

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"Throughout the month of April, our community has showcased what makes the Town of Pike Road such a special place to call home. Thank you for your energy and participation in the Pike Road Spring Cleanup. This year, families, businesses, and organizations picked up over 100 bags of litter to help beautify our community. Then, you helped meet the need for blood donations in our area during our April 29 Community Blood Drive. Thank you for all you do! We appreciate your continued efforts to support one another and engage in activities from the ENHANCE initiative, all while making smart, safe decisions that help us build confidence as we move forward.

Your dedication to making smart, responsible decisions has helped our community and our state make progress and experience more flexibility with regards to COVID-19. 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. The same simple precautions we have been practicing still make a difference: Please practice 6-foot social distancing from those outside your household, wash your hands frequently and thoroughly, understand and avoid the risks of crowds, and consider wearing a face mask in public spaces and around those outside of your household. The Town, for the immediate future, will continue to require visitors to wear masks when visiting public buildings. Further, 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 your understanding during this challenging time.

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. At this time, individuals ages 16+ are eligible to receive the vaccine. Click here to learn more from ADPH and find a vaccine near you.

Following an active April, our ENHANCE initiative committees have a variety of exciting events still on the horizon! Next Friday, May 7, join the Pike Road Arts Council for their 5x7 Art Show & Sale, an approachable, affordable opportunity to enjoy local art. Artists are invited to submit their work now! The monthly Ag & Stewardship Seminar Series will cover a hot topic this month, tackling Fire Ant Management with experts from the Alabama Cooperative Extension System on May 21. Then, we hope you will join the conversation as we welcome Cara's Café to Pike Road Station with the next edition of Mondays with the Mayor on May 24. 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 April 7, 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 May 5, 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. Safety precautions including social distancing are in place, and we
 ask that you please wear a mask when visiting municipal facilities. 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
 - 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 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