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8TH ANNUAL TOWN OF PIKE ROAD SPRING CLEANUP CONTINUES THROUGH APRIL 30

All Are Invited to Help Beautify the Community in Partnership with Alabama PALS

Pike Road, ALA – All month long, the Town of Pike Road is hosting its <u>Eighth Annual Spring Cleanup</u>, presented in partnership with Alabama People Against a Littered State (ALPALS). All supplies are provided through ALPALS, and community volunteers are invited and encouraged to help pick up litter from local rights of way. In the past, volunteers have included students of all ages, neighbors, local businesses, and more. Whether it is a neighborhood entrance, a local right-of-way, or a stretch of the Natural Trail, we can all make a difference with a little time.

Although we were unable to host the Spring Cleanup in 2020, we are excited by the enthusiasm our community has already shown for this year's Cleanup. Those interested in participating can call or email Community Involvement Coordinator Katy Brasfield at (334) 272-9883 or katy@pikeroad.us. Contactless registration and supply kits are also available at Pike Road Town Hall (9575 Vaughn Rd) and Founders Station (4902 Pike Rd) on weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Participating Spring Cleanup volunteers will be recognized with signs in the areas they pick up. Two groups will receive spring planting prize packs from our local Home Depot on Chantilly Parkway!

The Pike Road event is part of the statewide Spring Cleanup sponsored annually by <u>Alabama People Against a Littered State</u>, or AL PALS. During the statewide cleanup, which runs from April 1 – 30 this year, various localities will host events encouraging litter pickup. According to PALS, in 2016, the week-long cleanup effort removed more than 365 tons of litter from roadsides and communities across the state. In the Town of Pike Road in 2018 and 2019, community groups picked up over 100 bags of trash.

"We are blessed with a beautiful natural setting that has drawn people to live and play in the Pike Road area for generations, and we are committed to preserving that beauty," said Pike Road Mayor Gordon Stone. "The past years' tremendous turnout is an example of how the people of Pike Road come together for the betterment of their town. We hope to have even more civic organizations and neighborhoods join in our efforts this year, as we all work together to keep our roadsides and green spaces clean and safe for everyone to enjoy both today and in the years to come."

The partnership between PALS and the Town of Pike Road ENHANCE Initiative allows the Town to provide all materials necessary for the cleanup. In addition, the town will provide information on how individuals and groups can become part of the Adopt-a-Mile, Adopt-a-Stream and Adopt-an-Area programs, which are directed by AL PALS.

For more information on the <u>Pike Road Spring Cleanup</u>, please contact Turner Waddell at (334) 495-4109 or (864) 958-6577 or by emailing <u>Turner@pikeroad.us</u>.