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Forty-three Municipalities Designated as 2016 Banner Communities

PITTSBURGH – Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM) officials, along with Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, today announced that 43 municipalities have been selected as 2016 Banner Communities, indicating that those municipalities implement best practices in all aspects of their operations and that govern in an inclusive, collaborative manner. Of these municipalities, 15 have received this recognition in each of the four years it has been presented. Another 23 municipalities are receiving re-designation and five will receive the honor for the first time.

“I’m very proud to see this program continue to grow and to recognize over 40 municipalities this year,” said Fitzgerald. “The work done, each and every day, by our elected and appointed local government officials has a profound impact on the lives of our residents – more than any other level of government. It’s just one more reason to celebrate and recognize the work being done by these communities.”

The new Banner Communities for 2016 are Crescent Township, Dormont Borough, Fox Chapel Borough, Glassport Borough and North Versailles Township.

Being recognized as multi-year recipients of the Banner Community designation are Avalon Borough, Baldwin Borough, Municipality of Bethel Park, Brentwood Borough, Castle Shannon Borough, East Deer Township, East McKeesport Borough, Edgewood Borough, Harrison Township, Kilbuck Township, Millvale Borough, Municipality of Mt. Lebanon, O’Hara Township, Pine Township, Port Vue Borough, Scott Township, Shaler Township, Sharpsburg Borough, South Park Township, Verona Borough, West Deer Township, West View Borough and Wilkinsburg Borough.

Those municipalities who have been designated as Banner Communities since the program’s inception in 2013 are Collier Township, Etna Borough, Hampton Township, Indiana Township, Leetsdale Borough, Town of McCandless, North Fayette Township, Ohio Township, Reserve Township, Richland Township, Ross Township, Sewickley Borough, Upper St. Clair Township and Whitehall Borough in Allegheny County and Cranberry Township in Butler County.

In order to be eligible for consideration for the Banner Communities Program, the municipality’s elected and appointed officials must:

- Participate in educational or training programs through ALOM, the Local Government Academy or the PA Department of Community & Economic Development or participate in a governing mentoring program
- Be active members in good standing with ALOM and the county municipal associations, and have a representative attending at least a minimum of 50% of county association meetings
- Be active members in good standing in a COG and attend COG meetings, participate in a COG cooperative purchasing program and participate in at least one shared municipal service
- Conduct a Local Government Week activity by conducting a local activity promoting local

- government or communicating with the community about delivery of services
- Conduct an effective Citizen Communication Program by offering a municipal newsletter or web-based communication effort, and participate in a class discussion on local government or conducting a shadowing program for junior or senior high school students
- Promote and implement long term sustainable governing practices by earning certification through Sustainable Pittsburgh, managing employee pensions at funding levels of 90% or above, participating in the annual ALOM Wage and Salary Survey Program, and implementing goals of an up to date Municipal Comprehensive Plan

"I am pleased to join County Executive Fitzgerald and the Board of Directors of the Allegheny League of Municipalities in congratulating the 2016 Banner Communities for demonstrating a commitment to professional development, prudent fiscal management and sound community engagement," said Jason Davidek, Executive Director of the Allegheny League of Municipalities. "The Banner Community Program has grown each year since its inception and we look forward to continuing our efforts to highlight the outstanding work being done at the local government level in our region."

The Allegheny League of Municipalities is a 501(c)(6) non-profit, umbrella organization of municipalities in Western Pennsylvania. Founded in February 1963, the organization began in response to a request made in the 1960s by the Allegheny County Commissioners which resulted in the Allegheny Seminar. While recognizing the tradition of statutory municipal independence and self-government, the League was established to coordinate the needs of the area's local government officials.

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2016 Allegheny League of Municipalities Banner Community

Congratulations on being named a 2016 Banner Community by the Allegheny League of Municipalities! The efforts by your elected and appointed officials to follow best practices and provide the most efficient and effective services to your community have not gone unnoticed. This designation reflects that your municipality can serve as an example to others of how to govern in a responsible manner. This is not the first time the municipality has received such recognition. Being a Banner Community reflects your continued commitment to the training and education of officials, your active participation in professional organizations and in the council of Government, sponsorship of community events, and routine communication with residents. The work done each and every day has a profound impact on the lives of your residents; more than any other level of government. Thank you for all that you have done for the residents of your municipality and for making our community a better place to live.

Presented on this 5th day of April, 2016

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich Fitzgerald". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

RICH FITZGERALD

