



# North Royalton Chamber of Commerce

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## Mayor: The city is in good financial position

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Chamber members and guests gathered at Carrie Cerino's Ristorante on Wednesday, March 15, for the North Royalton annual State of the City Address, sponsored by the North Royalton Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Bob Stefanik began by talking about the city's financials, stating that "we're in a pretty good financial position." Stefanik spoke of the Moody's Investor Services credit rating for the city of Aa2, which 56 other Ohio cities have attained. The lesser, Aa3 rating was attained by 96 cities; Aa1 by 23 cities and Aaa by 15 cities in Ohio. North Royalton has \$15,558,273 in debt, compared to the total debt limit of \$87,156,393. North Royalton falls within the bottom five cities in the county for property taxes, even when the state continues to cut state shared taxes. Since 2011, cuts in Estate tax, State Local Government funding and Tangible Personal Property Tax has equated to a reduction of 1 to 1.5 million in funding to the city's general fund.

Stefanik was proud to note that North Royalton was rated the #1 Safest City by the Cleveland Magazine in 2016, saying that "the number one priority of any city is to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community. We are able to achieve that goal by continuing to train our police officers and firefighter/paramedics in the latest safety related techniques and provide them with the latest and best equipment to carry out their duties." He then went on to talk about the various training and updates that were taking place. Stefanik congratulated Police Chief, John Elek, who retired on March 17. Elek has been a member of the North Royalton Police Department for 33 years.

"We continue to invest in our municipal buildings and ground in an effort to maximize the longevity and useful life of those buildings," said Stefanik. He then high-

lighted some of the maintenance projects that have taken place, such as new roofing and HVAC at the police department, improvements at the fire department Station One, roof improvements at the YMCA, new sidewalk in front of the cemetery and Memorial Park improvements.

Stefanik then talked about the old City Hall, at Bennett and Ridge Roads. The old city hall is scheduled to be torn down, as the rehabilitation of the building is cost prohibitive. He showed a concept plan and artist renderings for a new pavilion design that is being considered and called it the last piece of the puzzle of city buildings that needed renovation or replacement. Stefanik then noted that in order to complete the overall community, the schools needed to be next. With that, he turned the presentation over to School Superintendent, Greg Gurka.

"As one of the largest cities in Northeast Ohio, the City of North Royalton is a strong and vibrant community. As the Mayor says, we have a new City Hall, new library, new YMCA and we can all be proud of the many completed capital improvement projects. Beautification efforts continue for our center of town, homes and businesses. And the North Royalton City School District is another source of pride that provides a great value to our community," said North Royalton School Superintendent Greg Gurka. He began his portion of the presentation by stating "North Royalton Schools provides a great value to our community." Out of 31 school districts in Cuyahoga County, it is in the bottom 23% in effective millage. He noted that even if Issue 11 passes in May, North Royalton will still be the 9th lowest in effective tax rate in the county.

Gurka noted that "despite our student, staff and district successes, our schools face an urgent problem that cannot be ignored.

Our school buildings are in dire need of updating and major repair. Maintenance costs continue to rise while efficiency is decreasing. We cannot provide excellent education in the facilities as they exist today." He went on to highlight some of the problems in each building and went on to talk about the Issue 11 bond issue, set for the May 2 ballot. Some of the facts of Issue 11 highlighted were that it is a plan for renovated and new schools, including modern systems that will save the district \$1 million per year in operating expenses. The state will contribute \$3.5 million to the project. Repairs and renovations will be made to the Middle School and High School and one new elementary school will be built, replacing the three existing buildings. By law, none of the monies collected from Issue 11 can be used for anything but the renovation and new building, and vital equipment. Classroom and learning technology will be upgraded to ensure college and workforce readiness for students. New climate control systems will allow for a better learning environment, as well as being more cost efficient. The newly renovated district will improve property values, as well as the image and reputation of the community. The cost to the taxpayers for this issue will be \$9.04 per month for every \$100,000 in home valuation.

Gurka then went on to talk about what will happen if the bond issue does not pass. (See Bond issue story). He noted that a detailed outline of the entire plan can be found at [www.northroyaltonsd.org/bondissue.aspx](http://www.northroyaltonsd.org/bondissue.aspx). He noted that some of the items that will not be addressed if the bond issue is not adopted include asbestos removal, ADA issues, fire/security alarm systems, plumbing, safety sprinklers, technology infrastructure, light-

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## April 19th Chamber Luncheon

Wednesday, April 19, Noon, at Carrie Cerino's  
Speaker: Kevin Lynch of A T & T

Topic: **"It Can Wait"** The consequences of texting and driving

We all know that texting and driving don't go well together. More than 200,000 accidents happen every year because of it. It's illegal; however, most everyone says they do it. Some say that young people are only doing it. Research shows that 77% of kids say they have seen their parents text while driving! Learn about the dangers of distractive driving and what you can do about it. Presenting "It Can Wait" program will be Kevin Lynch from AT&T and special guest David Beattie.

