

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"Fall is a busy time in the Town of Pike Road, and we appreciate all you continue to do to be involved and join us in activities like Hay, Look at Us! and the annual Veterans Appreciation Ceremony. This week, we announced the judging winners of this friendly competition, and now it's time for you to enjoy the record number of decorated hay bales created by our neighbors across town. Everyone is invited take a tour of the hay bales – just visit us <u>online</u> to access a driving map. We also encourage you to show your favorite Hay, Look at Us! entry a little love by voting for it to win the People's Choice Award on our <u>Facebook</u> page. The enthusiastic engagement and the dedication of time, talent and teamwork that you have shown during this year's Hay, Look at Us! program says great things about our community, and we want to say thank you to everyone who has taken part in this special Pike Road event.

As we head into the Halloween weekend, please remember that the Town of Pike Road respects the choices of our neighborhoods and individual residents as it relates to the appropriate day to Trick or Treat. We are not designating a particular night as a preferred option. Please be safe and enjoy the opportunity to participate in local festivals and other fun activities.

It's also almost time for our annual Veterans Appreciation Ceremony. We hope you will join us at the Pike Road Veterans Memorial on November 7th as we recognize and honor our nation's military heroes during this meaningful annual event. We are pleased to share that the Capitol Sounds will provide patriotic music beginning at 1:30 p.m., and the Ceremony, which begins at 2 p.m., will feature distinguished guest speaker Lieutenant General James B. Hecker, Commander and President of Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base. We look forward to recognizing the veterans honored with new bricks in the Walk of Honor, as well as showing our appreciation for all of our nation's heroes.

As we approach the busy holiday season, please 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.

If you don't already subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter, we encourage you to do so now! Just visit www.pikeroad.us and submit your name and email to receive updates in your inbox each Friday. The weekly e-newsletter is just one of the many ways to stay connected to the Town of Pike Road, but we're also on social media (just search @townofpikeroad), and we have a monthly radio show that visits local businesses and locations across Town.

As always, we will continue to pray for you, and we encourage you to pray for each other.

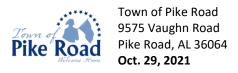
Thank you and God Bless."

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!

o Call: (334) 272-9883



- 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 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