



News from Town Hall



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September 4, 2020



Have fun, and be safe!

Labor Day Weekend Holiday Hours

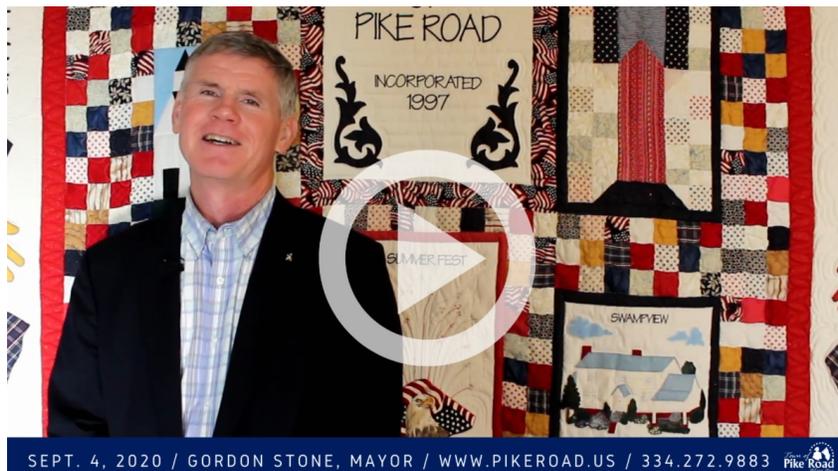
Town Hall will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of Labor Day.



Labor Day Weekend Holiday Reminders:

- Town Hall will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of Labor Day. Enjoy your weekend, and stay safe!
- **AmWaste**, our sanitation service partner, has advised that trash pickup will run on a holiday schedule next week. No routes will be serviced on Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of Labor Day. Instead, each service route will be pushed back one day: If your route is usually serviced on Mondays, it will be serviced on Tuesday, Sept. 8. If your route is usually serviced on Tuesdays, it will be serviced on Wednesday, Sept. 9, and so on through Saturday, Sept. 12.

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone:



SEPT. 4, 2020 / GORDON STONE, MAYOR / WWW.PIKEROAD.US / 334.272.9883 

[Click the image above or click here to view a video update from Mayor Stone.](#)

"Although we may still be waiting for fall weather, the school season and autumn events are here! We thank you, Pike Road, for your continued engagement in all the opportunities our hometown has to offer, and we appreciate your continued commitment to being safe and making smart decisions. Your actions help build confidence and move our community forward, and your engagement makes the Town of Pike Road a special place to call home.

Please continue to be smart by following the safety recommendations from the CDC and Alabama Public Health. Simple actions like keeping a six-foot social distance, washing your hands frequently and thoroughly, and avoiding the risks of large crowds help reduce the risk of catching or spreading the coronavirus. Please continue to wear face coverings or masks that cover your mouth and nose in public spaces to help protect both yourself and others. As a reminder, the current Safer at Home Order and statewide mask mandate continue through Oct. 2.

Fall is a special season in the Town of Pike Road, and school-related activities and athletic events, holidays and local traditions are already getting started. There are so many opportunities to participate and engage, and we encourage you to recognize that participation in these programs requires that we follow health and safety guidelines as provided by event organizers and public health providers. Please be mindful of these guidelines, which help us continue to safely enjoy all this season has to offer.

In light of the current safety recommendations, the Town of Pike Road will offer a variety of virtual ENHANCE initiative activities this fall. On Sept. 24, the Pike Road Business Association will tackle generational differences in the workplace with humor and helpful tips during a virtual Lunch & Learn. On Sept. 25, the Ag & Stewardship Club will present a virtual Home Fermentation Workshop! Participants will have the opportunity to pick up the necessary materials from our Community Development team to follow along and can vegetables from home. The Pike Road Arts Council will present a virtual quilt show featuring the handmade works of the Pike Road Quilters, and the annual Hay, Look at Us! Hay Bale Decorating Competition will be here before we know it.

We are pleased to invite you to join us as we honor our nation's veterans. Through September 25, you can honor a veteran you know and love by ordering a commemorative brick paver to be dedicated and installed in the Pike Road Veterans Memorial Walk of Honor. We also invite veterans, friends and families to share photos, videos, stories and related memories with us through Oct. 30 as part of a new virtual library that will be shared with the community in honor and remembrance. Visit www.pikeroad.us to learn how you can participate in all of these opportunities and more.

