combat COVID-19 continues to be vaccination. Vaccines are free and readily available at multiple locations within our community, and individuals ages 12+ are eligible to receive the vaccine. [Click here to learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and where you can receive yours](#). As we continue to work together to combat the spread of this illness, we will continue to enjoy opportunities to gather and safely enjoy the company of family and friends.

Despite the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, there is so much to celebrate in the Town of Pike Road. We have a record number of Pike Road neighborhoods, businesses, and organizations participating in the 2021 Hay, Look at Us! Hay Bale Decorating Contest, and we can't wait to see what you create together. As you bring your hay bale creations to life, we encourage you to share photos and stories of your teamwork with us by emailing info@pikeroad.us or by tagging @townofpikeroad and #mypikeroad on social media. We can't wait to see what you create together! Also on the horizon is the 10th annual Plein Air Paint Out, which will bring dozens of artists from across the country to the Town of Pike Road. We encourage you to get outside during the weekend of Oct. 15 – 16 to meet the artists, and join us on Oct. 16 for an art show, sale & reception featuring scenes from across our community. Then, it's time for the Montgomery County Farm-City Festival on Oct. 18, and we are excited to share that it will be held at the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Park off Trotman Road. We can't wait to see you there!

If you don't already subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter, we encourage you to do so now! Just visit www.pikeroad.us and submit your name and email to receive updates in your inbox each Friday. The weekly e-newsletter is just one of the many ways to stay connected to the Town of Pike Road, but we're also on social media (just search @townofpikeroad), and we have a monthly radio show that visits local businesses and locations across Town. This month, we'll announce the winners of the Hay, Look at Us! Hay Bale Decorating Contest on the Oct. 25 edition of the show – be sure to tune in!

As always, we will continue to pray for you, and we encourage you to pray for each other.

Thank you and God Bless.”

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

Pike Road, ALA – On Tuesday, July 6, 2021, the statewide Safer Apart Order and state of emergency (previously implemented and declared by State Health Officer Scott Harris and Governor Kay Ivey) both ended. However, the need for each of us to take safety precautions and make responsible decisions with regards to COVID-19 continues. This includes wearing a mask around those outside of your household, frequent hand washing, practicing social distancing, and covering coughs and sneezes. One of the most effective tools to combat COVID-19 continues to be vaccination. Vaccines are free and readily available at multiple locations within our community, and individuals ages 12+ are eligible to receive the vaccine. [Click here to learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and where you can receive yours](#).

Town Hall and all municipal facilities are open to public access. Effective August 9, 2021, visitors to all municipal facilities are required to wear masks or face coverings. If you do not have a mask, we will have one available for you. We continue to encourage visitors and



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members of the Town of Pike Road team to practice safety precautions and exercise personal responsibility. This policy includes Town Hall, 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) 272-9883
- Email: info@pikeroad.us
- 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 and blended 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 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>