Partnership for a Healthy North Royalton (PHNR) also will give us an overview of their upcoming presentation of a three-part series entitled, "Drugs and Addiction 911: Our community, Our Emergency, Our Solutions," presented by PHNR Coalition Director, Amy Kuntz.

We hope you will join us for what promises to be a very informative, and possibly life saving, luncheon!

*Cost of the luncheon is \$15 for Chamber members and \$18 for non-members. To rsvp, email [NRoyChamber@aol.com](mailto:NRoyChamber@aol.com) or call 440.237.6180 by Monday, April 17. If you make a reservation and find you cannot attend, please be sure to call and cancel. No-shows will be billed!*

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## State of the City

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ing/furniture/flooring, and overall asphalt/concrete replacement.

“One of the first things buyers look for in a community is strong and stable schools with safe, cost-efficient, updated buildings that provide student-center learning to prepare our children for the future,” concluded Gurka. “Our house is our largest investment.” Gurka noted that every choice has a cost associated with it. He invited residents to take part in a survey regarding the bond issue at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/noroemail](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/noroemail). “We are asking residents to take a few moments to complete this survey so we know how to direct our efforts when communicating Issue 11 to residents. Our focus is to get all stakeholders together and ask them for their support and endorsement of Issue 11. So far, the response has been overwhelming and people we have not heard from before are now involved in the campaign because they realize the importance of Issue 11 and the urgency for our schools and the urgency for our community.”

**Special thanks to  
A T & T for sponsoring  
this month's  
Chamber Luncheon.**



## Calendar of Events

- April 6 - Directors Meeting
  - April 19- Membership Meeting
  - May 4 - Directors Meeting
  - May 18 - Golf Outing
  - June 1 - Directors Meeting
  - June 21 - Membership Meeting
  - July 6 - Directors Meeting
  - August 3 - Directors Meeting
  - August 10- Festival Pageant
  - August 18-20 - Community Festival
  - September 1 - Directors Meeting
  - September 20 - Membership Meeting
  - October 5- Directors Meeting
  - October 18 - Membership Meeting
  - November 2 - Directors Meeting
  - November 15 - Membership Meeting
  - December 6 - Holiday Luncheon
- \* Subject to Change



CUYAHOGA VALLEY  
CAREER CENTER

## ANNUAL REGIONAL CHAMBER NETWORKING LUNCHEON LAUNCHHOUSE:

### “Creating Business Opportunities”

- Hear the LAUNCHHOUSE story.
- Learn how vibrant, successful startups benefit the business community.
- Discover available resources to launch new business opportunities.

**Presented by:**

**Marybeth Stucker,**  
Director of Operations & Membership



**Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Valley Inn Restaurant at CVCC**

This event is FREE, registration required by April 4<sup>th</sup> at:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/CTgfk4BLFKQjIGJs2>

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## Dear Golf Lover:

The North Royalton Chamber of Commerce is holding its Annual Golf Outing on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at the **Coppertop at Cherokee Hills Golf Course**. Last year's event was great and everyone had a fun day at this beautiful course!

**This will be a shotgun start at 10 a.m.** The cost for the complete package is \$90\* - and will include 18 holes of golf, power cart, lunch, dinner, beverages (beer and pop), gifts and prizes. Golfers are asked to arrive at least 45 minutes prior to start. *Our photographer will also take a photo of your foursome to keep as a souvenir!*

**Your \$90\* registration fee also includes a chance at the \$10,000 Hole-in-One on Hole #7!** Plus... there are also other bonus prizes on holes #3, #11, #17: Flat-Screen TV, Set of Big Bertha Irons from Callaway Golf, and Round Trip Domestic Airline Tickets for two. It will be fun to watch as you and your friends try for a chance to land that Hole-in-One. We hope you will join us for a fun day of golf, great food, excitement, networking and camaraderie.

*This year we are again offering a Skins Game, in addition to the Hole-in-One Contest.*

**Sponsor a Hole.** As a sponsor for \$80, your name will be prominently placed on the GPS System which is on each golf cart. This is a real-time leader board for your foursome's use, and at the touch of a button, it will display the names of the sponsors and also give you first to last place finishes and also calculate your skins game. A banner will also be displayed at registration and at dinner with the names of all our sponsors. Sponsors will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Also, you will receive extended exposure in the newspaper. Everyone who sponsors a Hole or donates a Door Prize will be acknowledged in the *Royalton Recorder*. **If you are interested in becoming a major sponsor, please call us directly for incentives and full details.**

Thanks for supporting the Chamber of Commerce in the past. With your participation, we will have a **GREAT** outing. Thank you in advance for your support of this Chamber event. Please call the Chamber office if you have any questions.

