

## A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"The Town of Pike Road is pleased to invite all veterans and the community to join us this Sunday, Nov. 7, for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Appreciation Ceremony. We are humbled by the opportunity to gather at the Pike Road Veterans Memorial (4902 Pike Rd) to honor and recognize the service and sacrifice of our nation's military men and women. We will enjoy music by the Capitol Sounds, participation from our local schools and churches, and remarks by a very special guest speaker: Lt. General James B. Hecker, Commander and President of Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base. Music will begin at 1:30 p.m., and the program will begin at 2. We hope you will join us for this meaningful fall event.

In addition, this weekend is the last chance to enjoy the decorated hay bales created by our neighbors across town through the Hay, Look at Us! contest. Everyone is invited take a tour of the hay bales – just visit us online to access a driving map. You can also view photos of all the 2021 entries on our <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a> page, including the 2021 People's Choice Award Winner, Boykin Lakes neighborhood. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote in this contest! 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 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 our families and our community safe and healthy. Please continue to recognize the value of social distancing, mask-wearing, and hand-washing, which help protect you and those around you. One of the most effective tools to combat COVID-19 is vaccination. Vaccines are free and readily available at multiple locations within our community, and individuals ages 5+ are eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine. Click here to learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and where you can receive yours.

The holiday season is a joyful time, but it is a time of need for many of our neighbors. The Pike Road Arts Council has partnered with the Food Pantry at Woodland UMC to host a Christmas Tree Silent Auction benefiting the food pantry. Handmade decorations and ornaments adorn wreaths and miniature trees that are available for bidding and purchase through Nov. 21 at the Pike Road Arts Center, and all proceeds go directly to the food pantry. Stop by the PRAC on weekends to check it out, and learn more about other upcoming events like the Nov. 14 Art Talk & Afternoon Tea.

If you don't already subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter, we encourage you to do so now! Just visit <a href="www.pikeroad.us">www.pikeroad.us</a> 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!



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- 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: <a href="http://bit.ly/TPRenews">http://bit.ly/TPRenews</a>. 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: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nco">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nco</a>v/index.html