Based on the Governor's updated Safer At Home order, the Town of Pike Road will continue to operate with limited access to our municipal facilities through October 2. We are committed to continue safely serving our community, so please know that our team is always available to help you via phone and email, and you can find a variety of municipal resources on our website, www.pikeroad.us. We will continue to monitor recommendations from the Alabama Department of Public Health and Governor Ivey as it relates to COVID-19. We will share any updates on our website.

As always, we will continue to pray for you, and we encourage you to pray for each other. Together, we will come through this.

Thank you, and God Bless."

Community Updates & Reminders from the Town of Pike Road

Pike Road, ALA – On August 27, Governor Kay Ivey announced updates to the Safer At Home order. These updates extend the mask requirement and other measures through October 2, 2020. [To learn more about this order, please click here.](#) 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 October 2, 2020:

- 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. 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!

- Call: (334) 272-9883
- Email: info@pikeroad.us
- Visit: www.pikeroad.us 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 later in the year 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 e-newsletter 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/TPRnews>. 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>

Deadline to Order Veterans Bricks: Sept. 25



Veterans Bricks Available Now!

Veterans paved the path to freedom. Now, you can honor a veteran you know and love with a commemorative brick paver in the Pike Road Veterans Memorial Walk of Honor. Bricks can be personalized with veterans' name, rank, and date of service, and will be dedicated in the Walk of Honor as part of our Veterans Appreciation celebrations this November.

This year, the deadline to order a brick is 5 p.m. on September 25. [Click here to learn more and access the order form!](#)

Pictured, Col. Walter E. Hines shared a special moment with his grandson, Matty, when they visited the Pike Road Veterans Memorial on Monday morning to see Col.

Hines' commemorative brick paver.

Share a Story, Honor a Veteran: Send Photos, Videos, Memories through Oct. 30!

Share a Story in Honor & Remembrance

In addition to our traditional Veterans Appreciation



programs, the Town of Pike Road is creating a virtual library of memories and stories from and about our nation's veterans. We look forward to sharing these with the community in honor and remembrance of those who have served our country. We would love to hear from local veterans and about the veterans our citizens and neighbors know and love. Every American service member – past and present – is someone's friend, sister, father, and so much more.

From service-related memories to special times shared at home, please feel encouraged to share photos, videos, or a few sentences with us by emailing info@pikeroad.us. To learn more, please

visit www.pikeroad.us. Stories submitted by Oct. 30 will be part of our 2020 Veterans Appreciation celebrations, but this digital library will continue to be open for community contributions and reflection throughout the year.

Tonight: Pike Road Patriots Play Carroll in Home Opener



PATRIOTS

Today, Sept. 4, the Pike Road High School Football team will play Carroll at 7 p.m. at Patriot Field. In keeping with health guidelines and recommendations, stadium capacity and available tickets have been reduced. [Click here to purchase tickets prior to the game!](#)

Football isn't the only athletic opportunity at Pike Road Schools! The Lady Patriots Volleyball team beat Tallassee earlier this week, and other fall sports are ongoing. [Click here to view the athletics calendar!](#)

"Big" Movie, Bigger Lessons - Don't Miss Lunch & Learn on Sept. 24!

**BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
LUNCH & LEARN:
SEPTEMBER 24 • 12 - 1 PM**

**"BIG" MOVIE,
BIGGER LESSONS:
Generations in
the Workplace**

With Joel Hughes, Professional Trainer
& Business Development Consultant,
Troy Univ. Continuing Education & Outreach



Join us via LIVE webinar as the 2020 Lunch & Learn series, Lessons from the Big Screen, continues on Sept. 24! Professional Trainer Joel Hughes will present: ["Big" Movie, Bigger Lessons - Generations in the Workplace](#). This series is presented in partnership with [Troy University Continuing Education & Outreach](#). We look forward to seeing you around Town soon!

"Big" is a 1988 American film featuring the story of a young boy who gets more than he bargained for when a youthful wish comes true. There are many lessons to be learned as this hilarious, heartwarming tale examines the responsibilities, challenges, and frustrations of adulthood. Join us as we learn and laugh

together with a fresh take on maximizing collaboration and creativity by managing generational differences in the workplace.

This is a free event, but registration is required. [Please click here to register no later than 5 p.m. on Sept. 22.](#)

Lunch & Learn is a quarterly presentation of the Town of Pike Road's Business Association, an ENHANCE initiative committee. The 2020 Lunch & Learn series, Lessons Learned from the Big Screen, is presented in partnership with Troy University Continuing Education & Outreach.

Register Now: Ag & Stewardship Seminar Series Continues Sept. 25 with Home

Produce Fermentation



Sept. 25: Home Produce Fermentation

Remember the crocks of sauerkraut and fermented pickles your grandmother and great grandmother always had around? It sounds stinky – and maybe a little scary – but the tangy cabbage and crunchy pickles of your childhood are fermented.

