



News from Town Hall



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July 3, 2020

Thanks for Celebrating a #PikeRoad4thofJuly
Tomorrow, July 4: Week of Patriotism Virtual Concert

LET'S CELEBRATE!

TOWN OF PIKE ROAD

Week of Patriotism

JUNE 28 - JULY 4, 2020

Share your photos, videos and family fun with #PikeRoad4thofJuly all week long.
TOWN OF PIKE ROAD // WWW.PIKEROAD.US // 334.272.9883 // INFO@PIKEROAD.US

We have had so much fun celebrating the Fourth of July, and there are still a few Week of Patriotism activities left! Take a look below.



Today, Friday, July 3

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Community Handprint Flag! We are excited to share that it is completed and on display at Founders Station, 4902 Pike Rd, all weekend. Pictured, patriotic characters posed with the handprint flag following their July 2 activities.

Paint Pike Road Patriotic: Participate in creating a red, white & blue masterpiece via video demonstrations from the Pike Road Arts Council! Video will be available on our website and social media throughout the day. [Click here for a list of needed supplies](#) for each of the activities. *For all skill levels.*

- 11 AM - Patriotic Poured Paint with artist Kelly Moore
- 1 PM - Fourth of July Fireworks Painting with Pike Road Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne
- 3 PM - Family Flag Project with Pike Road Arts Council Coordinator Patty Payne

Independence Day: Saturday, July 4

Songs of Celebration: Virtual Concert
We are excited to celebrate our country all day

Town of Pike Road
WEEK OF PATRIOTISM
Saturday, July 4
Happy Fourth of July!

**SONGS OF CELEBRATION
VIRTUAL CONCERT:
MUSIC FROM OUR
COMMUNITY TO BE SHARED
ALL DAY ONLINE.**

Details at www.pikeroad.us // #PikeRoad4thofJuly

with a virtual concert featuring the people of Pike Road. Patriotic music will be shared throughout the day on our social media and website, pikeroad.us. We will also share photos collected throughout the week. We encourage you to explore and enjoy these virtual celebrations with your family!



**Taste of Summer Community
Cookbook Available Now!**

Thank you to everyone who shared memories and meals for our Taste of Summer Community Cookbook, which was released on June 28! [Click here, or click the image, to view a printable PDF of the cookbook.](#) Whether you're craving salty or sweet, these recipes are sure to hit the spot.



**Monday, June 29: Mondays with
the Mayor**

We had a very special Mondays with the Mayor Show on June 29! While staying six feet apart, we connected over Fourth of July memories and stories from the first days of our Town. Special guests included former Town Clerk Charlene Rabren

(pictured), State Representative Reed Ingram, State Senator Will Barfoot, and County Commissioner Doug Singleton. Each of these people has made an impact on our community!

- Did You Know: The first SummerFest Fourth of July celebration was held in a local pasture in 1999, just two years after the Town of Pike Road was incorporated, as a way to bring the citizens of the new township together.
- On the importance of connecting with neighbors, Mayor Stone said, "Let's provide opportunities for people to connect and engage. That's what made us special, and if we keep doing that - whether it's through the school, whether it's through a picnic, whether it's through a walk on the trails, that's what works..."

In case you missed it, you can hear the Mondays with the Mayor broadcast on the MAX Round Table's new podcast! There is something special in each hour of the show:

- [Click here to listen to hour one of the July 29 show!](#)
- [Click here to listen to hour two of the July 29 show!](#)
- [Click here to listen to hour three of the July 29 show!](#)

**Tuesday, June 30:
Pike Road Bleeds Red, White &
Blue**

Thank you, Pike Road, for
participating in our June 30



Community Blood Drive, presented in partnership with [LifeSouth Community Blood Centers](#). Throughout the ongoing COVID-19 challenge, blood donations have been in short supply. Together, we surpassed the goal of blood donations! Your donations save lives.

Despite the rainy weather, we had great participation in the Community Handprint Flag and the Flag Exchange! We are excited to share that the finished flag is on display now at Founders Station, 4902 Pike Road. We also look forward to seeing bright, new Star-Spangled banners flying across Town! Thank you to BSA Troops 8 for their assistance in properly retiring our community's old flags.



Wednesday & Thursday, July 1 & 2: Scavenger Hunt Activities & Patriotic Characters Tour

We are thrilled by the community response to our Week of Patriotism Scavenger Hunt activities! We received dozens of entries, including the Land of the Free Scavenger Hunt, word search, and brain teasers. Winners will be contacted to collect their prizes! Pictured, the Cadena family shared their Walk of Honor photo from the Land of the Free activity.



On Thursday, July 2, Lady Liberty, Uncle Sam, and the Pike Road Patriot himself, Victor E., shared popsicles and patriotic spirit at Town Hall and Veterans Park. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to pick up a treat and show their Stars & Stripes!

