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Dial 911 for all Emergencies

Fire Dept. Emergency
(440) 237-7989
Non-emergency
(440) 237-4315

Police Dept.
(440) 237-8686

City Hall
(440) 237-5686

Building Dept.
(440) 582-3000

Service Dept. & Trash Pick-Up
(440) 582-3002

Animal Control
(440) 237-0665

Library
(440) 237-4800

City Schools
(440) 237-8800

Dawn Carbone-McDonald
(330) 888-2034



Pictured above: Football team celebrate week 1 victory over Westlake with Cheerleaders and Band.

BEARS MAUL WESTLAKE

By: Dawn Carbone-McDonald – August 20

The North Royalton varsity football team cruised to an easy week 1 win in a 43-7 extradition of the Demons of Westlake. Led by senior quarterback Mike Piazza and two-way stars Zadan Abuhamdeh and Jacob Lipchek, the Bears high-powered offense rolled down the field early and often. Abuhamadeh returned an intercepted pass for a touchdown and Patrick McDonnell fell on a second quarter blocked punt in the end zone placing the final silver nails in the Demons coffin.

Box Score	1	2	3	4	Final
Westlake @	0	0	0	7	7
North Royalton	13	30	0	0	43

BEARS CEASE CONTROL OF THE HIGHLAND – WEEK 2

By: Dawn Carbone-McDonald – August 27

In week 2 action, the Bears jumped on Highland early 7-0 on a 4th and 4, 35 yard TD pass from Piazza to Vincent Koprowski. The Hornets struck back on a 3rd & 8, 15 yard TD pass. After an exchange of punts, Highland struck again on a 62 yard QB scamper. The Hornets added a TD in the 3Q to push the lead to 21-7. The Bears tried to claw their way back as Piazza hit Koprowski on a 4th and 10, 32 yard TD pass. Highland answered with a 28 yard field goal. Piazza found Koprowski a third time on a 17 yard TD pass to cut the lead to 21-24. North Royalton never got the ball back, as their Ridge Road rivals ran out the final 4+ minutes.

Box Score	1	2	3	4	Final
Highland @	7	7	7	3	24
North Royalton	7	0	0	14	21

SUMMERFEST HIGHLIGHTS

By: Dawn Carbone-McDonald – August 23

Early in the year, the mayor announced that our annual Home-Days event would be cancelled again this year. Later, he offered to replace the home days event with a fun, fellowship and fireworks event. Thus the Summerfest event was created.

The weekend event started with the July rainout rescheduled Friday Movie Night playing of Sonic The Hedgehog as popcorn and weenies were served. Many young families enjoyed the event.



Pictured above: Presley Connelly with his 1958 Studebaker

Saturday afternoon, included a car show sponsored by BlueLine classics. Many awesome owners displayed vehicles from all eras. Awards were handed out the best vehicle of each decade. The 1950s winner was an immaculate 1958 Studebaker, owned by Pressley Connelly. Sunday events on the City Greens began with a Hip-Hop class at 5pm. Magician Rick Smith Jr. dazzled the crowd of about 350 with an amazing performance, enlisting crowd volunteers. The North Royalton Community Band performed several favorites and an awesome firework spectacle glittered the skies at dark to end the weekend.

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PROPERTY TAXES 101

By: Dawn Carbone-McDonald – July 29

In 2020, North Royalton residential property owners paid their 2019 property taxes at a rate of 2.27% based on the fair market value of your home (or \$2,270 per \$100,000 of market value). In 2021, North Royalton residential property owners will pay the 2020 property taxes at a rate of 2.34% (or \$2,340 per \$100,000 of market value).

Why the increase in tax rates? Property tax increases are due to the Cuyahoga County Public Library Tax Levy being approved by the voters in our community at elections held in 2020.

