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This Week: Town of Pike Road Hosts 7th Annual Spring Cleanup

Pike Road, ALA - The Town of Pike Road is hosting its <u>Seventh Annual Spring Cleanup</u> this week, April 22 – 27. Each day this week, a group of volunteers from the Pike Road community will pick up litter from local rights of way. This year, the volunteers include students of all ages, neighbors, local businesses, and more. The Town encourages citizens who have not signed up for a specific day and location to spend a few minutes this week collecting litter. Those interested in participating should call or email Community Involvement Coordinator Katy Garren at (334) 272-9883 or <u>katy@pikeroad.us</u> for supplies.

The Pike Road event is part of the statewide Spring Cleanup sponsored annually by <u>Alabama People Against a</u> <u>Littered State</u>, or AL PALS. During the week of April 20-27, 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 last year, community groups picked up over 70 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. "Last year's tremendous turnout was 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 open spaces clean and safe for everyone to enjoy."

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> or the <u>ENHANCE initiative</u>, please contact Turner Waddell at (334) 495-4109 or (864) 958-6577 or by emailing <u>Turner@pikeroad.us</u>.