A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone:



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

"This week, we are excited to wish you all a safe and happy Fourth of July! We also want

to say thank you, Pike Road, for all you do. Thank you for safely staying engaged in our community, caring for your neighbors, and showing us why the Town of Pike Road is such a special place to call home. This week, we continue to celebrate a very special Fourth of July with the Week of Patriotism, and the energy these activities have received is incredible. We have so much to be thankful for in this great country, and our community is one of those many blessings.

Traditionally, the Fourth of July holiday and summer season bring lots of opportunities for events and social gatherings. As many of us continue our celebrations and begin our weekend, we encourage you to please be smart and safe. In the midst of this season of activity, the COVID-19 challenge continues in Montgomery County and across Alabama. It is more important than ever to make thoughtful choices, including recognizing the risks of large gatherings and continuing to practice social distancing. We also encourage you to recognize the importance of wearing masks and face coverings in public spaces or when around those who are not part of your household. As we celebrate our country and give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy each day, it is so important to recognize the opportunities we have to care for our neighbors and greater community with thoughtful and intentional actions. Making smart, safe choices helps us progress through the ongoing COVID-19 challenge and builds confidence in our community, and we appreciate your efforts to do so.

Despite the challenges of this unique time, our citizens continue to show neighborly love for each other and our hometown. The Fourth of July is such a special time in the Town of Pike Road, and, although this year's celebrations may be different, the patriotic and community-centric spirit of Pike Road has not changed. Thank you for your efforts to safely connect and celebrate through this week's activities. The Community Cookbook is available now at pikeroad.us, and it's full of memories and meals from our citizens. We had a great response to the June 30 Community Blood Drive, and we appreciate your efforts to help meet the ongoing need for blood donations. Following our Flag Exchange, we look forward to seeing the Stars & Stripes flying high across Town.

Today, we are excited to share patriotic art activities from the Pike Road Arts Council, and tomorrow, the Fourth of July, enjoy a virtual concert featuring the people of Pike Road. Patriotic music will be shared throughout the day on our social media and website, pikeroad.us. We will also share photos collected throughout the week, so don't forget to share your photos with #PikeRoad4thofJuly. We encourage you to explore and enjoy these celebrations with your family: Visit pikeroad.us to learn more.

As a reminder, the Town of Pike Road is not requiring face masks at this time, but we do recommend that everyone wear a face mask in public places, such as grocery stores or business, and when interacting with those outside of their household. Face masks and cloth face coverings protect both you and those you come in contact with, and it is important to remember that our actions affect the essential workers and healthcare professionals who continue to serve in our community.

Following Governor Kay Ivey's updated Safer at Home Order, released on June 30, the Town of Pike Road will continue to operate with limited access to our municipal facilities through July 31. As always, our team is available to help you 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.

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.

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

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 June 30. 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 July 31, 2020. This policy also applies to Founders Station and the Pike Road Arts Center.
 - The updated Safer At Home Order, issued on June 30, 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.
 - 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. *Please note: RePower South has advised that their facilities will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.*
- The Town of Pike Road has extended the suspension of most events at municipal facilities through July 31. Events following July 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.

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/TPRenews>

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: <http://alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/2019-coronavirus.html>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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."

Municipal Election Information

July 7 - 21 is the qualifying period for municipal elections, and 2020 municipal elections will be held on August 25. To learn more, please contact Election Manager Lisa Burke by emailing lisa@pikeroad.us or calling 334.272.9883!

Alabama is Counting on YOU! Take the 2020 Census Today.



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.

[Click here to learn more about the 2020 Census and how your participation makes Alabama count.](#)

Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road!



We have had so much fun celebrating this #PikeRoad4thofJuly with you - even if it's not what we're used to! Thank you to the Griswell family for sharing their stars & stripes with us as part of the Scavenger Hunt activities! How are you celebrating? Share your photos with #PikeRoad4thofJuly!

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.](#)

Week of Patriotism Fourth of July Celebrations Continue - [Click here for details!](#)

July 3: [Hand in Hand: Handprint Flag Unveiling](#), 9 a.m.

July 3: [Paint the Town Patriotic: Virtual Painting Lesson & Demonstration](#), 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. - [Click here for a list of supplies!](#)

July 3: Town Hall will be closed in observance of Independence Day

July 4: [Songs of Celebration Virtual Concert](#) - Stay tuned for details!

July 7 - 21: [Municipal Election Qualifying Period](#)

July 13: Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

July 13: Town Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

July 17 - 19: [Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday](#) - Don't forget to Shop Local!

July 22: Town Council Meeting, 7 a.m., Pike Road Town Hall

July 25: [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)*

July 27: Mondays with the Mayor at New Waters Realty, 12 - 1 p.m., Live on WTXK, 107.5 FM / 1210 AM

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!

