

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"Today, it is our pleasure to share our sincere congratulations with the Class of 2021, who received their diplomas yesterday evening on Patriot Field. The past year has provided a myriad of unforeseen challenges, but our local students and educators worked tirelessly to adapt and overcome them. We look forward to all these young leaders will learn and accomplish as they embark on the next phase of their journey. Thank you, Pike Road Schools administrators, teachers, staff, students and parents, for all you have done to make this milestone possible.

Summertime is here, and we are so grateful to enter this active season with more and more opportunities to safely enjoy all it has to offer. Pike Road, your diligence and commitment to making smart, responsible decisions has helped keep our community safe and healthy and allowed for more flexibility and fewer restrictions as we continue to fight against COVID-19. Thank you for all you do.

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.

Following two successful Ag & Stewardship workshops and a variety of activities from the Pike Road Arts Council, we hope you will continue to engage in the great things coming up through our ENHANCE initiative. We are excited to invite the community to the Pike Road Business Association's next quarterly Lunch & Learn. Join the PRBA on June 10 – either in-person or via webinar – for *Leadership: Do You Really Get It?* This free professional development & networking program is presented in partnership with Troy University Continuing Education & Outreach and is designed to help YOU achieve your business goals. Later this month, travel across the world with a trip to the Pike Road Arts Center: The *I've Been Everywhere, Man!* Art Show will feature places traveled and travel desires from local artists. 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!
 - 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