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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE IN 2019 THROUGH TOWN OF PIKE ROAD, ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM PARTNERSHIP

Jan. 18 Estate Planning Seminar Kicks Off Monthly 2019 Agriculture & Stewardship Seminar Series

PIKE ROAD, Ala – According to a 2018 article by Business Insider, nearly 80 percent of New Year's Resolutions fail by the second week in February. If you resolved to learn something new or take control of your finances in 2019, don't wait! Take advantage of the Town of Pike Road's first Agriculture & Stewardship Seminar of 2019, an Estate Planning Seminar to be held on January 18 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd). Robert Tufts, Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) Visiting Professor in CES Administration, will tackle tough subjects including what a will does and does not do, estate taxes, trusts, power of attorney, and more. This seminar is free to attend, but seats are limited, and registration is required. Interested individuals may register by emailing Katy Garren at katy@pikeroad.us by Wednesday, January 16.

The Agriculture & Stewardship Seminar Series began in 2018 and is presented in partnership by the Town of Pike Road's Agriculture & Stewardship Committee and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. The monthly series provides low- to no-cost learning opportunities designed to reflect interests identified by citizens and connect the community with its agricultural roots. The 2018 Agriculture & Stewardship Seminar Series offerings included topics like fire ant management, pond management, cottage food law, and cake decorating. The seminars continue to grow in popularity, and the Town is excited to continue the series in 2019.

"We are excited to continue our partnership with the Montgomery County branch of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, and to continue the Ag & Stewardship Seminar Series," said Pike Road Mayor Gordon Stone. "ACES has a long history of providing valuable educational tools for farmers and landowners. The community has shown great interest in these opportunities to engage in the stewardship of our natural resources and celebrate our agricultural heritage."

Visit <u>pikeroad.us</u> to sign up for the Town of Pike Road's weekly e-newsletter or follow us on social media – just search "@townofpikeroad" on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram – and be the first to find out what topics will be covered next. If there is a subject you would like to explore, let us know by <u>emailing info@pikeroad.us</u>.

The Town's Agriculture and Stewardship Club is one of seven committees under the Town of Pike Road's ENHANCE Initiative. The mission of the Club is to facilitate a greater awareness of the role of agriculture and natural resources in shaping the past, present and future of the Pike Road area. Adopted in 2012, ENHANCE: A Vision with Focus is a detailed plan for accomplishing work in four key areas known as the town's Four Pillars: quality of life, planning, services and education. ENHANCE stresses the enrichment of quality of life, and includes organizations and projects related to exercise, nutrition, health, agriculture, nature and community education.

For more information or to schedule an interview, contact Turner Waddell by calling (864) 958-6577 or (334) 495-4109, or by emailing turner@pikeroad.us. You can also visit www.pikeroad.us for information about the event.