

## A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"Today and tomorrow, Oct. 15 and 16, we are excited to celebrate a special Pike Road tradition that has grown with our community over the past decade. Nearly 50 artists from the River Region and beyond are here in the Town of Pike Road for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Plein Air Paint Out, during which they will paint the beautiful scenes of our hometown. If you see an artist out painting this weekend, we encourage you to say hello and help make them feel welcome, as well as enjoy the opportunity to watch as these artists bring their canvas to life. Tomorrow evening, Oct. 16, join us at the Pike Road Arts Center to browse and shop the original works created this weekend, all of which will feature the local landscapes we love so much.

The fall fun continues following this weekend's Paint Out. On Monday, Oct. 18, stop by the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Center off Trotman Road for the Montgomery County Farm-City Festival. Then, wrap up your hay bale decorations by Oct. 24. We'll announce the 2021 winners on the Mondays with the Mayor radio program on Oct. 25, so be sure to tune in as we broadcast live from the Ag Center. 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. Looking ahead, save the date and join us in recognizing and honoring our nation's military heroes: The annual Veterans Appreciation Ceremony will be held on Nov. 7.

To give quick update from the most recent Town Council meeting, I want to thank the council members for a healthy budget discussion and let the community know how excited we are to be moving forward into 2022 with a commitment to continuing to support our many important programs. We are in a great fiscal position and are excited about what our team will be doing in 2022. Community and economic development, education, infrastructure, planning, quality of life and other key components will be moving ahead with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

As the active autumn season continues, we encourage you 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.

If you don't already subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter, we encourage you to do so now! Just visit <a href="www.pikeroad.us">www.pikeroad.us</a> 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.

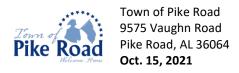
As always, we will continue to pray for you, and we encourage you to pray for each other.

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 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) 272-9883Email: info@pikeroad.us

- Visit: <u>www.pikeroad.us</u> 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 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: <a href="http://bit.ly/TPRenews">http://bit.ly/TPRenews</a>. 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