

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"It is hard to believe that the new school year is just around the corner! Following an active summer season, we look forward to all this fall will bring. We want to say a special "thank you" to the teachers, parents, staff, and leadership of Pike Road Schools for all they have done and continue to do to prepare for a safe, successful start to the academic year. We know there are great things to come as our community's youth continue to learn and grow together at Pike Road Schools!

As we move forward, 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. COVID-19 and, particularly, the Delta variant, are still active across Alabama. It is up to each of us to make smart, responsible decisions that help us maintain our forward progress in the fight to stop it.

At this time, in accordance with the latest guidelines and recommendations from local health care leaders and the CDC, the Town of Pike Road is requiring visitors at all municipal facilities to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. If you do not have a mask, we will have one available for you. This policy includes Town Hall, Founders Station, and the Pike Road Arts Center. Further, we continue to encourage our community to take necessary safety precautions that protect themselves and others. 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.

Our team is excited to continue to provide a variety both in-person and blended fall activities through the ENHANCE initiative. We hope you will show off your Pike Road pride today, Aug. 13, by sharing a selfie in front of Town Hall as we celebrate City Hall Selfie Day. Then, explore over 50 handmade masterpieces by the Pike Road Quilters during their Quilt Show, which begins tomorrow at the Pike Road Arts Center and continues on weekends through Aug. 29. It's also time to register for the Ag & Stewardship Club's Aug. 20 Trail Cameras & Outdoor Photography workshop – both in-person and webinar attendance options are available! Stay tuned for details as these events and more as they approach: visit us online at www.pikeroad.us to register for our weekly e-newsletter, and find us on social media (just search @townofpikeroad)!

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: 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 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: 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