**Enclosed is a reservation form.** Please complete and return it as soon as possible. The \$90 fee applies to those who register before May 1, 2017. The fee after May 1 is \$100 per golfer.

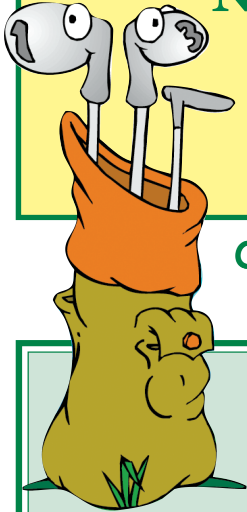


**Hope You'll Join us and Happy Golfing...**

# North Royalton Chamber of Commerce

## Annual Golf Outing

Thursday, May 18, 2017



Coppertop at Cherokee Hills Golf Course • 5740 Center Rd • Valley City  
This will be a shotgun start at 10 a.m. (Arrive 45 minutes early)

Register before May 1: \$90 • Register after May 1 - \$100

**INCLUDES:**

18 Holes of golf

Power cart

Chance at Hole in One - \$10,000 Prize

... plus 3 Bonus holes with Prizes

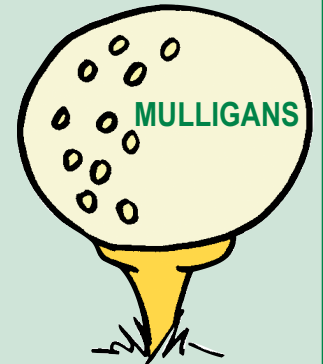
Donuts & Coffee

Lunch with beverage

Great Dinner with beverage

Gifts and Prizes for every golfer

*Photo of your foursome to keep as a souvenir!*



### MAJOR SPONSORSHIPS

\_\_\_ GOLF GIFT SPONSOR - \$500

\_\_\_ RAFFLE SPONSOR - \$400

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\_\_\_ BEVERAGE SPONSOR - \$300

**SOLD** LUNCH SPONSOR - \$300

\_\_\_ GOODY BAG SPONSOR - \$250

**SOLD** PHOTO SPONSOR - \$175

\_\_\_ HOLE SPONSOR - \$80

**Sponsors will have their name on all handouts, on a large banner that is displayed at registration and at dinner. Sponsors will also be acknowledged in the Royalton Recorder on a full page ad.**

**BIG RAFFLE**

Exciting RAFFLE for a great prize will take place at dinner.

Plus! 50/50 RAFFLE

*Hope You'll Join us and Happy Golfing...*



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## 2017 GOLF OUTING

### Thursday, May 18, 2017

**Coppertop at Cherokee Hills Golf Course • 5740 Center Road • Valley City • 330-225-6122**

### Reservation Form

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOLF GIFT SPONSOR - \$500   | <b>SOLD</b> CLOSEST TO PIN SPONSOR - \$250                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RAFFLE SPONSOR - \$400      | <input type="checkbox"/> BREAKFAST or DESSERT SPONSOR - \$200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BEVERAGE SPONSOR - \$300    | <b>SOLD</b> LUNCH SPONSOR - \$300                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HOLE-IN-ONE SPONSOR - \$350 | <input type="checkbox"/> GOODY BAG SPONSOR - \$250            |
| <b>SOLD</b> BONUS HOLE-IN-ONE SPONSOR - \$350        | <b>SOLD</b> PHOTO SPONSOR - \$175                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LONGEST DRIVE SPONSOR \$250 | <input type="checkbox"/> HOLE SPONSOR - \$80                  |

**Golf Package - \$90**

**GOLF REGISTRATION**

**Golf Only - \$65**

Golfer #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #4 \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### DINNER ONLY REGISTRATION \$35

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

#### RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to donate the following item(s) for door prizes. \_\_\_\_\_

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Join us for

# DRUGS AND ADDICTION



Our Community, Our Emergency, Our Solutions

Hosted by: North Royalton United Methodist Church  
13601 Ridge Rd, North Royalton, OH 44133

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Dates and topics listed below

PHNR invites you to a three-part series on drugs, addiction, local impact, stigmas, drug-prevention related resources, and more...

We welcome guest speaker, Jim Joyner, LICDC-CS and ICCS, along with other local experts, who will lead us in a discussion about the changing landscape of addiction. This series will highlight the impact of addiction in our neighborhoods.

- Monday, April 3      Substance Use Disorder & Addiction: Understanding the Problem
- Monday, April 24    Local Impact: How The Epidemic is Affecting Our Neighborhoods
- Monday, May 15      Empowering Yourself and Your Family to be a Part of the Solution

Partnership for a Healthy North Royalton is funded through a Drug-Free Communities grant and SAMSHA SP019983

Our mission is to promote a healthy, drug-free community by empowering youth and adults to make responsible decisions.



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