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## County Announces 2017 Banner Communities

**PITTSBURGH** – County officials, including members of County Council and County Manager William D. McKain CPA, today announced that 51 municipalities have been designated as 2017 Banner Communities. The program, sponsored by the Allegheny League of Municipalities in cooperation with the county, recognizes those communities committed to professional development, prudent fiscal management, transparency, accountability and proactive communications to engage community stakeholders. This is the fifth year of the program.

“Local government is considered by many to be the most important form of government because of its direct impact on the daily lives of residents. The job of being a local government officials, whether elected or appointed, has become an increasingly complex occupation,” said County Executive Rich Fitzgerald. “The Banner Community Program designation is a public recognition of the efforts that these government officials take on behalf of its residents and businesses each day. I congratulate the officials who represent these communities, and thank them, for the example they set in our county.”

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

“Local government officials are often our friends and neighbors, the person who coaches Little League or serves on the library board, or the parent of your child’s best friend. Because they are part of our community, they are accessible, engaged and responsive,” said McKain. “For these 51 municipalities, their officials have gone a step further by providing that their community is effective, efficient and accountable. As Banner Communities, they are the best of the best and are to be commended for all they don on behalf of their residents.”

Another thirty municipalities received the Banner Community designation for multiple years including Baldwin Borough, Bethel Park, Brentwood, Butler Township (Butler County), Castle Shannon, Crescent, Dormont, East Deer, East McKeesport, Edgewood, Fox Chapel, Green Tree, Harrison, Kilbuck, Millvale, Mt. Lebanon, Munhall, North Versailles, O’Hara, Pine, Port Vue, Scott, Shaler, Sharpsburg, South Park, Tarentum, Verona, West Deer, West View and Wilkinsburg. The newest Banner Communities include Bellevue, Elizabeth Township, Jefferson Hills, Monroeville and Swissvale, all of which are celebrating their first year in the program.

“This Banner Community Program was implemented five years ago to challenge municipalities to implement best practices in municipal governance, specifically in the areas of fiscal responsibility, public safety, professional development and through proactive and transparent communications with residents. I am pleased to report that so many of our communities have responded to that challenge,” said Jason Davidek, Executive Director of ALOM. “I congratulate the local officials representing the 2017 Banner Communities, thank you for your participation in the program and thank you for your commitment to good government.”

Following the press event and ceremony in the Courthouse, representatives of the Banner Communities took part in a luncheon hosted by Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG), key sponsor of

the Banner Community Program. An employee-owned, full-service civil engineering and related services firm, HRG provides quality, cost-effective design solutions to public and private sector clients. As sponsor, HRG is demonstrating its corporate values of unwavering dedication to quality, accuracy and budget.

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