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Free Fire Ant Management Seminar Thursday, May 17

Town of Pike Road Partners with Montgomery County Extension to Help You Take Control of Your Yard

PIKE ROAD, Ala – Fire ants plague backyards, pastures and everywhere in between in Central Alabama. Aside from building unsightly mounds in outdoor spaces, fire ant bites can get in the way of summer activities, and can even be dangerous for those with ant allergies. The Town of Pike Road’s Agriculture and Stewardship Club 2018 Seminar Series continues Thursday, May 17 at 9 a.m. at Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd) with the information you need to manage these pests and take control of your outdoor spaces.

Dr. Chip East, Regional Field Agent of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, will lead the May 17 Fire Ant Management seminar, speaking about fire ant biology, management options, and more. This seminar offers a timely opportunity for homeowners and landowners to clean up their lawns and prepare their outdoor spaces for summer fun. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Please call 334.270.4133 to register.

“We are excited to partner with the Montgomery County branch of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System to host this seminar,” said Pike Road Mayor Gordon Stone. “ACES has a long history of providing valuable educational tools for farmers and landowners. The Ag & Stewardship Seminar Series is a great opportunity to engage in the stewardship of our natural resources and celebrate the Pike Road community’s agricultural heritage.”

“Fire ant management can be confusing when reading all the labels of the many different products,” said Field Agent East. “This meeting will explain the biology of fire ants and what management practices work best for different areas such as vegetable gardens, orchards, home lawns, pastures, and hayfields. “

The 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 (ENHANCE initiative) 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 (334) 495-4109, (864) 958-6577 or by emailing turner@pikeroad.us. You can also visit www.pikeroad.us for information about the event.

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