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 <u>unsubscribe</u> if you no longer wish to receive our emails.

May 29, 2020

# A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone:



#### Please click here - or click the image - to view a video message from Mayor Stone.

"Days are getting warmer, and the summer season often brings activity and travel in and around our community. As we move forward in the reopening process, let's continue to be smart, safe, and confident. Stay in touch with the CDC and the Alabama Department of Public Health guidelines and continue to follow those wherever you can. Particularly, please consider the benefit of wearing masks in public places, so that you protect others that are around you. Please continue to recognize the risks of crowds and be cautious as you take advantage of increased opportunities to be out and about.

Today, we are excited to remind you about our ENHANCE initiative. ENHANCE is our community involvement program in Pike Road. During the ongoing COVID-19 challenge, we have had to reconsider opportunities for our ENHANCE programs, but innovation, strong partnerships, and progress in this ongoing situation have allowed us to continue to provide a variety of activities.

We encourage you to consider enjoying and exploring the beautiful landscapes of our hometown. Go for a walk or a jog on our 10 miles of trails, located in three segments across Pike Road. Utilize digital resources from the Alabama Cooperative Extension System to spruce up your yard, tend to or plant a garden, and learn about our natural surroundings with your family. Join us — virtually — for a special presentation of Lunch & Learn on June 11, offered as a live webinar in partnership with Troy University Continuing Education & Outreach. Give back by participating in volunteer activities presented by the P.R.A.Y.E.R. Team and other local organizations. Visit us online at pikeroad.us to learn how!

At this time, the Town of Pike Road will continue to operate with limited access to our municipal facilities through June 13. We encourage you to connect with our team via phone and email, and you can also find a variety of municipal resources on our website, pikeroad.us. If you have pressing business that requires an appointment, please do not hesitate to contact our team. We appreciate your understanding and utilization of digital methods as we continue to prioritize safety and access to municipal services.

The COVID-19 challenge continues to evolve, 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 pikeroad.us.

Thank you, Pike Road, for all you are doing to continue to allow our community to grow through this difficult COVID-19 situation. 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 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 May 21. 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!

- 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 June 13, 2020. This policy applies to locations such as Founders Station, the Pike Road Arts Center, and the Recycling Depot.
  - The updated Safer At Home Order, issued on May 21, 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.
- The Town of Pike Road has extended the suspension of events at municipal facilities through June 13. Events following June 13 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: <a href="www.pikeroad.us">www.pikeroad.us</a> to access resources regarding municipal services, local updates, and more.
- Through June 30, 2020: Pike Road Schools Curbside Meals Program
  - The Pike Road Schools' curbside meal pickup program has changed to a weekly pickup event. Each Wednesday from 10 11 a.m., seven (7) days' worth of meals are available to local youth 18 years and under at Pike Road Middle School (4710 Pike Rd). For more information, visit <a href="https://www.pikeroadschools.org">www.pikeroadschools.org</a>.

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: <a href="http://bit.ly/TPRenews">http://bit.ly/TPRenews</a>

We want to reiterate that we are here to help. Our team continues to add resources to our website, <a href="www.pikeroad.us">www.pikeroad.us</a>, 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 partners
- 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: <a href="http://alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/2019-coronavirus.html">http://alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/2019-coronavirus.html</a>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

# Coming Soon to a Computer Near You: Lunch & Learn Webinar



The Social Network is a 2010 American film that portrays the founding of social networking website Facebook and the resulting lawsuits. There are several key lessons we can take away from this film and apply in our organizations. Make plans to join us as we discuss a virtual world where people can connect or disconnect, at the click of a mouse.

We look forward to "seeing" you for the first digital presentation of Lunch & Learn! The LIVE webinar will be hosted online. Registrants will receive login information to join the online meeting via email. Click here to view the flyer, and contact Community Involvement Coordinator Katy Garren at katy@pikeroad.us to learn more.

# Looking Ahead to Safe, Summer Fun: Celebrate the 4th of July with a Week of Patriotism

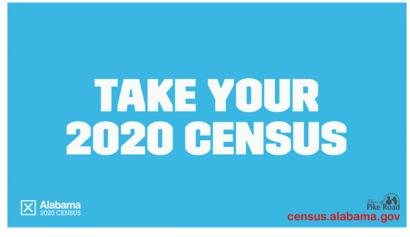


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The Town of Pike Road is excited to announce a new way to celebrate America's freedom. The Fourth of July and related activities have always been so important to Pike Road, and we look forward to hosting a Week of Patriotism from June 29 — July 4. This week is designed to engage citizens of all ages in a fun and commemorative series of activities that will allow us to enjoy this uniquely American event in a smart, safe, confident, and celebratory fashion.

Due to social distancing recommendations and COVID-19 precautions, the traditional SummerFest evening of music and fireworks will not be part of these events. The Week of Patriotism will enable each citizen of the community to express their love for our country and patriotic spirit! Please stay tuned for announcements about this upcoming initiative.

# Alabama is Counting on YOU!



The 2020 Census is HERE! Six minutes of your time is all it takes to say "I Count" by filling out your Census form. There are 10 questions, and the *only wrong answer is no answer at all.* 

You may have received a traditional census mailer over the past few weeks, but you can also click here to fill out the census online. The 2020 Census is a vital way that Alabamians say "I Count" and affect the future of our state.

Did you know?

- The 2020 Census will take less than ten minutes to complete, and can be submitted online for the first time in 2020.
- Census results affect funding for a variety of important programs, including highway planning and construction, Pell Grants and student loans, and healthcare.
- The population count derived from the Census determines the allocation of the 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

<u>Click here to learn more about the 2020 Census and how your participation makes Alabama count.</u>





Longer days and sunny skies can mean only one thing: Summer is on its way! As the weather - and opportunities to be out and about - heat up, we encourage you to explore and enjoy the natural beauty of our great outdoors. Please continue to be smart, safe, and confident as you take on these and more summer activities!

Thank you, Lauren, for sharing your sunset view and furry friend with #mypikeroad.

We continue to encourage you to share your Pike Road pictures using #mypikeroad and tagging <a href="mailto:@townofpikeroad">@townofpikeroad</a> 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.

May 30: 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)\*

June 8: Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

June 8: Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

June 11: Virtual Lunch & Learn with Troy University Continuing Education & Outreach 12

p.m.

June 29 - July 4: Week of Patriotism to Celebrate the Fourth of July - Stay tuned for details!

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 <a href="mailto:info@pikeroad.us">info@pikeroad.us</a>. You can also access our online calendar at <a href="https://www.pikeroad.us">www.pikeroad.us</a>. Please <a href="mailto:click here for the Pike Road">click here for the Pike Road</a> <a href="mailto:Schools calendar">Schools calendar</a>.

### Show Us YOUR Pike Road

We love to see what is happening in your Pike Road. Use hashtag <u>#mypikeroad</u> 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!



