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## **Fitzgerald, Allegheny League of Municipalities Announce Banner Communities**

**PITTSBURGH** – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and the Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM) today announced that 55 municipalities have been designated as 2018 Banner Communities. The program recognizes municipalities committed to professional development, prudent fiscal management, transparency, accountability, and proactive communications to engage community stakeholders. This is the program’s sixth year.

“We are delighted to see this tremendous program continue to grow and to recognize so many of our great municipalities this year,” said Fitzgerald. “Local government officials are critical to the success of this region. They are more likely to know what issues matter most to local residents and how resources can be used most effectively in their area. Congratulations to the officials in our Banner Communities who represent their constituents so well, and thank you for all of your hard work in making this county a better place to live and work.”

Sixteen municipalities have been part of the Banner Community Program since its inception in 2012. Those communities include Collier, Cranberry (Butler County), Etna, Hampton, Indiana, Leetsdale, McCandless, North Fayette, Ohio, Reserve, Richland, Ross, Sewickley, Upper St. Clair, Whitehall, and Wilkins.

“The growth of the Banner Community Program throughout the last six years is a testament to the fine work being conducted in local government throughout our region,” said ALOM Chairman Dennis Watson. “The record participation in the program for 2018 clearly demonstrates a commitment to best practices in governance by our municipal stakeholders. I look forward to the continued success and future enhancements of the Banner Community Program in the years to come.”

Another 34 municipalities received the Banner Community designation for multiple years, including Baldwin Borough, Bellevue, Bethel Park, Brentwood, Butler Township (Butler County), Castle Shannon, Crescent, Dormont, East Deer, East McKeesport, Edgewood, Elizabeth Township, Green Tree, Harrison, Jefferson Hills, Kilbuck, Millvale, Monroeville, Mt. Lebanon, Munhall, North Versailles, O’Hara, Pine, Port Vue, Scott, Shaler, Sharpsburg, South Park, Swissvale, Tarentum, Verona, West Deer, West View, and Wilkesburg.

Five municipalities earned Banner Community status for the first time this year. Those communities include Edgeworth, Emsworth, Robinson, South Fayette, and West Homestead.

Following the press event and ceremony, Banner Community honorees were treated to lunch hosted by Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG), key sponsor of the Banner Community Program.

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