



News from Town Hall



Hi, just a reminder that you're receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in the Town of Pike Road. Don't forget to add our email address to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox! You may [unsubscribe](#) if you no longer wish to receive our emails.

August 7, 2020

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone:



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"COVID-19 continues to challenge our community and our state, and we appreciate all you have done and are doing to help us make progress throughout this situation. Traditional fall activities and the start of school are quickly approaching, and it is important for us to remain dedicated to making smart choices and keeping our community safe as we move into this season. Following safety guidelines and recommendations from the CDC and ADPH help protect both our families and our neighbors, as well as the front-line workers. Thank you for continuing to serve our community. We appreciate your efforts.

These health and safety recommendations consistently include keeping a 6-foot social distance from others, avoiding group gatherings, washing your hands thoroughly and often, and sanitizing high-traffic surfaces like doorknobs, steering wheels, counter tops, and phones. The current Safer At Home order requires Alabamians to wear face coverings or masks in public places through August 31. Face masks and cloth face coverings, which should cover your mouth and nose, protect both you and others with whom you come in contact. It is important to remember that our actions can affect everyone we meet. Please continue to be thoughtful, cautious, and compassionate in your actions.

The Town of Pike Road will continue to operate with limited access to our municipal facilities through August 31. Please know that our team is always available to help you via phone and email, and you can also find a variety of municipal resources on our website, www.pikeroad.us. These resources include voter registration and absentee voter information for the upcoming municipal election, which will be held at Town Hall on August 25. We appreciate your understanding and utilization of digital methods as we continue to prioritize safety and access to municipal services.

As summer comes to a close, so does the 2020 Census. The deadline to participate in the Census is quickly approaching, so if you have not already filled out your census, please visit my2020census.gov and do so today! Pike Road has done a great job so far, but it is so important that every household be counted. Every ten years, the census is used to determine congressional representation and set standards of federal funding for schools. The Census assists with healthcare, access to grants for community programming, and infrastructure projects across the nation. The 2020 Census has 10 questions, and it takes about 6 minutes to complete. Remember, it can affect \$13 billion in funding for Alabama.

We remain involved in all EMA, state and federal discussions to stay aware of recommendations, needs and opportunities as this situation continues. Further, we are engaged with community leaders, schools, churches, and service organizations to ensure we continue to meet the needs of our Town. 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 www.pikeroad.us.

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 – Please see a few updates from the Town of Pike Road regarding community activities and municipal facilities. These policies reflect the importance of social distancing and the updated statewide Safer At Home order, issued on July 29. The Town of Pike Road’s top priority continues to be safely serving the people of Pike Road, and we want to emphasize that we are in this together: Each of us has a personal responsibility to be smart and keep our community safe!

- On July 29, Governor Kay Ivey announced updates to the Safer At Home order. These updates extend the mask requirement and other measures through August 31, as well as adding mask requirements for schools and colleges. [To learn more about this Safer At Home order, please click here.](#)
- Based on the Safer At Home order and recommendations of social distancing, Town Hall and all municipal facilities will continue to be closed to public access through August 31, 2020. This policy also applies to Founders Station and the Pike Road Arts Center.
 - The updated Safer At Home order, issued on July 29, 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.](#)
 - At this time, 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.
 - As a reminder, the Recycling Depot currently accepts the following items: Plastics #1 & #2, Paper, Cardboard, and Aluminum. All of these items can be placed in any of the receptacles at the Recycling Depot. It is NOT necessary to separate recyclables, but PLEASE break down cardboard boxes.
 - In the event that the recycling receptacles are full, please return at another time or utilize another recycling resource. We are excited to share about another local recycling option, RePower South. RePower South provides drop-off recycling receptacles, located at 1551 Louisville Street, Montgomery 36104. RePower has advised that individuals may utilize the Louisville Street receptacles when the Town of Pike Road’s Recycling Depot is closed or full. For more information,

please call: (334) 356-5820.

- The Town of Pike Road has extended the suspension of most events at municipal facilities through August 31. Events following August 31 are being evaluated, and any changes or updates to this policy will be based primarily on CDC and ADPH recommendations.
- The Town of Pike Road's facilities are closed to public access, but our team has returned to their offices. 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.
- Pike Road Schools has announced their plans for the 2020-2021 school year, which begins on August 20. Families are encouraged to visit www.pikeroadschools.org to access the reopening plan and choose their preferred method of instruction: Traditional, Remote, and Blended.

