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Photo Opportunity at YWCA

Rotary Club of Youngstown to Host Beerfest in 2021

Rotary Beerfest Mascot Youngsatowney Paul ends Quarantine

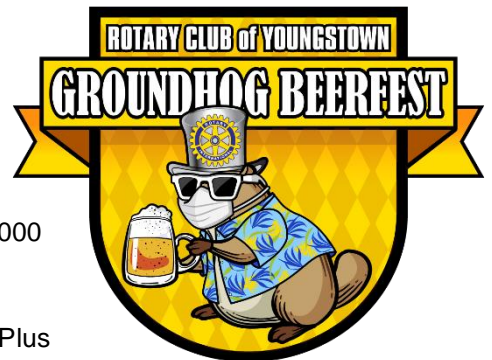
Youngstown, OH - April 29, 2021 - The Rotary Club of Youngstown announces that the **3rd Annual Groundhog Craft Beerfest** will take place on Saturday, July 10, 2021. The Fest will take place outdoors in the Stambaugh Auditorium parking lot from 5 – 9 PM, with exclusive VIP admission for the first hour. General admission tickets are \$40, and VIP tickets are \$60 plus a \$5 service fee. Ticket sales begin on April 30 through Stambaugh Auditorium www.stambaughauditorium.com or by calling 330-259-0555.

There will be live entertainment, an assortment of food trucks, and the best craft beers in the region. Tickets are limited due to COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

MEDIA EVENT

The **Groundhog Craft Beerfest kickoff event** will be held on **Friday, April 30, at 10:30 AM** at the **YWCA Mahoning Valley**, located at 25 West Rayen Avenue in Youngstown. Online tickets go on sale that day.

The YWCA was the recipient of a \$20,000 grant from the 2019-2020 Rotary Club of Youngstown community grant program, financed in part by proceeds from the inaugural Groundhog Craft Beerfest. Leah Merritt, YWCA President & CEO, will be available to speak about the impact of the grant on her agency. Since the Beerfest's inception in 2019, more than \$30,000 has been raised to benefit the community, including grants to support the Robinson-Shuba statue project, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in conjunction with the United Way of the MV, and Rotary International's Polio Plus program.



HISTORY

A little more than two years ago, the Rotary Club of Youngstown introduced the Mahoning Valley to Youngsatowney Paul, cousin to famed weather prognosticator Punxsutawney Phil and the Club's early mascot. Like the rest of us, Paul has been in isolation for the past year, but now masked up and fully vaccinated, he is ready to celebrate in a safe, socially distanced manner! He doesn't want to wait until Groundhog Day 2022 and will be in person at the YWCA, resplendent in his full summer attire of Hawaiian shirt, shades and, of course, mask.

Sponsorships to support this event and its charitable beneficiaries are available. Information can be found on the Rotary Club of Youngstown website at www.YoungstownRotary.com or by calling the office at 330-743-8630.

ABOUT ROTARY: Founded in 1915, the Rotary Club of Youngstown is one of more than 33,000 Rotary International clubs in 200 countries. Rotary International, a global service organization whose purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. There are over 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide. The Rotary Club of Youngstown meets each Wednesday from noon until 1 PM at the MVR in Youngstown. For more information about the Club, call 330.743.8630, email us at youngstownrotary@sbcglobal.net or visit our website at www.youngstownrotary.com.