

Town of Pike Road 9575 Vaughn Road Pike Road, AL 36064 **August 27, 2021**

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"As we enter the active autumn season, we are pleased to invite you to engage in upcoming opportunities that celebrate the things that make our community such a special place. It's time once again for the fall-favorite Hay, Look at Us! Hay Bale Decorating Contest, and we encourage you to register your Pike Road neighborhoods, businesses, and organizations by the Sept. 17 deadline. This community-driven initiative showcases the unique character of our community, connects us with our agricultural roots, and brings us together across the geographical span of the Town of Pike Road. In addition, now is the time to order veterans bricks in honor and recognition of the servicemen and women who we hold dear. These personalized, commemorative bricks will be installed in the Town of Pike Road Veterans Memorial Walk of Honor and dedicated during the November Veterans Appreciation Ceremony. We are grateful to be able to provide this opportunity to honor our nation's military heroes, and we encourage you to explore this opportunity prior to the Sept. 17 deadline. With health and safety in mind, we are excited to offer both virtual and in-person attendance options for the upcoming September 16 Lunch & Learn professional development and networking event, "Strength Takes Courage." Find details & registration for these events and more as they approach: 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 we look forward to all the fall has to offer, we must remember that COVID-19, and particularly the Delta variant, are active in our community and our state. Together, we have a responsibility to make smart decisions that keep both our families and our community safe and healthy. Please continue to recognize the value of the simple things like social distancing, mask-wearing, and hand-washing that help protect you and those around you. 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. <u>Click here to learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and where you can receive yours</u>. As we continue to work together to combat the spread of this illness, we will continue to enjoy opportunities to gather and safely enjoy the company of family and friends.

In accordance with the latest guidelines and recommendations from local health care leaders and the CDC, the Town of Pike Road is requiring visitors at Town Hall and other municipal facilities to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. If you do not have a mask, we will have one available for you. This policy includes Town Hall, Founders Station, and the Pike Road Arts Center. Further, we continue to encourage our community to take necessary safety precautions that protect themselves and others, as well as to follow the precautions and policies that may be in place at our local businesses.

We are so thankful for the unfailing engagement and participation of our community, and we want to say thank you for all you do to make the Town of Pike Road a special place to call home. Because YOU have chosen to call the Town of Pike Road home, because you have shared the stories of our community, and because you continue to care for one another, the 2020 Census shows that our hometown has been the fastest-growing town in Alabama for two decades. Thank you for this vote of confidence, and thank you for all you do.

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. <u>Click here to learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and where you can receive yours</u>.

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 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 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: <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