



Executive Director's Report – November 2023

Flagger Certification Training - The QVCOG would like to remind member communities and their Public Works Departments that the organization will again be partnering with Optimus Risk Services to provide a flagger certification training. This year's event will take place on December 14, 2023 at **8:00 a.m.** at the Aleppo Township Public Works Garage (100 North Drive Sewickley, PA 15143). Please note, the previously announced start time was 10:00 a.m. Attendees will receive a 3-year flagger certification upon completion of the course. Interested participants may receive a registration form by contacting Executive Director Connors via email (pconnors@qvcog.org).

Act 152 Award – The QVCOG is proud to announce that it was selected for an Act 152 grant for its application on behalf of Bell Acres Borough. The Act 152 Program provides funding for demolition and blight remediation planning. The selected project involves the demolition and site restoration of 109 North Avenue. The total grant award is \$29,500.00.

Christmas Light Recycling – Michael Brothers Hauling has invited QVCOG member communities to participate in their “Christmas Light Recycling Program”. This initiative not only helps keep countless stands of lights out of landfills, but also supports WTAE-TV and Salvation Army's Project Bundle Up. All proceeds raised from Michael Brothers’ recycling efforts go directly to Project Bundle Up, making a meaningful impact during the holiday season. Communities interested in hosting one of the collection bins (approximate measurements are 42” x 24”) should send an email to pconnors@qvcog.org no later than Friday, November 10th. Michael Brothers Hauling will collect the bins when full.

Managers and Secretaries Holiday Lunch – On December 6th the annual QVCOG managers and secretaries luncheon will take place at **11:00 a.m.** at the Aleppo Township Municipal Building. At its most recent meeting the group selected Chick-fil-A as the food option. The anticipated menu is set to include a chicken nugget tray, a mac and cheese tray, and their “famous” lemonade & iced tea. Anyone planning to attend with dietary restrictions should send an email to pconnors@qvcog.org. This gathering will take place of the November and December meetings.

LGA Newly Elected Officials Course – In an effort to prepare the incoming group of elected leaders in our region, Local Government Academy is again offering its Newly Elected Officials Course. The Newly Elected Officials Course is the most comprehensive training program offered to local government officials – it covers the basics, elevates best practices, and builds relationships. This offering has become a trusted resource for training public officials in the practice of good governance and typically sells out quickly. Registration for the Course begins on November 8th at localgovernmentacademy.org.