

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"Pike Road, we are so appreciative of the way you engage in our community, from ENHANCE initiative activities to supporting local businesses and helping out neighbors in need. The 2021 Spring Cleanup is just one illustration of this: We had 18 groups participate, 14 miles of roadways covered, and 114 bags of litter picked up from our community. Thank you for showing your Pike Road pride and community spirit through this beautification initiative! This week, we were also pleased to join members of the P.R.A.Y.E.R. (Pike Road Area Your Emergency Response) Team in recognition of the National Day of Prayer. Faith leaders representing eight of our local churches visited each Pike Road Schools campus to offer a moment of prayer for our community, our nation, and our schools. What a special way to give thanks for our many blessings! In addition, we want to thank our partners and neighbors for working together and helping one another following this week's strong storms. This collaborative effort was a true show of community spirit. We appreciate your 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.

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. As you are out and about, please recognize the value of continuing to protect yourselves and others. 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! Beginning this week, the Town will no longer require face masks in municipal buildings, but we continue to encourage visitors to practice personal responsibility, and face masks will be available upon request. Further, 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 during this challenging time.

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. At this time, individuals ages 16+ are eligible to receive the vaccine. Click here to learn more from ADPH and find a vaccine near you.

We are excited to invite you to participate in a variety of ENHANCE initiative activities this month, beginning tonight! This evening, May 7, join the Pike Road Arts Council for their 5x7 Art Show & Sale, an approachable, affordable opportunity to enjoy local art. The show will be held from 5-7 p.m. at the Pike Road Arts Center on Wallahatchie Road. We also look forward to welcoming Roses + Woods Boutique to the Shops at Pike Road! They will open their doors at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 8. Then, the Ag & Stewardship Club will present a double-header! 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 hope you will join the conversation as we welcome Cara's Trattoria to Pike Road Station as Mondays with the Mayor broadcasts from this new business 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 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) 272-9883Email: 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 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