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FEB. 25-28: TOWN OF PIKE ROAD CELEBRATES ALABAMA ARBOR WEEK WITH SEEDLING GIVEAWAY

PARTNERSHIP WITH ALABAMA FORESTRY COMMISSION HELPS PLANT TREES IN COMMUNITY

PIKE ROAD, Ala – The Town of Pike Road will host a seedling giveaway in partnership with the Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) during Alabama Arbor Week. Residents are invited to visit Pike Road Founders Station (4902 Pike Rd) from 12 – 5 p.m. on Feb. 25 and from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Feb. 26 – 28 to pick up free seedlings, while supplies last. The Town asks that residents plant the seedlings, which include a variety of oak and fruit trees, in the Town of Pike Road.

In addition to Alabama Arbor Week activities, the AFC provides resources and services that protect forests, aid landowners in managing their forests, and educate the public about the value of Alabama’s forests throughout the year. The Town of Pike Road recognizes the environmental, beautification, and quality of life benefits that trees bring to communities. For nearly a decade, partnership with the AFC has made this annual event possible, providing both young trees and resources for their care to the Pike Road community at no cost.

“We are thankful for the partnership with the Alabama Forestry Commission, which allows us to make trees available to our residents for planting,” said Town of Pike Road Mayor Gordon Stone. “Engaging in the stewardship of our natural resources connects us with the agricultural roots of our community while contributing to a brighter future.”

Citizens of the Town of Pike Road have identified agriculture and nature as important aspects of Quality of Life. The annual Arbor Week seedling giveaway reflects a continued focus on agriculture and stewardship by the community. Other ag-related initiatives include the Agriculture and Stewardship Club’s ongoing monthly seminar series, presented in partnership with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

The mission of the Ag & Stewardship Club, an ENHANCE initiative committee, 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 (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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