



# City of North Royalton

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Dear Mr. Phebus:

Pursuant to our recent conversations and site visit, I want to provide the City of North Royalton's support and sponsorship to the John Shepard commemoration proposed for June 26-27, 2010. Mr. Shepard played an integral role in the founding of our country and this city.

The city is already engaged with you in the planning of these events surrounding this commemoration. Further, we have been pleased with the numerous letters of support from patriotic organizations from around the country that are lending their support to this event. We look forward to working with you and the other interested organizations. Below is a recap of Mr. Shepard's many exploits and his relationship to this city.

Born in 1729, Shepherd served during both the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. He lived to tell the tale of Braddock's defeat in July 1755 and was the last survivor of that ill-fated campaign. Shepherd is also believed to be the longest lived soldier of the American Revolution, surviving to the historic age of 117 years, nine months. John Shepherd spent the last years of his long life here in North Royalton, where his earthly remains rest to this day.

In addition to being an active participant in the birth of our Nation, John Shepherd was an eyewitness to the birth of our town, North Royalton, Ohio. On November 9, 1818 the 88 year old veteran of the French and Indian War and American Revolution sat in the home of his daughter Margaret and her husband Robert Engle, with whom he lived, and likely witnessed the first election of town officers of North Royalton. Shepherd lived to see the town prosper dying 29 years later in 1847.

We look forward to seeing you here in October.

Best regards,

Robert A. Stefanik  
Mayor

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c: Thomas Jordan, Economic Development Director