

## A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"Following a fantastic evening together at SummerFest, we hope you enjoyed a safe, happy Fourth of July holiday weekend. We know patriotic spirit runs deep in the Town of Pike Road, and we are so thankful for all of the freedoms we have the opportunity to experience each day.

As summer winds down and you continue to enjoy all this season has to offer, we encourage you to continue to be safe and make smart decisions. Together, we continue to make encouraging progress toward the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, and that means more opportunities to travel and gather for activities and events. Whether you're staying home or taking a vacation, please continue to be mindful of the risks of COVID-19, recognize the value of continuing to protect yourselves and others, and exercise personal responsibility. Please keep a mask handy and honor the requests of individual businesses and organizations who have health precautions in place. We also want to remind you that 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.

In June, we were pleased to share a short video series in partnership with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office that showcases the community safety programs offered by the MCSO. If you have not already, we encourage you to visit us on Facebook to learn more about the MCSO's community safety programs, which are available for free to Montgomery County residents, help do everything from offering extra security to your home while you are away (think: summer vacation!) to regularly checking in on disabled or home-bound loved ones.

Don't forget that activities from our ENHANCE initiative committees continue all summer long! On weekends through July 31, visit the Pike Road Arts Center for the *I've Been Everywhere, Man!* Art Show. While you're there, don't forget to register for door prizes – including a weekend getaway – while enjoying the travels of our local artists through their original work. We are also excited to see more businesses opening their doors in the Town of Pike Road in the coming weeks, including those near Publix in the Shops at Pike Road. We are so thankful for your ongoing support of our local businesses – new and old – and all these businesses do to make the Town of Pike Road a special place to call home! For more information on everything else happening in our special hometown, visit us online at www.pikeroad.us to register for our weekly e-newsletter, and find us on social media (just search @townofpikeroad)!

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 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!
  - o Call: (334) 272-9883
  - o Email: 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: <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: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</a>