



City of Strongsville News and Updates



Dates set for Rib Burnoff, Homecoming

Strongsville's two major summer festivals on the Commons are right around the corner.

The Strongsville City Club Rib Burnoff will run June 22-24 with its usual array of award-winning ribbers and plenty of sides and snacks, plus inflatables for the kids and live entertainment nightly.

Strongsville Homecoming, sponsored by the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce, is set for July 19-22 with rides, carnival games, food and live entertainment daily.

It will kick off with the Homecoming Parade on July 19.

Mayor: A Good Mix of Business and Green Space

Strongsville is home to both a vital business district competing in a global market and more than 3,000 acres of green space, Mayor Tom Perciak said in his State of the City address.

Perciak, speaking before a packed house at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center March 14, said the city's strong retail and industrial base, which provides the majority of Strongsville's income tax revenue, is balanced by city parks and recreation fields, common space in neighborhoods and 2,170 acres of Cleveland Metroparks.

"For anyone to say our community is a concrete jungle is



ignoring the facts," he said.

In fact, entire cities — like Parma Heights (2,682 acres) or Rocky River (3,034 acres) — could fit inside the 3,149 acres of green space here.

The mayor also said the success of a city rests on its financial stability — provided

by its business base. That fiscal health allows for superior safety forces, which create a safe community. That leads to increasing property values and re-investment.

"Without a strong financial base, we could not accomplish any of these things," he said.

Turn in Unneeded Prescription Drugs April 29

Strongsville police will collect old or unneeded prescription medication from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 29 outside the Police Station, 18688 Royalton Rd.

At the twice-a-year collection, residents can dispose of prescription pills (no liquids, please) safely.

The drugs are given to the DEA to be destroyed.

Sgt. Mike Grywalksy said the department participates in Take Back Day to keep drugs from falling into the wrong hands and to provide residents an alternative to throwing them in the trash or flushing them, which



can pollute landfills and waterways.

Save the Dates

- Optimist Club Reverse Raffle (Michaud's) — **April 8**
- Child Safe Community Day Fair (Rec Center) — **April 9**
- Habitat for Humanity Tool Drive (City Service Center) — **April 29**
- Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up (City Service Center) — **May 3-6**
- Arts in Strongsville's Chalk Walk (Commons) — **May 20**
- Strongsville Community Band Spring Concert (Rec Center) — **May 21**

Check Strongsville.org or cable TV channel 21 for information on these and other events.

Mitchell's is Ready to Start Ice Cream Shop

Work is expected to get under way soon on a free-standing Mitchell's Ice Cream shop on Westwood Drive, just east of Pearl Road.

Plans call for a 2,980-square-foot restaurant with indoor seating and a 58-seat patio.

The business should be open by late summer or early fall.

It will join an existing Mitchell's Ice Cream at SouthPark Mall, located in the food court on the second floor.

Mitchell's is part of the ongoing revitalization of Strongsville's Town Center, which also saw the construction of a new Westwood Plaza and renovation of an existing shopping center.

Also set to open this summer is Architectural Justice, which built a design showroom and café on the site of the former Vining's gas station at the corner of Pearl and Westwood.



Mother-Son Night of Fun is May 12

Ladies and their favorite young gents are invited to the Ehrnfelt Rec Center for a night of music, food and fun May 12.

There will also be games and a free digital photo.

Tickets are available at the front desk: \$9 for rec center members; \$11 for non-member residents and \$13 for non-residents.

The first of two 2016 Household Hazardous Waste Collections is set for May 3-6 at the Service Center, 16099 Foltz Pkwy.

Residents can drop off their household products 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 3-5 and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 6.

Materials accepted include oil or solvent-based paint (no latex paint), varnish, mineral spirits, caustic household cleaners, adhesives, gasoline, sealers, polyurethane, herbicides, automotive fluids, roof tar, lighter fluid, primers and coatings,

shellac, pesticides, motor oil, driveway sealer, mercury, paint thinner, turpentine, fungicides, car batteries, kerosene and fluorescent bulbs.

LATEX PAINT IS NOT ACCEPTED. To dispose of latex paint, leave the lid off to dry up the paint, then place it out with your regular trash for collection.

Drop off Household Hazardous Waste May 3-6

Businesses on the Move

Nothing Bundt Cakes is finishing up construction in the Westwood Commons, next to Square 22. The business, which has locations across the country, features cakes and cupcakes made with fresh eggs, real butter and a unique frosting.

Brown Aveda Institute celebrated its grand opening March 21 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The cosmetology, beauty and esthetics school opened at the beginning of March in the Commons at SouthPark.

The Olive Scene marked its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, open house and giveaways the last weekend in March. The store features olive oils and vinegars.