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80 Communities Celebrated as 2022 Banner Communities

PITTSBURGH – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and the Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM) today announced the 80 municipalities and municipal authorities which have been designated as 2022 Banner Communities. This marks the tenth year of the program which recognizes municipalities that show a commitment to professional development, prudent fiscal management, transparency, accountability, and proactive communications to engage community stakeholders.

"Congratulations to the 2022 Banner Communities, and particularly their elected and appointed officials who have continued to ensure that their municipality is among the best of the best," said County Executive Rich Fitzgerald. "Local government officials often put in the most time and effort with the least amount of recognition or appreciation. This program celebrates that work and all of the efforts that these officials put in on a daily basis for their community. We are indeed fortunate to have so many municipalities that go the extra mile and put so much work in on behalf of their residents and businesses."

The full list of 2022 Banner Communities follows. Those municipalities marked with an * have been part of the Banner Community program for all 10 years. Those authorities marked with ** have been part of the Banner Community program for four years when the initiative first allowed authorities to join the program.

ALCOSAN **	Aspinwall	Avalon
Baldwin Borough	Baldwin Township	Bellevue
Bethel Park	Braddock	Bradford Woods
Brentwood	Bridgeville	Butler Township
Carnegie	Castle Shannon	Collier *
Crafton	Cranberry Township *	Crescent
Dormont	East Deer	East McKeesport
Edgewood	Edgeworth	Elizabeth Township
Emsworth	Etna *	Forest Hills
Fox Chapel	Franklin Park	Glassport
Green Tree	Hampton Shaler Water Auth. **	Hampton *
Harrison	Harrison Twp Water Auth. **	Heidelberg
Homestead	Indiana *	Jefferson Hills
Kilbuck	Leet	Leetsdale *
Marshall	McCandless *	Millvale
Monroeville	Mt. Lebanon	Munhall
North Versailles	Oakmont	O'Hara
Ohio *	Pine	Pitcairn
Pleasant Hills	Port Vue	Reserve *
Richland *	Robinson	Ross *
Ross/West View EMS Auth. **	Scott	Sewickley
Shaler	Sharpsburg	South Fayette
South Park	Swissvale	Tarentum *
Upper St. Clair *	Verona	West Deer

West Homestead	West Mifflin	West View
West View Water Auth.	Whitehall *	Wilkins
Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water	Wilmerding	
Authority		

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

The municipalities will be recognized during a luncheon as part of the Allegheny League of Municipalities' Spring Education Conference in April.

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The Allegheny League of Municipalities, a nonprofit organization created in the early 1960s to coordinate the needs of the area's local elected officials. In 1974, it was officially established as the Allegheny League of Municipalities to coordinate, advocate and educate the hundreds of elected officials within its member municipalities in Allegheny County and southwestern Pennsylvania. The organization educates elected officials, delivers essential resources, and advocates for sound policy and legislation.

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