Join us via LIVE webinar from 4 – 6 p.m. for a [Home Produce Fermentation Workshop](#), and prepare to ferment your way through the produce aisle. [Food Safety & Quality Extension](#) Agents Janice Hall and Angela Treadaway will lead the virtual workshop and discuss proper preservation procedures for preparing fermented foods and Kombucha, a fermented tea. Participants will have the opportunity to follow along

with the webinar by creating and canning from home.

[This is a free workshop, but registration is required. Please click here to register by Sept 18.](#) A limited number of supply kits are available for \$10 per person, which covers the cost of supplies. However, all participants will receive a supply list and can opt to provide their own supplies. For more information, please [contact Community Involvement Coordinator Katy Garren at katy@pikeroad.us.](mailto:katy@pikeroad.us)

Home Fermentation is the September installation of the 2020 Agriculture & Stewardship Seminar Series. We are excited to present this event, which was originally scheduled for March 2020 and postponed due to COVID-19-related health and safety concerns. This event is presented in partnership by the [Alabama Cooperative Extension System](#) and the Town of Pike Road's Ag & Stewardship Club, an ENHANCE initiative committee.

Sept. 19 - Oct. 4: Virtual Quilt Show Featuring the Pike Road Quilters



The works of the Pike Road Quilters, a local group of artisans who met regularly at the Pike Road Arts Center to share their skills, will be on display through a virtual show of their one-of-a-kind pieces in September!

Stay tuned to our website and social media for details as we introduce the artists, their inspiration, their creative process, and their handmade masterpieces! This event is presented by the Pike Road Arts Council, an ENHANCE initiative committee. [Click here to visit the Pike Road Arts Council on Facebook, and be sure to "Like" their page for updates.](#)

Share Your Fall-Favorite Recipes and Family Traditions for the Memories & Meals Community Cookbook!

MEMORIES & MEALS COMMUNITY COOK BOOK

We can't wait to hear about your family's fall-favorite foods and tailgate traditions! Share your recipes, photos & special memories with us by emailing info@pikeroad.us.

COMMUNITY COOKBOOK NOW ACCEPTING FALL RECIPES!



We had so much fun celebrating summertime and the Fourth of July with you through the [Memories & Meals Community Cookbook \(click here to savor the flavors of summer!\)](#). Now, as we head into the season of pumpkin spice, tailgate treats, and traditional holiday meals, we want to hear from you again!

Share your fall-favorite recipes, photos, and family traditions with us by emailing them to info@pikeroad.us by Oct. 16 to be included in the Fall 2020 section of the Community Cookbook. We can't wait to see how your family celebrates the flavors and fun that fall has to offer. [Click here to access the flyer and submission guidelines!](#)

Thanks for Tuning In to Mondays with the Mayor!



Thank you to everyone who tuned in to Mondays with the Mayor on the [MAX RoundTable](#) and joined the conversation this week! We had a great show and discussed all the upcoming fall ENHANCE initiative events, from our ongoing [Veterans Appreciation activities](#) to the upcoming Hay, Look at Us! hay bale decorating contest.

We also received several great questions, which Mayor Stone had the opportunity to address. We look forward to roadway improvements on the northern end of Marler Road, and other developments continue in our area. [Click here to listen to the Aug. 31 Mondays with the Mayor hour on the MAX Round Table podcast!](#)

[Next up, tune in on Sept. 21 as we broadcast live from the Pike Road Arts Center!](#) The Mondays with the Mayor show is all about giving YOU the opportunity to connect with Mayor Stone, share your thoughts, and learn more about what's happening in our community, and we hope to hear from you.

Alabama is Counting on YOU! Take the 2020 Census by Sept. 30.

In Mid-August, part-time census workers began going door-to-door to households who have not yet responded. This work will continue through the end of the census on Sept. 30, 2020.

If Alabamians wish to avoid a knock at the door from a Census Bureau employee in the coming weeks, they may still self-respond to

DROP EVERYTHING. GET COUNTED.

the census online at www.my2020census.gov, toll-free by phone at (844) 330-2020 or by returning the paper form they received in the spring.

What to Expect

Census workers have been trained to follow proper health and safety guidelines. Including:

- Wearing of face masks.
- Maintaining social distance of 6 ft. or more.
- Conducting interviews outside of the home as much as possible or practical.

