

## A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"The Town of Pike Road continues to encourage our citizens to be safe, be smart, and be confident in the face of the evolving COVID-19 challenge, and we want to say "thank you" to our citizens for all you are doing to protect and encourage the community. It gives us great joy to continue to see you engaging with each other in meaningful ways while practicing social distancing. Your decisions to pray with your neighbors at the end of your driveways, write kind messages in chalk to thank our service providers, and support our local businesses allow the warm hospitality of our community to shine through in this difficult time.

The COVID-19 situation presents a variety of challenges, and we are thankful for the hard work of our service partners, emergency responders, churches, and Pike Road Schools team, as well as the City of Montgomery, Montgomery County, and the Montgomery County EMA, as they collaborate and innovate to meet the needs of citizens. We encourage you to continue to support our local businesses, who are also facing operational changes due to the current circumstances. Our team is in constant communication with each of these partners, and we have updated our website to connect you with our local dining options, our utility and service partners, P.R.A.Y.E.R. (Pike Road Area Your Emergency Response) Team resources, and more.

We want to remind you that, although Town Hall is closed to public access, our team is just a phone call or email away. Please give us a call to learn how we can help with your municipal service needs. We are dedicated to doing everything we can to make sure the Town of Pike Road continues to be the special hometown we love, even in these difficult times.

Thanks and God Bless."

## Community Update from the Town of Pike Road Regarding COVID-19

Pike Road, ALA – On Friday, March 27, Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Public Health issued a State Health Order with new guidelines and regulations to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, in Alabama. These policies reflect the importance of social distancing and include the closure of non-essential businesses, venues and activities, and prohibit non-work-related gatherings involving 10 or more people through April 17, 2020.

The State Health Order also includes the closure of public playground equipment and athletic activities that require close personal interactions and shared sports equipment. Effective March 28, 2020 at 5 p.m., the Community Ball Field and playground at Veterans Park (4902 Pike Rd), as well as the Rolling Hills playground (off Trotman Rd) will be closed to the public. At this time, Town of Pike Road facilities remain closed to the public, but our team and municipal services are accessible via phone and email. Please contact us to learn how our team can help you electronically: 334.272.9883 or <a href="mailto:info@pikeroad.us">info@pikeroad.us</a>.

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. Visit us at <a href="https://www.pikeroad.us">www.pikeroad.us</a> to register for our weekly e-newsletter to receive updates in your inbox each Friday.

Based on the recommendations and policies set forth by the Alabama State Department of Education and ADPH, Pike Road Schools has advised that they are in communication with parents and students regarding plans for remote instruction and e-learning. The Pike Road Schools Child Nutrition Program is also providing free, curbside meal pick-up for youth 18 years and under on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during the extended school closure. Please click here to learn more about Pike Road Schools' operations.

This is a continuously developing situation, and the Town of Pike Road is in constant communication with county and state partners to ensure we are doing all we can to serve our citizens and slow the spread of COVID-19. We are also working with our emergency and service partners, who are dedicated to providing their vital services, even in this difficult time. We encourage you to be smart, be safe, and be confident in this time of uncertainty, and we want to emphasize that we are here to help. Our team continues to add resources to our website, www.pikeroad.us, as the needs of our community involve. Visit us online to learn how you can:

- Support local businesses finding innovative ways to safely serve our community
- Access updates from our service and utility providers
- Connect with faith-based community resources from the P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team (Pike Road Area Your Emergency Response)
- Safely help fill the need of life-saving blood donations during the COVID-19 challenge

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: <a href="http://alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/2019-coronavirus.html">http://alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/2019-coronavirus.html</a>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html