



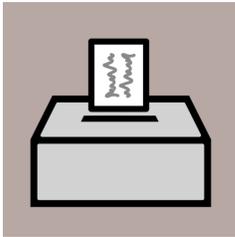
# News from Town Hall



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!  
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August 21, 2020

## Tuesday, Aug. 25: Municipal Elections



2020 Municipal Elections will be held next Tuesday, August 25, at Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd). Polls will be open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Voter information can be found on our Municipal Election Info webpage, which also includes a list of qualified candidates. [Click here to access the webpage](#), and contact Election Manager Lisa Burke by emailing [lisa@pikeroad.us](mailto:lisa@pikeroad.us) or calling

334.272.9883 to learn more.

### A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone:



AUG. 21, 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.](#)

"The school year has officially begun, and fall activities are soon to follow! The energetic, enthusiastic spirit of our community is one of the things that makes the Town of Pike Road such a special place to call home. We appreciate all you have done to support one another and the ways you continue to responsibly engage in local activities. In order to confidently enjoy all this season has to offer, we ask and encourage you to continue to be smart and be safe.

The CDC and ADPH continue to recommend keeping a six-foot social distance whenever possible, washing your hands frequently and thoroughly, and understanding and avoiding the risks of large crowds. Sanitizing high-traffic surfaces like doorknobs, steering wheels, counter tops, and phones also help reduce the risk of catching or spreading the coronavirus. In addition, 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, either building confidence or increasing risks. Please continue to be thoughtful, cautious, and compassionate in your actions.

Our team remains committed to safely serving and connecting our community, and this includes both municipal services and Quality of Life programming. The Town of Pike Road will continue to operate with limited access to our municipal facilities through August 31. However, 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](http://www.pikeroad.us). These resources include 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.

This fall, we are excited to present several traditional events and activities for our community. Next week, on August 28, our Ag & Stewardship Club will present a virtual Fall Gardening Workshop in partnership with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. Don't miss this free event, which will help you transition from summer fruits and veggies to a full fall harvest! Then, stay tuned to learn how you can participate in the Pike Road Business Association's next Lunch & Learn event on Sept. 24. Our Hay, Look at Us! Hay Bale Decorating Competition is just around the corner, too.

In the meantime, we are also pleased to continue to provide opportunities to honor and show appreciation for our nation's military 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 stories and memories with us as part of a new virtual library that will be shared with the community in honor and remembrance. These are just a few of the great things happening in our hometown, and we encourage you to visit [www.pikeroad.us](http://www.pikeroad.us) for more information about all of these activities and to get involved!

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](http://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](mailto:info@pikeroad.us)
  - Visit: [www.pikeroad.us](http://www.pikeroad.us) to access resources regarding municipal services, local updates, and more.

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](http://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>

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**One Week Away: Fall Gardening Ag & Stewardship Workshop, August 28 via Zoom**



Register now to join us on August 28, and learn everything you'll need to know to transition your summer garden for fall harvest! Mallory Kelley, Horticulture Specialist with the [Alabama Cooperative Extension System](#), will lead the [Fall Gardening Workshop](#) via Zoom Meeting on August 28th from 9 AM – 11 AM.

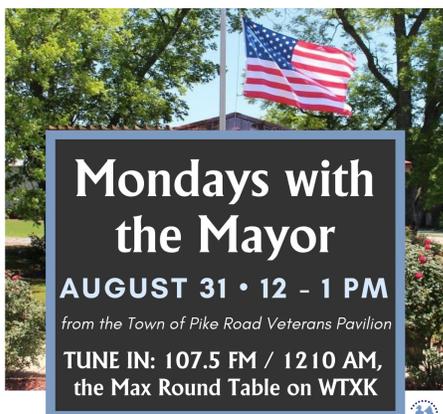
Mallory will share tips and techniques such as fall plant selection and best placement in your garden, combating common fall pests, and harvesting techniques that will help you convert that summer garden for a fall harvest. [Click here to view the flyer.](#)

This is a FREE event, but registration is required. [Please click here to register by August 26!](#) Registrants will receive the applicable Zoom meeting information by email prior to the event.

Fall Gardening is the August installation of the 2020 Ag & Stewardship Seminar Series, presented in partnership by the Pike Road Ag & Stewardship Club and the Montgomery County branch of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

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### August 31: Tune in to Mondays with the Mayor!



Mark your calendars, and don't miss the next edition of Mondays with the Mayor, which will broadcast live from the Pike Road Veterans Pavilion on Aug. 31! Listen on your radio, smartphone, or web browser from 12 - 1 p.m. on the [MAX RoundTable, WTXK](#) 107.5 FM/1210 AM.

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.

MAYOR STONE IS LIVE ONCE PER MONTH TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS!  
Town of Pike Road / 334.272.9883 / 9575 Vaughn Rd / [www.pikeroad.us](#)

Questions or comments for the Mayor? Send them to [info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us) any time, or, during the show:

Text: 334.313.1170 / Call: 334.517.1210

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### Honoring Our Veterans: One Brick and One Story at a Time



#### 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!](#)

#### 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](mailto:info@pikeroad.us). To learn more, please visit [www.pikeroad.us](http://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.

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## Pike Road Schools Kicks Off Another Year of Learning



Yesterday, Aug. 20, Pike Road Schools students began another exciting year of learning and growing together. Some students returned to classes, while others are participating in a blended or virtual school experience from home. We are so thankful for the dedicated team of Pike Road Schools' administrators, teachers and staff, who have been hard at work preparing for a responsible start of school that meets the needs

of students and families in our area.

We loved seeing your back-to-school photos, and we are excited to see all the 2020-2021 school year holds for our students! [Click here to visit us on Facebook and see a few fun photos of our local students on their first day of school.](#) Pictured, Mayor Stone was excited to join PRS Superintendent, Dr. Chuck Ledbetter, as they welcomed students to the Elementary school.

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



The U.S. Census Bureau has informed Alabama Counts! that part-time census workers began going door-to-door to households who have not yet responded on Aug. 14. 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 the census online at [www.my2020census.gov](http://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](mailto: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!](#)

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## 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."

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## Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road!

This week, we celebrated the return to school in our community! We had so much fun seeing all of your back-to-school photos, and we're wishing everyone a safe, successful year. Thank you, Melissa, for sharing your family's back-to-school photo 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.](#)

- Aug. 22: Pike Road Project Day with Century Church - [Click here to learn more and participate.](#)\*
- 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. 27: Town Council Meeting, 7 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall - *This meeting has been rescheduled from its original date, Aug. 26.*
- Aug. 28: [Fall Gardening Ag & Stewardship Seminar](#), 9 - 11 a.m. via Zoom video
- 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 from the Pike Road Veterans Pavilion on WTXK, 107.5 FM / 1210 AM
- Sept. 7: Town Hall Closed in Observance of Labor Day*
- 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. 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 - Stay tuned for details!
- Sept. 25: [Deadline to Order Veterans Bricks](#)

*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](mailto:info@pikeroad.us). You can also access our online calendar at [www.pikeroad.us](http://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!

