

## A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"This week, we are excited to invite you to join us for SummerFest, a family-friendly fireworks show on July 1 at Rolling Hills Park and Cottonwood Golf Club. There will be a kids' activity area at Rolling Hills Park including inflatables, local food vendors, music from a local DJ from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., and fireworks will light up the sky over Cottonwood Golf Club at dark! There are two viewing options, Rolling Hills Park & Cottonwood Golf Club, and parking for each area will begin at 6 p.m. So, pack your lawn chairs and picnic blankets, and join us in celebration of our great nation and our community on July 1! Please note: Lawn chairs and picnics are welcome, but no tents or alcoholic beverages are permitted.

Last year, the COVID-19 pandemic changed the way we celebrated traditional holidays and special occasions, including the Fourth of July. Now, due to the ongoing commitment our community has shown to making smart, responsible decisions, and the diligent work of our healthcare heroes, we can safely gather together again. However, as you enjoy the opportunities summer has to offer, please recognize the value of continuing to protect yourselves and others, and exercise personal responsibility as it relates to COVID-19. We encourage you to keep a mask handy and honor the requests of individual businesses and organizations who have health precautions in place. The Town of Pike Road's municipal facilities are open to the public, but we ask visitors to remain safety conscious. We also want to remind you that the COVID-19 vaccines are an excellent tool to help protect ourselves, our families, and our community, and we encourage you to explore opportunities to receive a vaccine. In Alabama, individuals ages 12+ are now eligible to receive the vaccine. Click here to learn more about COVID-19 vaccine safety, eligibility, and availability from Alabama Public Health.

Summertime is a busy season in the Town of Pike Road, and we hope you will join us for the variety of upcoming activities from our ENHANCE initiative committees. Tomorrow, June 26, visit the Pike Road Arts Center from 2 – 5 p.m. for the opening reception of the Pike Road Arts Council's *I've Been Everywhere, Man!* Art Show. Visitors can explore the travels of our local artists through their original work, enjoy internationally-inspired refreshments, and sign up for the opportunity to receive door prizes! Then, on Monday, June 28, join the conversation as the Mondays with the Mayor Radio Show visits Cottonwood Golf Club. We'll preview the upcoming SummerFest celebration and take your questions. For more information on these events and everything else happening in our special hometown, visit us online at <a href="https://www.pikeroad.us">www.pikeroad.us</a> to <a href="register for our weekly e-newsletter">register for our weekly e-newsletter</a>, and find us on social media (just search @townofpikeroad)!

The Town of Pike Road team continues to be ready and available to serve you, and we encourage you to schedule an appointment via phone or email if you need to meet with one of our team members. You can also find a variety of municipal resources on our website, <a href="https://www.pikeroad.us">www.pikeroad.us</a>. We look forward to serving you!

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

Thank you and God Bless."

## Community Updates & Reminders from the Town of Pike Road Regarding COVID-19

Pike Road, ALA – On May 3, 2021, Governor Kay Ivey announced the new Safer Apart Order. This order updates the required COVID-19 precautions and encourages each of us to exercise our personal responsibility and make safe choices that help keep our community healthy. The Safer Apart Order continues through July 6, 2021. 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:

- Town Hall and all municipal facilities are open to public access. Face coverings are no longer required in municipal buildings, but we continue to encourage visitors and members of the Town of Pike Road team to practice safety precautions and exercise personal responsibility. Face masks will continue to be available upon request. This policy includes Founders Station and the Pike Road Arts Center. Municipal services continue to be accessible via phone and email, and we encourage you to make an appointment if you need to meet with a member of our team. Please contact our team to learn how we can help serve you!
  - o Call: (334) 272-9883
  - o Email: info@pikeroad.us
  - Visit: <u>www.pikeroad.us</u> to access resources regarding municipal services, local updates, and more.
- Events at municipal facilities are being assessed on a case-by-case basis, and events scheduled for the coming months are being evaluated. However, we will continue to offer a variety of virtual events through our ENHANCE initiative, and we look forward



to more traditional events as we move forward. Based on facility availability and guidance from ADPH, municipal facilities will soon transition to be available for public use.

• 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.

Any changes or updates to this policy will be based primarily on CDC and ADPH recommendations. Citizens will be notified via our enewsletter 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.

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