

Town of Pike Road 9575 Vaughn Road Pike Road, AL 36064 July 16, 2021

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"Thank you, Pike Road, for all you do to make our hometown an energetic, exciting community that embodies the "Welcome Home" spirit. Thank you to everyone who came out to join us for SummerFest, a celebration of our community, our nation, and our many blessings. We are so appreciative of your engagement, as well as the dedication of our local volunteers and safety partners, who helped make this traditional Pike Road event one to remember.

Although we continue to experience more opportunities to gather and connect, we encourage you to continue to be safe and make smart decisions. Together, we continue to make progress toward the time when COVID-19 is no longer part of the conversation. This summer, whether you're staying home or taking a vacation, please continue to be mindful of the risks of COVID-19, recognize the value of continuing to protect yourselves and others, and exercise personal responsibility. 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. We are pleased to share that Murdock Chapel AME Church, located on Antioch Road, has partnered with Baptist Health to host a free community vaccine clinic. Individuals can receive their first dose from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. on July 31, and second doses will be available on August 21. <u>Click here to learn more about this clinic from Baptist Health</u>.

There is so much happening in the Town of Pike Road, from ENHANCE initiative activities to a growing local business community. This weekend, July 16 – 18, take advantage of the Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday to save on items like clothing, school supplies, and more. <u>Click here to learn more</u>, and don't forget to shop local! We are excited to see more businesses opening their doors in the Town of Pike Road in the coming weeks, including those near Publix in the Shops at Pike Road. We are so thankful for your ongoing support of our local businesses – new and old – and all these businesses do to make the Town of Pike Road a special place to call home!

The *I've Been Everywhere, Man!* Art Show continues at the Pike Road Arts Center on weekends through July 31, and when you visit the show you can register for the opportunity to receive door prizes including a weekend getaway! Then, on Sunday, July 18, join the Pike Road Arts Council for a free Art Talk & Tea with local artist and underwater photographer LaDonna Idell. For more information on everything else happening in our special hometown, visit us online at <u>www.pikeroad.us</u> to <u>register for our weekly e-newsletter</u>, and find us on social media (just search @townofpikeroad)!

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 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:

- 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.



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• 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: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html