

## A Note from Mayor Gordon Stone

"Following an exciting and successful Plein Air Paint Out, it's now time to celebrate another fall-favorite activity: Hay, Look at Us! It fills us with gratitude and enthusiasm to see our community come together each year to turn hay bales into magical, seasonal creations, and this year is no different. Over 50 neighborhood, business, and organization teams will wrap up their decorations this weekend, and we encourage you to tune in to the Mondays with the Mayor Radio Show on Oct. 25 to hear us announce the winners! Then, everyone is invited take a tour of the hay bales – just visit us online to access a driving map. Also beginning Oct. 25, you can show your favorite Hay, Look at Us! entry a little love by voting for it to win the People's Choice Award on our Facebook page. This is such a special time in the Town of Pike Road, and we are so appreciative of all you do to make it possible.

On Oct. 25, the Mondays with the Mayor radio program will broadcast LIVE from the Pike Road Agriculture, Recreation & Performing Arts Center. We are excited to invite you to stop by during the 12 – 1 p.m. program to check out this facility, which made its debut last week during the annual Montgomery County Farm-City Festival. We had so much fun welcoming the community to this meaningful, family-fun event presented by partners including the Alabama Farmers Federation, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Alabama 4-H, and more. Also on the horizon is the annual Pike Road Veterans Appreciation Ceremony. We hope you and your families will join us at the Pike Road Veterans Memorial on November 7 as we recognize and honor our nation's military heroes.

As we continue to enjoy fall festivals, athletic events, art fairs, and all the autumn season has to offer, please remember that COVID-19 is an ongoing challenge in our community and our state. Together, we have a responsibility to make smart decisions that keep both our families and our community safe and healthy. Please continue to recognize the value of the simple things like social distancing, mask-wearing, and hand-washing that help protect you and those around you. One of the most effective tools to combat COVID-19 continues to be vaccination. Vaccines are free and readily available at multiple locations within our community, and individuals ages 12+ are eligible to receive the vaccine. Click here to learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and where you can receive yours. As we continue to work together to combat the spread of this illness, we will continue to enjoy opportunities to gather and safely enjoy the company of family and friends.

If you don't already subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter, we encourage you to do so now! Just visit <a href="www.pikeroad.us">www.pikeroad.us</a> and submit your name and email to receive updates in your inbox each Friday. The weekly e-newsletter is just one of the many ways to stay connected to the Town of Pike Road, but we're also on social media (just search @townofpikeroad), and we have a monthly radio show that visits local businesses and locations across Town.

As always, we will continue to pray for you, and we encourage you to pray for each other.

Thank you and God Bless."

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

Pike Road, ALA – On Tuesday, July 6, 2021, the statewide Safer Apart Order and state of emergency (previously implemented and declared by State Health Officer Scott Harris and Governor Kay Ivey) both ended. However, the need for each of us to take safety precautions and make responsible decisions with regards to COVID-19 continues. This includes wearing a mask around those outside of your household, frequent hand washing, practicing social distancing, and covering coughs and sneezes. One of the most effective tools to combat COVID-19 continues to be vaccination. Vaccines are free and readily available at multiple locations within our community, and individuals ages 12+ are eligible to receive the vaccine. Click here to learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and where you can receive yours.

Town Hall and all municipal facilities are open to public access. Effective August 9, 2021, visitors to all municipal facilities are required to wear masks or face coverings. If you do not have a mask, we will have one available for you. We continue to encourage visitors and members of the Town of Pike Road team to practice safety precautions and exercise personal responsibility. This policy includes Town Hall, 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: www.pikeroad.us 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 and blended 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: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</a>