



## 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.

April 17, 2020

### A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone:



[Please click here - or click the image - to view a video message from Mayor Stone & the Pike Road Town Council.](#)

"As we continue life in this time of the COVID-19 challenge, we are grateful for so many things. Our community continues to be smart, stay safe and show confidence. We appreciate you all following the guidelines of Governor Kay Ivey's Stay at Home Order. Individuals, organizations and businesses continue to connect, serve, and support each other in innovative ways.

We want to thank you for being confident, and we are so appreciative for all the people who build our confidence every day. Through the dedication of our service providers and first responders, our healthcare workers, and the front-line workers, like those providing our food supply from our farmers to our grocery stores, our community continues to receive essential services without interruption. Our local churches continue to find ways for us to worship, and our educators, from our local schools to our universities, continue to make a difference in young peoples' lives. We encourage you to continue to support our local businesses, connect virtually with friends and family, and participate in the Ribbons of Hope campaign – it is amazing to see bows on mailboxes and doors across the Town of Pike Road!

As a reminder, the 2020 Census is here! Every ten years, the census is used to distribute everything from congressional representation to federal funding for schools and healthcare, access to grants for community programming, and infrastructure projects across the nation. An accurate census count helps ensure our community and our state receive these resources, which help us grow in ways that support every Alabamian. The 2020 Census has 10 questions, and it takes about 6 minutes to complete, but it can affect \$13 billion in funding for Alabama. If you have not already filled out your census, we

encourage you to visit [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov) and do so today.

Our team continues to operate almost exclusively from home, and our business continuity plan allows us to continue to serve our citizens. Our emails, phone calls and mail services continue to be available. We remain actively involved in all EMA, state and federal discussions, and we are engaged with community leaders, churches, and service organizations to ensure we continue to meet all the needs of our community. With prayer and faith as our guide, we will come through this together.

Thank you and God Bless."

## **Community Reminders from the Town of Pike Road**

Pike Road, ALA – Please see a few reminders from the Town of Pike Road regarding community activities and municipal facilities. These policies reflect the importance of social distancing and the current State Health Order, which was issued April 3, and includes a Stay-At-Home order. 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!

- **Through April 30, 2020: Municipal Facilities Closed to the Public, Events Suspended**
  - Based on recommendations of social distancing from the CDC and ADPH, Town Hall and all municipal facilities will continue to be closed to public access through April 30, 2020. This policy applies to locations such as Founders Station, the Pike Road Arts Center, Natural Trail Trailhead Facilities, and the Recycling Depot. Based on the Apr. 3 State Health Order, this also includes the Community Ball Field and playground at Veterans Park and the Rolling Hills playground.
  - The Town of Pike Road has extended the suspension of events at municipal facilities through April 30. Events following April 30 are being evaluated, and any changes or updates to this policy will be based primarily on CDC and ADPH recommendations.
  - Contact Our Team: The Town of Pike Road's facilities are closed to public access, but our team and municipal services are accessible via phone and email.
    - 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.
- **Through May 31, 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 [www.pikeroadschools.org](http://www.pikeroadschools.org).

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](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 partners
- Access guidance and Frequently Asked Questions regarding the April 3, 2020 Stay 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

## Pike Road Schools Curbside Meal Pickup Continues



### Pike Road Schools Curbside Meal Program Transitions to Weekly Pickup

In an effort to support our local community through this school closure, the Pike Road Schools Child Nutrition Program will continue to offer free meals to students who need them. 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).

**Serving Dates:** Every Wednesday through the end of May

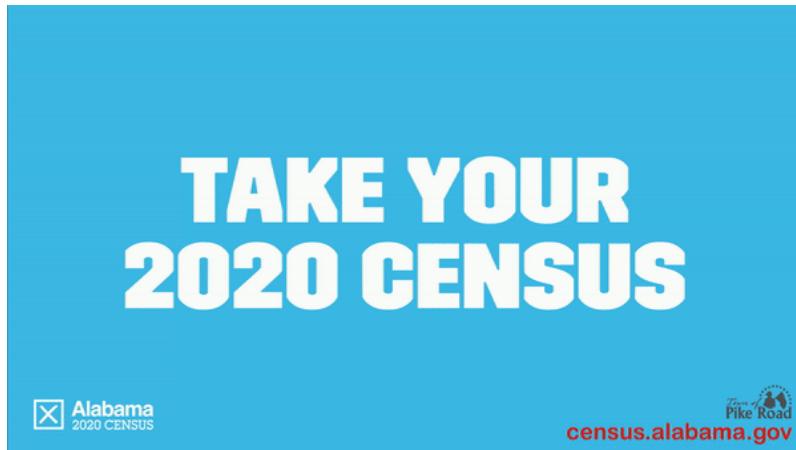
**Pick Up Times:** 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**Meal Pick Up Site:** Pike Road Middle School, the Historic Campus (4710 Pike Road)

For more information, contact PRS Child Nutrition Program manager Daron Bell: [Daron.Bell@pikeroadschools.org](mailto:Daron.Bell@pikeroadschools.org) or 334-420-5327.

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### The 2020 Census is HERE, and 10 Minutes of Your Time Could Mean Billions for Alabama



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.](#)

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**Community Continues to Creatively Serve Our Neighbors**



Thank You, AmWaste!



Thank You, Mail Men & Women!



Going on a Bear Hunt!

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 challenge, we have been encouraged and inspired by the efforts of our neighbors to care for each other and work together to stop the spread of the virus. Pictured above are just a few of the efforts and endeavors shared with us by email and social media!

From the top: In the Bridle Brook Farms neighborhood, a family wrote a creative "thank you" note for our sanitation service providers, AmWaste. As part of neighborhood-wide efforts in Stone Park, families left sweet notes and small presents, such as hand sanitizer and gift cards to local businesses, for mailmen and women and sanitation crews. Many of our neighbors participate in a "bear hunt" based on the children's book by 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen And Helen Oxenbury, driving around town to find the many fuzzy friends placed on the porches and in the windows of participating families.

We encourage you to continue to safely engage with the community during this time of social distancing - while we are physically apart, our relationships with each other are more important than ever! Thank you, Pike Road, for continuing to show us what it means to truly be a *hometown*.

[Do you have a story or skills to share? Let us know by emailing info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us)

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### Thanks for Sharing YOUR Pike Road!

What does this extra time mean to you and your family? Many of our neighbors are working in their homes and yards - planting gardens, tidying up, and knocking items off the to-do list with the help of the whole household. Share your "Stay at Home" activities with us using #mypikeroad! Thank you, Sara, for sharing your family's collaboration with us.



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.](#)

Apr. 22: Town Council Meeting, 7 a.m., To be Carried Out Based on Governor Kay Ivey's Public Meeting Guidance

Apr. 27: Mondays with the Mayor, 12 - 1 p.m., LIVE on WTXK the Ticket (107.5 FM/1210 AM)

May 11: Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

May 11: Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Pike Road Town Hall

*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!

