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**Town of Pike Road Partners with Alabama Cooperative Extension System  
to Provide Monthly Educational Opportunities to Community**

*Agriculture & Stewardship Seminars Address Topics from Pest Control to Entrepreneurial Opportunities*

PIKE ROAD, Ala – The Town of Pike Road community has a rich agricultural history, and the Town is partnering with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) to provide learning opportunities that connect the community with its agricultural roots. The monthly Agriculture & Stewardship Seminar Series has previously included topics like fire ant management, pond management, and cottage food law. Topics are chosen through input from the community, and the Series continues to grow in popularity.

The next two seminars include a Nov. 13 Bugs in the House workshop, which will provide resources for managing and preventing pests like roaches, fleas and bed bugs as temperatures drop in Central Alabama, and a Dec. 7 fondant cake decorating workshop. The December workshop was requested following September's Cottage Food Law class, which instructed attendees in food safety and home-based business regulations, preparing all participants to begin home businesses with a Cottage Food Law certification and an understanding of the business license process.

- Nov. 13 Bugs in the House seminar, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd), led by Regional Extension Agent Mallory Kelley. This is a free seminar, but registration is required. Please call the Extension System at 334.270.4133 to register.
- Dec. 7 Fondant Cake Decorating workshop, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Founders Station (4902 Pike Rd), led by Regional Agent Janet Hall. To cover the cost of supplies, this seminar will cost \$15 for adults, and children are welcome to attend for free with a registered adult. Please call the Extension System at 334.270.4133 to register by Dec. 5.

“The Alabama Extension provides research-based information on a variety of topics, and through the Nov. 13 workshop you will learn the best management practices to rid your home of pests or keep pests out of your home,” said Regional Extension Agent Mallory Kelley, who will lead the Nov. 13 seminar.

“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.”

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](mailto:turner@pikeroad.us). You can also visit [www.pikeroad.us](http://www.pikeroad.us) for information about the event.

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