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CINCINNATI – Eleven communities and eight parks and recreation departments will receive Healthy Ohio awards Oct. 4 during the annual meeting of the Ohio Municipal League at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Cincinnati. Healthy Ohio is part of Governor Ted Strickland’s Turnaround Ohio initiative and consists of three core areas: health promotion, disease prevention and health equity.

Healthy Ohio-Healthy Community and Parks and Recreation awards recognize the outstanding achievements of cities, towns, counties or parks and recreation districts in implementing health-related policies and providing healthy community environments. The award recognizes communities’ efforts in encouraging and enabling employees, residents or visitors to make healthy choices including increased physical activity, good nutrition and the prevention of tobacco use.

Receiving Healthy Ohio-Healthy Community awards are:

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| Gold winners- | Silver winners- | Bronze winner- |
| City of Orrville | City of Worthington | Village of Deshler |
| City of Warren | Vinton County | |
| City of Westerville | Village of Archbold | |
| City of Napoleon | Ross County | |
| City of Defiance | | |
| City of Norwood | | |

Recipients of Healthy Ohio-Park and Recreation Agency awards are:

Rural communities:

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| Gold | Fremont Parks and Recreation Department |
| Silver | Miami County Park District |
| Bronze | Fayette Community Parks |

Suburban communities:

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| Gold | City of Westerville Parks and Recreation Department |
| Silver | Upper Arlington Parks and Recreation Department |
| Bronze | Dublin Community Recreation Center |

Urban communities:

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| Gold | Columbus Recreation and Parks Department |
| Silver | City of Massillon Parks and Recreation Department |