

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"Today, we are humbled and grateful for the opportunity to say thank you: Thank you to all of the men and women who serve and sacrifice on our behalf. This weekend marks the somber milestone of twenty years since the terrible events of September 11, 2011, and we encourage you to take a moment to remember the lives that were lost, the families affected, and all those who responded with courage and selflessness in the wake of these events. We are so fortunate to be able to live our lives knowing there are multitudes of servant-hearted people, from the United States military to our first responders and local law enforcement, who work together to keep our communities and our country safe and to protect our freedoms. While we pray that we never again experience a day like September 11, 2011, we also commit to never forget the lessons learned and the importance of expressing appreciation for our many blessings.

It is an exciting time in the Town of Pike Road, and lots of great things are on the horizon! Next Thursday, we hope you will join us for the Pike Road Business Association's quarterly Lunch & Learn program, presented in partnership with Troy University Continuing Education & Outreach. With health and safety in mind, virtual and in-person options are available for this event, which will focus on helping you discover your personal strengths and how they can be used to build leadership skills, face challenging situations, and, ultimately, grow your business. Then, don't forget all that's happening on Friday the 17th: Both Veterans Brick orders and Hay, Look at Us! applications are due by 5 p.m.! Visit www.pikeroad.us or stop by Town Hall to find the forms and information you need to participate in these special Pike Road programs. Also on Friday, the community is invited to celebrate Homecoming for Pike Road Schools with a parade in the afternoon and a football game in the evening. Find Pike Road Schools on Facebook to learn more and join the celebration. Following this active week, join us on Sept. 20 as the Mondays with the Mayor radio show returns. Stop by and see us at Hole in the Wall Coffee Shop, or tune in to the live broadcast on your radio, smartphone, or computer.

With all the activity this season offers, we must 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.

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 Town Hall and other 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, as well as to follow the precautions and policies that may be in place at our local businesses.

In closing, we are so appreciative of your engagement and the ways you care for one another. Thank you for helping make the Town of Pike Road a special place to call home. 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



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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!

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- 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: 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