

Town of Pike Road 9575 Vaughn Road Pike Road, AL 36064 July 2, 2021

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"There is so much to celebrate in the Town of Pike Road and across our great nation this weekend. Thank you, friends and neighbors, for joining us in celebration yesterday evening for SummerFest. Seeing our community gather together again for this traditional time of food, family-friendly fun, and fireworks is something to celebrate in itself, and we are so appreciative of your engagement and your enthusiasm. We also want to share our gratitude with everyone who helped make SummerFest possible, from our friends at Cottonwood Golf Club and our partners at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and both the Rolling Hills Lakes & Pike Road Volunteer Fire Departments, to our volunteers from the Pike Road Kiwanis Club, Saint James Church, and First Baptist Church, as well as the NYC Gyro, Kona Ice, and Potz & Panz food trucks, The Music Guys, LAF Game Co., Inflatables of Montgomery, and, of course, the Town of Pike Road team and our Town Council for their support. It was spectacular to be able to gather and enjoy time together in our special hometown, and we would be wrong not to thank each of you, the over 2,000 citizens and River Region neighbors who joined us for SummerFest, too. Whether you joined us for SummerFest or have other plans this Independence Day, we encourage you to share your photos with us by tagging @townofpikeroad on social media and using our hashtag, #PikeRoad4thofJuly.

With the Fourth of July holiday weekend ahead of us, we want to share a few health and safety reminders. This month, we have been pleased to share a short video series in partnership with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office that showcases the community safety programs offered by the MCSO. These programs, which are available for free to Montgomery County residents, help do everything from offering extra security to your home while you are away (think: summer vacation!) to regularly checking in on disabled or home-bound loved ones. If you have not already, we encourage you to visit us on Facebook to learn more about the MCSO's community safety programs, and enroll in those that fit your needs. Please also use extra caution on the roadways, which are particularly busy on summer weekends.

As we all know, last year, the COVID-19 pandemic changed the way we celebrated traditional holidays and special occasions, including the Fourth of July. Now, due to the ongoing commitment our community has shown to making smart, responsible decisions, and the diligent work of our healthcare heroes, we can safely gather together again. However, as you enjoy the opportunities summer has to offer, please recognize the value of continuing to protect yourselves and others, and exercise personal responsibility as it relates to COVID-19. Please keep a mask handy and honor the requests of individual businesses and organizations who have health precautions in place. We also want to remind you that the COVID-19 vaccines are an excellent tool to help protect ourselves, our families, and our community, and we encourage you to explore opportunities to receive a vaccine. In Alabama, individuals ages 12+ are now eligible to receive the vaccine. <u>Click here to learn more about COVID-19 vaccine safety</u>, eligibility, and availability from Alabama Public Health.

Summer fun continues in the Town of Pike Road, and we hope you explore the variety of activities from our ENHANCE initiative committees. Tomorrow, July 3, visit the Pike Road Arts Center for freshly-grilled hotdogs and the *I've Been Everywhere, Man!* Art Show. While you're there, don't forget to register for door prizes – including a weekend getaway – while enjoying the travels of our local artists through their original work. The PRAC will be closed on Sunday, July 4, but the art show will continue on weekends through the month of July. For more information on these events and everything else happening in our special hometown, visit us online at www.pikeroad.us to register for our weekly e-newsletter, and find us on social media (just search @townofpikeroad)!

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, <u>www.pikeroad.us</u>. 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, and have a safe, happy Fourth of July!

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. <u>To learn more about this order, please click here.</u> 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:



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- 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!
 - 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 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: <u>http://bit.ly/TPRenews</u>. 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: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</u>