

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"Thank you, Pike Road, for your energy and engagement in our community. So far this month, we have seen a fantastic response to our Spring Cleanup, with community volunteers of all ages getting outside and helping pick up litter. Your efforts make a difference, and they help prepare our beautiful hometown for this active season of outdoor recreation. As we move forward, we encourage you to stay up-to-date on community events and continue to safely engage in the Pike Road community! Tune in to the Mondays with the Mayor show this Monday, Apr. 19, to hear about everything that's happening. We also want to say a special "thank you" to our military families, who make up an important part of the Pike Road and River Region communities. April is the Month of the Military Child, an annual opportunity for us all to recognize and honor the sacrifices and bravery shown every day by the families of our nation's military men and women. We appreciate you.

The current Safer Apart Order means that masks are no longer mandated, but we encourage you to remember Governor Ivey's request that people practice personal responsibility. We all have the opportunity and responsibility to make smart, responsible decisions that help keep our community healthy. The same simple, healthy precautions we have been practicing can help: Practice 6-foot social distancing, frequent and thorough handwashing, understand the risks of crowds, and consider wearing a face mask in public spaces and around those outside of your household. The Town, for the immediate future, will continue to require visitors to wear masks when visiting public buildings. 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 for the ways you have helped each other during this challenging time.

However, we have great optimism concerning the progress that we have achieved together. By continuing to keep the health and safety of our community in mind, it is great to be able to enjoy the progress we have made! 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. On Monday, Apr. 5, eligibility for the vaccine expanded to include individuals 16+. Click here to learn more from ADPH and find a vaccine near you.

As we enjoy all springtime has to offer, we want to invite you to give back through the annual Spring Cleanup, which continues throughout the month of April. We'll provide all the supplies – just add volunteers, and help us pick up litter around Pike Road! Two cleanup groups will even receive a spring planting prize from Home Depot. This weekend is also the last chance to visit the Pike Road Arts Center to enjoy their spring show, It Isn't Easy Being Green, which ends on April 18, but stay tuned: The 5x7 Art Show & Sale will be here before you know it. We hope you will consider donating blood at Town Hall on Apr. 29. LifeSouth Community Blood Centers will be onsite from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visit us online at www.pikeroad.us to learn about these events, and register for our weekly e-newsletter so you always know what's coming up.

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 April 7, 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 May 5, 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. Safety precautions including social distancing are in place, and we
 ask that you please wear a mask when visiting municipal facilities. 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!
 - o Call: (334) 272-9883
 - Email: info@pikeroad.us



- 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 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
 again be available for public use beginning April 12, 2021. Visit us online to learn more.
- 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