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>

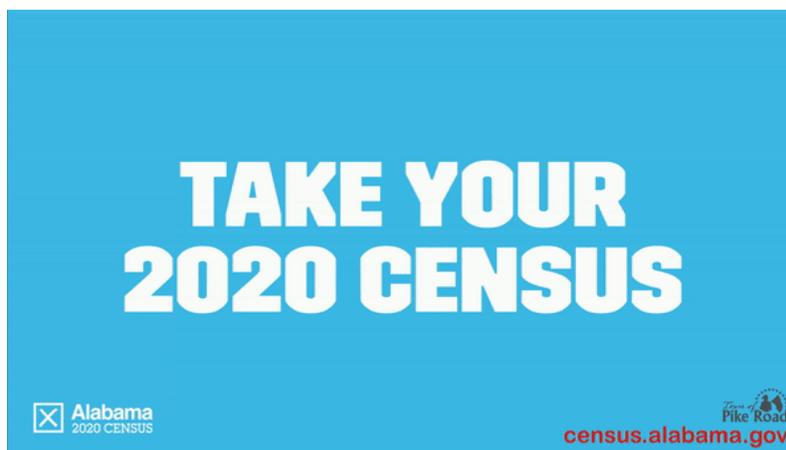
We want to reiterate that we are here to help. Our team continues to add resources to our website, www.pikeroad.us, as the needs of our community evolve. Visit us online to learn how you can:

- Learn about virtual events and webinars from our ENHANCE initiative
- Access guidance and Frequently Asked Questions regarding the current Safer at Home Order
- Support local businesses finding innovative ways to safely serve our community
- Access updates from our service and utility providers
- Connect with faith-based community resources from the P.R.A.Y.E.R. (Pike Road Area Your Emergency Response) Team

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>

Alabama is Counting on YOU! 2020 Census Updates from Alabama Counts:



The U.S. Census Bureau announced on Monday, August 3 that the deadline for households to respond to the U.S. 2020 Census has been moved up one month. All census responses are now due by September 30. With this new date comes a renewed sense of urgency and a commitment to counting all Alabamians so that our federal representation, Census-derived funding and ongoing economic development opportunities

stand for current and future generations.

The easiest way to fill out your Census is self-response online at www.My2020Census.gov, by phone at 844-330-2020 or by mail. To capture those who have not self responded, Census Bureau workers are now scheduled to begin field work on the week of Monday, August 11. This door-to-door initiative will be safe and secure, with federal Census Bureau workers adhering to all rules of social distancing and face coverings.

On Wednesday, August 12, Alabama Counts! 'Drop Everything, Get Counted' Day will take place statewide, with all Alabama businesses business owners challenged to set aside time for their employees to participate in the Census during work hours. For free digital items to help promote this event, go to www.Alabama2020Census.com.

We will also begin a unique activation on September 2 with the launch of the Alabama Census Bowl. This March Madness-style competition among 32 counties throughout Alabama with low self-response rates will last for four weeks, ending September 30. Winners ultimately receiving up to \$65,000 in funding for K-12 public school systems. More information about the Census Bowl is coming soon.

We encourage everyone to motivate others to participate and carry us over the finish line.

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

Honor A Veteran: Order a Personalized Brick Today!



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.

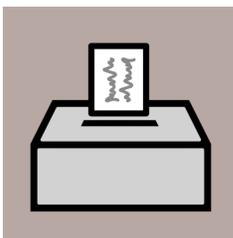
This year, the deadline to order a brick is 5 p.m. on September 25. [Click here to learn more and access the order form!](#)



Pike Road Schools Roadmap for Reopening

The Pike Road Schools team has been hard at work preparing for another great year of learning. At this time, PRS has announced several options to provide safe learning opportunities to all students. To learn more about these options and prepare your family for the

school year, [click here to visit Pike Road Schools online](#).



Municipal Election Information

2020 Municipal Elections will be held on August 25. Voter Registration & Absentee Voter information can be found on our Municipal Election Info webpage, which also includes a list of qualified candidates. Voter Registration & Absentee Voter information is also posted at Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd).

[Click here to access the webpage](#), and contact Election Manager Lisa Burke by emailing lisa@pikeroad.us or calling 334.272.9883 to learn more.

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!



Flash back to the fun we had celebrating a very special Pike Road 4th of July with you! Pictured, the Davis family participated in our Star-Spangled Scavenger Hunt, where they discovered clues across Veterans Park. Stop by and check out the Mural Wall or stroll down the Natural Trail this weekend! Veterans Park is located in the Historic Town Center near the intersection of Pike & Meriwether Roads.

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.](#)

- Aug. 8: [To-Go Chicken Dinner Fundraiser](#), 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church*
- Aug. 10: [Last Day to Register to Vote](#)
- Aug. 10: Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall
- Aug. 10: Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall
- Aug. 20: [Last Day to Apply for Absentee Ballot](#)
- Aug. 24: [Last Day to Hand Deliver Absentee Ballot](#), 5 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall
- Aug. 24: [Last Day to Postmark an Absentee Ballot Being Returned by Mail](#)
- Aug. 25: [Town of Pike Road 2020 Municipal Elections](#) 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Aug. 26: Town Council Meeting, 7 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall
- Aug. 28: Fall Gardening Ag & Stewardship Seminar, 9 a.m. - Stay tuned for details!
- Aug. 29: [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)*
- Aug. 31: Mondays with the Mayor, 12 - 1 p.m., Live on WTXK, 107.5 FM / 1210 AM
- Sept. 7: *Town Hall Closed in Observance of Labor Day*

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!

