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**Cranberry Township Earns Banner Community Distinction**

Cranberry Township has been named a Banner Community by the Allegheny League of Municipalities for the 12<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

Being recognized as a Banner Community indicates a commitment to professional development, prudent fiscal management, transparency, accountability, and proactive communications to engage community stakeholders. This work, in turn, engages community stakeholders.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Mike Manipole said though the Township has earned the distinction many times, it remains a significant achievement.

“The Cranberry Township community is one that expects excellence – be it in the services, programs, or quality of life,” he said. “The Board of Supervisors takes that challenge seriously as we strive to make decisions that not only impact the present, but help prepare us for the future.”

To be eligible for the distinction, municipalities must:

- Participate in educational or training programs through ALOM, the Local Government Academy or the PA Department of Community & Economic Development
- Be active members in good standing with ALOM and the county municipal associations
- Be active members in good standing in a COG and attend COG meeting and participate in a COG cooperative purchasing program
- 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
- Promote and implement long term sustainable governing practices by earning certification through Sustainable Pittsburgh, managing employee pensions at funding levels of 90% or above, and implementing goals of an up-to-date Municipal Comprehensive Plan