More information about health and safety guidelines:

<https://2020census.gov/en/news-events/press-releases/conducting-non-response-follow-up.html>

According to the Census Bureau, workers will carry have a valid ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. Census workers may also carry Census Bureau bags and other equipment with the Census Bureau logo.

More information about census takers: <https://2020census.gov/en/census-takers.html>

If You Suspect Fraud

Census workers should never ask you about social security number or bank or other financial information. If you suspect fraud, call 844-330-2020 to speak with a Census Bureau representative. If it is determined that the visitor who came to your door does not work for the Census Bureau, contact your local police department.

More information: <https://2020census.gov/en/avoiding-fraud.html>

Email Communications

The Census Bureau updated its communications strategy to include email outreach in areas where many homes have not yet responded. Official Census Bureau emails will be sent from the address 2020census@subscriptions.census.gov. If you have already responded to the 2020 Census, you may ignore this reminder.

[Click here to learn more from Alabama Counts!](#)

ALDOT Offers Online Public Input Opportunity through Oct. 2

From the Alabama Department of Transportation:

"The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), in collaboration with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Town of Pike Road, is proposing the installation of roundabouts along Alabama Highway 126 and U.S. Highway 80 from Interstate 85 to Marler Road and some related roadway changes to how vehicles access those highways...

Public meetings are typically held at a location near a proposed project with informational materials displayed and ALDOT staff available to answer questions regarding the project. Due to COVID-19, ALDOT is adapting its public involvement approach for the health and safety of the public and ALDOT employees. The same materials will be made available online as would be available in person."

To learn more about this project and participate in the public input session, [please visit \[www.aldotinvolved.com\]\(http://www.aldotinvolved.com\)](#) to view a pre-recorded presentation, view information about the project, and submit comments through Oct. 2. Special assistance is available if needed.

ADECA Broadband Survey: Share Your Experience to Help Improve Access to Internet Across Alabama

ADECA, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, is seeking information about internet access and speed from Alabama's citizens and businesses. We encourage you to participate in this brief survey, which will help identify gaps in access to internet service in order to work toward serving these areas. [Click here to learn more and take the survey!](#)

"The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many to work and complete school from home and further highlighted the importance of having access to high-speed internet across the state," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said. "Taking this speed survey will help us get the data we need to plan our efforts to help close those service gaps."

Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road!



Recent summer showers have brought beautiful sights to the Town of Pike Road! We have received several photos of rainbows - and even double rainbows - from our community this week! Thank you, Hagens, for sharing this view from the Lochshire neighborhood with us using #mypikeroad!

We continue to encourage you to share your Pike Road pictures using #mypikeroad and tagging [@townofpikeroad](#) on social media. Who knows - you may see them somewhere soon!

Save the Date!

Take advantage of digital activities during the ongoing season of social distancing! [Click here to view several upcoming activities on our website.](#)

Sept. 7: Town Hall Closed in Observance of Labor Day

Sept. 11: Applications Available for Hay, Look at Us! Hay Bale Decorating Contest

Sept. 14: Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Sept. 14: Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

Sept. 19: [Virtual Quilt Show Featuring the Pike Road Quilters Begins](#) - Stay tuned for more information!

Sept. 21: [Mondays with the Mayor](#), 12 - 1 p.m., Live from the Pike Road Arts Center on WTXK, 107.5 FM / 1210 AM

Sept. 24: Pike Road Business Association Lunch & Learn, 12 - 1 p.m. via Zoom - [Click here to register today!](#)

Sept. 25: [Deadline to Order Veterans Bricks - Click here to learn more today!](#)

Sept. 25: [Home Fermentation Ag & Stewardship Workshop](#), 4 - 6 p.m.

Sept. 25: Deadline to Submit Hay, Look at Us! Applications, 5 p.m.

Sept. 26: [County Cleanup Day](#), 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pike Road Schools Georgia Washington Campus or County Lot Office (across from The Feed Lot on Meriwether Rd)*

Sept. 30: Deadline to complete the 2020 Census - [Click here to complete the Census and help ensure Alabama counts!](#)

Oct. 2: ALDOT Public Input Opportunity Ends - [Click here to learn more.](#)

Please note: All items provided above are submitted to the town and approved for inclusion according to the Town of Pike Road's Communications Policy.

For more events and details, please call 334-272-9883 or email info@pikeroad.us. You can also access our online calendar at www.pikeroad.us. Please [click here for the Pike Road Schools calendar.](#)

Show Us YOUR Pike Road

We love to see what is happening in your Pike Road. Use hashtag [#mypikeroad](#) and be sure to tag us in your posts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Your posts could be featured in our newsletter, or even on our digital billboard!

