



Town of Pike Road
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A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

“This week, we were reminded of the citizen engagement and community spirit that has always made the Town of Pike Road such a special place to call home when student leaders from Pike Road Intermediate School made a special presentation to the Town Council. Among a variety of efforts to work with teachers, administrators, and their fellow students, the PRIS Student Government Association identified a need in both their school and our community and brought it to the Council. We are so proud to see all of the recent accomplishments of students from across the Town of Pike Road and how well they represent our community. The achievements of our baseball and track athletes are just two more of the many examples – congratulations, students, on your statewide recognition! We are thankful for the opportunities available to our community’s youth through Pike Road Schools, and we can’t wait to congratulate the Class of 2021 as they receive their diplomas in just a few weeks. As summertime quickly approaches, graduation isn’t the only thing to celebrate in the Town of Pike Road. We appreciate each of our citizens’ continued efforts to safely engage and support one another, all while making smart, safe decisions that help us build confidence and experience more flexibility with regards to COVID-19 as we move forward. We look forward to all this season will offer as we continue to make progress in the fight against COVID-19!

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. There may still be times when it is appropriate to practice 6-foot social distancing, avoid the risks of crowds, and wear a face mask, especially in public spaces or around those outside of your household. Washing your hands thoroughly and frequently is always a good idea! The Town no longer requires face masks in municipal buildings, 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. Based on guidance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the CDC, Governor Ivey announced yesterday, May 13, that individuals ages 12+ are now eligible to receive the vaccine. [Click here to learn more from ADPH and find a vaccine near you.](#)

No matter what your interests are, we hope you will find opportunities to explore them through the upcoming variety of ENHANCE initiative activities. Last week, the Pike Road Arts Council hosted a successful 5x7 Art Show & Sale, engaging dozens of artists and numerous community visitors. The P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team collaborated to connect with the community on the National Day of Prayer, visiting all three Pike Road Schools campuses. The Ag & Stewardship Club has two opportunities on the horizon: On May 21, tackle Fire Ant Management with experts from the Alabama Cooperative Extension System in the morning, and in the afternoon, create and take home a masterpiece with the Container Gardening Workshop. To wrap up the month, we invite you to join the conversation as the Mondays with the Mayor monthly radio program broadcasts from Cara’s Trattoria, a new restaurant in Pike Road Station, 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 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



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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!

- 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 e-newsletter 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>