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County recognizes municipalities that share services

Nine local communities have officially been honored by Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel for their part in sharing services with other municipalities.

“It is especially important in these tough fiscal times for local communities to work together to find a way to continue to offer great services to residents,” said Hackel. “I am pleased that so many of the municipalities in Macomb County know the value of sharing services, as this practice is the future of how local government will do business.”

The communities given a Certificate of Community Excellence from Hackel are:

- **Mount Clemens:** In 2005, the Mount Clemens City Commission voted to contract policing services from the Macomb County Sheriff’s Office, disbanding its own department and saving the municipality more than \$1 million. The move helped bring money into the city’s coffers at a time when it was cash strapped.
- **Roseville and Eastpointe:** In 2011, residents in both cities voted to create the Roseville-Eastpointe Recreational Authority, which provides funding specifically for recreation opportunities in both cities. The combined services and programs are expected to start in 2012. If the proposal had not been approved, residents in both cities would have possibly faced elimination of recreation and senior citizen services.
- **Warren and Sterling Heights:** The two cities made an intergovernmental agreement in 2011 that will allow for residents of both communities to avail themselves of the parks and recreation programs in either city for a cheaper rate than before. The policy will allow both cities to generate more revenue.
- **Clinton Township/Shelby Township/Sterling Heights/Warren/Utica and Macomb County:** Officials from the six listed entities joined together in 2011 to create the Macomb Area Communities for Regional Opportunities task force, or MACRO. The group is designed to meet for the purpose of discussing other ways that service sharing between local communities can be implemented.
- **St. Clair Shores/Eastpointe/Roseville:** In the beginning of 2011, these three municipalities launched the South East Regional Emergency Services Authority, or SERESA. SERESA is a regional emergency dispatch center for the three cities, helping each one save money and provide a more efficient first response system to residents.

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