The 2020 property tax collections were allocated as follows:

	<u>\$ in Millions</u>	<u>%</u>
Public Schools	41.9	58%
Cuyahoga County	12.9	18%
North Royalton City	6.4	9%
Tri-C	4.5	6%
Metroparks	2.5	3%
Library	2.3	3%
Vocational School	2.0	3%
Total	72.4	100%

MUNICIPAL TAXES 101

By: Dawn Carbone-McDonald – July 29

North Royalton’s operational expenditures for Police, Fire, Garbage Collection, Road Maintenance & Repair, Engineering, City Government, etc... are substantially funded by the city (municipal) income taxes. The city income tax rate is 2%, with a 100% credit, up to 1.25%, for taxes paid to a residents work city. All residents over the age of 18 are required to file a tax return with the Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.), who handles the tax return processing, collection and tax audit activities for North Royalton.

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

CLE Market 2nd Saturday (Sep 11 & Oct. 9) 11am-3pm, on the City Greens featuring 30 local vendors.

Festival of Bands – Saturday, Sep 11, 7pm at North Royalton High School Stadium

North Royalton GOP Golf Tournament Friday, Sep 17, 12:00 – 8:30pm Bunker Hill Golf Course, Medina, OH

The Kathleen DePiero Memorial YMCA Bubble Blast 5k Run - Sat, Sept 18, 10am YMCA - 11409 State Rd

Outdoor Vendor Antique Fair – Saturday, Sept. 18 9am-3pm @ Generations on Ridge Rd

UPCOMING EVENTS NEARBY

Nights in the Heights Free Concert & Cruise-in Fri, Sep 3 7-10pm at the Broadview Heights Amphitheater

65th Annual Hungarian Festival - Sunday Sep 5 10am-11pm. German Central 7863 York

Oktoberfest - Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds: September 10th-15th

2021 NORTH ROYALTON VARSITY Football Schedule

Date/Time	Opponent
Fri Aug 20 7:00 PM	43-7 Westlake High School
Fri Aug 27 7:00 PM	21-24 Highland HS-Medina
Fri Sep 3 7:00 PM	@ Perry HS-Massillon
Fri Sep 10 7:00 PM	VS. Nordonia High School
Fri Sep 17 7:00 PM	VS. East High School-Akron
Fri Sep 24 7:00 PM	@ Stow-Munroe Falls HS
Fri Oct 1 7:00 PM	@ Twinsburg High School
Fri Oct 8 7:00 PM	VS. Hudson High School
Fri Oct 15 7:00 PM	VS. Wadsworth HS
Fri Oct 22 7:00 PM	@ Brecksville-Broadview Hts

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CONTROVERSIAL CHARTER AMENDMENTS ON BALLOT

By: Dawn Carbone-McDonald – August 29

On November 2, 2021, North Royalton voters will be asked to vote on two charter amendments.

The most controversial amendment involves changing how the mayor and council president get elected. City council members voted to have both these positions face a May PRIMARY ELECTION in which the top two candidates will move on to the November election.

WHY A PRIMARY ELECTION IS BAD:

- This extra election WILL not only WASTE your tax dollars, but voter turnout will likely be very low. How many voters really want to vote in an odd year primary?
- This will extend the campaign time for current council/mayor. These officials should focus their efforts more on running the city properly rather than campaigning.
- All the elected city officials could run for these positions and effectively make it very difficult for an outsider to win. This tactic will keep the well known good-ole-boys network alive.
- Any person not finishing in the top two for the primary election, could then run for a Ward Council seat in the same year.
- One of the top two winners in the primary could drop out of the November race (could be offered/bribed with a city position by the other candidate).

The second item on the ballot will change how the Charter Commission Committee of residents are appointed AND permit City Council to add its own two cents on issues proposed by the Charter Committee of residents. This effectively eliminates any real power the outside residents have to correct/make changes to city legislation without city interference.

Consider **voting NO** on these two changes!

HISTORY OF TERM LIMITS

By: Dawn Carbone-McDonald – August 29

In May 1995, North Royalton voters approved a term limit maximums of eight consecutive years for Mayor and all council positions. In 2001, North Royalton residents overwhelmingly voted against a proposal to eliminate the term limits. In November 2008, North Royalton voters approved a Charter Review Commission recommendation to change term limits from eight year to twelve years. The language on the ballot stated “Do you approve of term limits of twelve years.....,” deceptively and purposely failing to mention on the ballot that term limits of eight years were already in place. Coincidentally, the chairman of the Charter Review Commission that proposed the twelve-year limit was a former councilman that was termed out after serving eight years in 2003. The change also permitted the then elected and our most recent former mayor to finish out his career as mayor at the retirement age of 65, before being termed out in 2019.

