

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"It is an exciting time in the Town of Pike Road! Today, we celebrate the milestone of our first in-person ENHANCE initiative event in over a year: The Ag & Stewardship Club will create container gardens in Veterans Park this afternoon. Thank you, Pike Road, for your diligence and commitment to making responsible, smart, safe decisions. Your efforts have helped us make so much progress in the fight against COVID-19, and we look forward to the days when this pandemic is behind us and we can enjoy all our special hometown has to offer.

We also want to share our congratulations with the Pike Road Schools Patriots! Our community's youth continue to excel in the classroom and across a variety of extracurricular activities. Spring athletes made history this year as the Patriot baseball team competed in the State Championship, track athletes brought home first place, and so much more. Now, as we wrap up this unique school year, it is time to send another class of Patriots out on their next adventure: Congratulations, Class of 2021! Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the PRS team, the Patriots will receive their diplomas in a traditional graduation ceremony next week. We can't say thank you enough to Pike Road Schools' administrators, lead learners, staff, parents and students for making this possible!

As a reminder, the current Safer Apart Order for Alabama means that masks are no longer mandated, but we all have the opportunity and responsibility to help keep our community healthy. Please recognize the value of continuing to protect yourselves and others, and exercise personal responsibility. 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. In addition, we encourage all of our residents to honor the requests of individual businesses and organizations throughout Pike Road as relates to COVID-19 practices and precautions. Thank you for your diligence and understanding.

Through the dedicated work of ADPH, the EMA, and all of our healthcare providers, we continue to see expanding 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.

This summer, we are excited to present more opportunities to learn and grow together through the ENHANCE initiative! Today, the Ag & Stewardship Club hosts two sold-out programs: Fire Ant Management with experts from the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and Container Gardening with Leatherwood Nursery. This coming Monday, we hope you will join the conversation as the Mondays with the Mayor monthly radio program broadcasts from Cara's Trattoria, a new restaurant in Pike Road Station, on May 24. We'll share updates about everything on the horizon, like the June 10 Business Association Lunch & Learn, I've Been Everywhere, Man! Art Show, and more. Visit us online at www.pikeroad.us to learn about these events and more, and don't forget to register for our weekly e-newsletter!

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