

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"As we wrap up the month of January, we are excited and grateful to see many of our healthcare workers, first responders, and older adults have the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. We appreciate your patience as local health providers work alongside Alabama Public Health to ensure all available vaccines are delivered and administered safely and efficiently. As springtime approaches, we look forward to the continuance of this process and the opportunities it provides to enjoy the activities and company we love.

Thank you, Pike Road, for the way you have approached the COVID-19 challenge for the past year. We encourage you to please continue to prioritize health and safety as we move forward. The simple precautions that we know make a difference remain the same: social distance, practice good hygiene, avoid crowds, and wear a mask in public! Social distancing means maintaining a 6-foot distance from those outside of your household. Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly, and don't forget to sanitize high-traffic surfaces like countertops, steering wheels, and doorknobs. Please avoid crowds and large gatherings, which pose a particular risk of the spread of COVID-19. Finally, the current Safer at Home order and statewide mask requirement continue through March 5. It is important to have a face mask available to wear in public spaces and around those outside of your household. Wearing a face covering or mask is an easy way to help protect both yourself and others you encounter throughout your day!

We also want to remind you about exciting programs available through our ENHANCE initiative. This morning, we had over 50 people involved in a virtual Happy Hostas Ag & Stewardship workshop, and we're already looking forward to next month's Native Trees seminar. It's also time for our annual Valentines for Veterans Card Drive. We encourage you to participate and show your appreciation for our local veterans by dropping off a handmade or store-bought card with a kind note at Town Hall or Founders Station next week. We will also have cards available outside of these locations if you would like to stop by, write a note, and drop it in the box! Last but not least, the Pike Road Arts Council's Cloudscapes Art Show continues to be available on our website, as well as by appointment at the Pike Road Arts Center. Visit us online at www.pikeroad.us to learn about all the ways you can safely engage with our special hometown.

As a reminder, due to the ongoing COVID-19 challenge, Town facilities remain closed to public visitors. We want to emphasize that we continue to be ready and available to serve you, and our team is accessible via phone and email. 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 – Jan. 21, 2021, Governor Kay Ivey announced updates to the Safer At Home order. These updates extend the mask requirement and other measures through March 5, 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 through March 5, 2021:

- Town Hall and all municipal facilities will continue to be closed to public access. This policy includes Founders Station, and the Pike Road Arts Center is open only by appointment and on a very limited basis. Municipal services continue to be accessible via phone and email, and appointments and meetings at Town Hall will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. 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.
- The Town of Pike Road has extended the suspension of most events at municipal facilities, 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. 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.



The Safer At Home order allows for the use of athletic facilities. If you would like to utilize the Community Ball Field at Veterans
Park, please note that the regular reservation requirements are in place. You must also follow the guidelines and
recommendations for safe athletic activities available from ADPH. Call Town Hall at 334.272.9883 to make a reservation, and click
here to access the ADPH guidelines.

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