Members of the most recent former city council considered placing on the ballot another effort end term limits, as many of their term limits were approaching in 2019.

The morale of this story is for the voter to be very careful when considering ANY voting or election changes that are placed on the ballot. Especially, and in particular, those promoted by current elected officials, that will change to rules of how elections will be handled going forward.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council Meetings resume September 7, 2021, and are held at 7pm every first and third Tuesday of the month. Committee meetings occur at 6pm before the Council meetings. These meetings are open to the public and the public is permitted to speak freely, at the Committee Meetings and are restricted to 5 minutes at the Council Meetings. Agendas are usually available on the city website on the Monday before the meetings, while minutes from previous meetings are only available after approval at the next months meeting.

A positive choice for a positive future!

Elect **Dawn** ★
Carbone-McDonald

North Royalton City Council Ward 5

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LOCAL CHARITY SPOTLIGHT

By: Dawn Carbone-McDonald – August 31

RISE IN LOVE

Rise in Love is a people first, Christian based charity focused on suburban poverty. Many programs available today are concentrated in the inner city, leaving the suburbs with little or no assistance. Contributions will directly benefit families who are struggling and living right here in North Royalton and southwestern Cuyahoga County. A Raise in Love fundraising event will occur on Oct. 9. Contact at www.riseinlovecenter.org (440) 457-7209



LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

By: Dawn Carbone-McDonald – August 31

NIKO'S BAR & GYROS (440) 237-6456

Located at 12766 Royalton Rd, and established in 1992, Niko's Bar & Gyro's is a Sports Bar that serves Gyro's, Greek Food and American bites. The bar features many local craft beers on tap. Owner Niko Moulagianis has been in restaurants since the age of 13. "From busboy to bartender, if it's part of the restaurant business, I've had my hands in it," Niko says with a smile.

In 2020, I contacted Niko seeking a donation for our dispatchers as part of my "remember those who protect us" campaign. Without hesitation, Niko agreed and generously provided meals to feed all our dispatchers. Niko has founded several popular restaurants, but Niko's Bar and Gyros has a special focus—three of Niko's personal loves: great and simple food, sports, and craft beer ("Opa (Greek: **ώππα**)"). Niko's is a favorite!!!

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Elect **Dawn** ★

Carbone-McDonald

North Royalton City Council Ward 5

"My dad was a Police Officer. He taught me about the importance of community service. I'm running for city council because we need **NEW, ENERGETIC, RESPONSIVE, & INDEPENDENT LEADERSHIP** on council!"

Dawn Carbone-McDonald



Dawn is currently the Vice President & Board member of Cleveland Touchdown Club Charities. Previously, Dawn worked as a Medical Assistant for The Cleveland Clinic (11 yrs.), a Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach at Strongsville High School (4 yrs.), and a Records Supervisor at the Cuyahoga County Prosecutors Office (11 yrs.). Dawn received a Medical Assistant Degree from Sanford Brown College.

Please sign-up to receive Dawn's Newsletter at DawnCarboneMcDonaldNR5.com

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Dawn Carbone-McDonald

Dawn's Vision for a More Vibrant North Royalton

- Will work **FULL-TIME** for you, the residents to bring much **IMPROVED** communication, service, accessibility, and be an **INDEPENDENT** voice for all residents.
- Will make sure your tax dollars are spent more **WISELY**, seek to foster a more business friendly environment in the City, and fight to **LESSEN** the tax burden on the residents.
- Will promote **SAFETY** for **ALL RESIDENTS**, by ensuring that adequate levels of Police, Firefighters, and Correction Officers are maintained.
- Will work **FIERCELY** to provide **BETTER** assistance to our elderly residents, **ADVOCATE** for resolution of storm water issues, and **ADDRESS** aging infrastructure matters.

Achieve Your Gooaalls!

DAWN CARBONE-McDONALD AND FAMILY