Corporate Relocation Guide
Dear Business Partners,

We appreciate your interest in the City of Strongsville.

Strongsville is a vibrant city home to a thriving business community, active residential base, and exceptional quality of life.

As detailed in the pages that follow, few communities offer such a diverse balance of modern amenities, green space, and convenient access to area highways and Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

With four business parks containing nearly 200 companies and an educated workforce, Strongsville is dedicated to maintaining a pro-business, profitable environment centered around responsive economic development that supports our community’s neighborhoods and families.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Perciak
Mayor
The City of Strongsville unique location provides easy access to interstates, airports, and local colleges & universities.
THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE
Department of Economic Development

THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
Location: Cuyahoga County, Ohio
Nearest Major City: Cleveland, Ohio – 20 miles to Downtown
Major Highways: I-80/90, I-77, I-71, SR 82, SR 42, and SR 237

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION
Government type: Mayor/Council-City Charter
Police: 71 Police and 23 School Guards
Fire: 61 Firefighters – 59 paramedic qualified
Fire Insurance Rating (ISO Rating): 3

COMMUNICATIONS
Local Telephone Service by: AT&T
Fiber Optics Capability: YES

TAXES
Local Income Tax: 2%
Sales Tax: 8%
Real Property Tax (Residential): 2.15% of Market Value
Real Property Tax (Comm./Industrial): 2.6% of Market Value
*All rates are based on tax year 2018; paid in 2019

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
Banks: 20
Savings and Loans: 3

RELIGIOUS FACILITIES
Protestant: 13
Catholic: 3

POPULATION INFORMATION
City: 44,750 (2010 US Census)
County: 1,280,122 (2010 US Census)

UTILITIES AND SERVICE DATA
Electric Supplier: The Illuminating Company
Gas Supplier: Columbia Gas Company
Water Supplier: City of Cleveland
Sanitary Sewerage Treatment: Regional Sewer District and City of Strongsville

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES
High School, Public: 1
Enrollment: 1,993
High School Parochial/Private: None
Middle Schools: 1
Enrollment: 1,322
Elementary Schools, Public: 5
Enrollment: 2,046
Elementary School Parochial: 1
Enrollment: 734
Vocational School: Polaris Career Center
Enrollment: 868 (serves six districts)

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The Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation & Senior Center
Strongsville’s recreation center is a state of the art facility with amenities that include:

- Aquatic Center with a competition & activity pool, steam & sauna rooms, and a whirlpool
- Strength Training Center
- Youth Strength Training Room
- Main gymnasium
- Auxiliary gymnasium
- Cardio Exercise Area
- Game Area
- Indoor Track
- Child care services
- Aerobic/Activity studios
- Event center
- Conference/Meeting/Party rooms

Strongsville City Schools
The Strongsville School District is one of the area’s elite school systems:

- Student college admission test scores above State and National averages
- 92% of students complete the college core curriculum
- Excellent facilities, including the new Strongsville Middle School and renovated Strongsville High School
- 79% of the district’s faculty having a masters degree or higher
- A diverse curriculum, encompassing general & special needs, gifted, advanced placement and honors courses, as well as a strong array of extracurricular and sports programs

Community Events
Strongsville is an active community and home to:

- Strongsville Community Band & Theater
- The Strongsville Business Expo
- The Arts of Strongsville
- Homecoming Festivals
- Winter Wonderland Festivals
- Harvest Festivals
- Fourth of July Fireworks
- Strongsville Rib-Burnoff
- The Taste of Strongsville

Shopping & Entertainment
Located in Strongsville, SouthPark Mall contains the largest collection of retail, dining, and entertainment establishments in northern Ohio with over 1.65 million square feet of retail & dining activities

Other shopping center’s within Strongsville include:

- The Greens of Strongsville (325,000 square feet)
- The Plaza at Southpark (312,000 square feet)
- Strongsville Towne Center (124,000 square feet)
The City of Strongsville is embedded in a region known for World-class healthcare. National ranked hospitals drive the region’s healthcare sector and our lead by:

- **The Cleveland Clinic**
  - Ranked nation’s #1 heart program since 1995 (U.S. News & World Report 2018/2019)
  - 24 Cleveland Clinic specialties are nationally ranked (U.S. News & World Report 2018/2019)

- **University Hospitals Health System**
  - 18 University Hospital specialties are nationally ranked (U.S. News & World Report 2018/2019)

Research institutions focused on innovation and medical technology in the region include:

- **Case Western Reserve University**
  - Ranked 32nd most innovative University in the nation (U.S. News & World Report 2018/2019)

- **The Cleveland Clinic & Learner Research Institution**
  - Home to all laboratory-based research at the Cleveland Clinic
  - Employs more than 1,050 scientists and support personnel who investigate a wide range of biomedical questions

### A HIGH QUALITY LIFE

Strongsville offers a wide selection of recreational opportunities and currently has nearly 200 acres developed for park use at 19 different sites. In addition, the Cleveland MetroParks run through Strongsville providing approximately 2,170 acres of green space that provide a scenic setting for a variety of outdoor activities.

Regionally, residents of Strongsville enjoy:

- **3 Major League Sports Teams**
  - Cleveland Browns
  - Cleveland Indians
  - Cleveland Cavaliers

- **The Playhouse Square Center**
  - 2nd largest U.S. theater district behind only New York City

- **Cleveland Metroparks & Cuyahoga Valley National Park**
  - 3rd most visited national park system in the U.S.

- **Cleveland Orchestra**
  - Ranked in the top five major orchestras in the world

- **The Cleveland Museum of Art**
  - Including more than 43,000 collections from all times and places displayed in four joined buildings stretching 389,076 square feet

- **Miles of lakefront and water activity**

With a cost of living ranging from 12-20% below the national average, our residents are provided a quality of life that is both dynamic and satisfying.
The City of Strongsville is dedicated to promoting growth and development within the city’s business community with a proactive approach designed to retain, assist, and attract businesses of all sizes.

This approach has resulted in a diverse and successful high-tech/manufacturing base consisting of four business parks, positioned on over 2,000 acres of land.

Nearly two hundred businesses, attracted by Strongsville’s strategic location, local resources, incentive packages, local officials, and superior amenities, have populated the land within and surrounding the business parks.

**LARGEST EMPLOYERS**

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The City’s Business Parks

The Strongsville Business & Technology Park
Strongsville Business & Technology Park is the largest business park in Strongsville stretching over 1,693 acres. The park is home to over 70 companies that employ in total over 3,000 individuals.

In 2018, Crain’s Cleveland Business Magazine ranked the Strongsville Business & Technology Park as the #1 business/industrial park in terms of size in Northeast Ohio.

Companies located in the Strongsville Business & Technology Park include technology oriented businesses such as Vitamix, Foundation Software, Sparton Medical Systems, Clark-Reliance Corp., CCL Design, and Momentive Performance Materials.

Progress Drive Business Park
Progress Drive Business Park was the first park established within the City of Strongsville. Positioned on 325 acres of land, the park contains over forty companies with over 2,000 employees working in the park.

Large manufacturers such as Atlantic Tool & Die, PPG Industries and Sumitomo DeMag (pictured above), all have facilities within the park.

Dow Circle Research & Development Park
Located in the Northeast corner of Strongsville, Dow Circle is home to some of the city’s largest employers, including Akzo Nobel’s Global R&D Center, Enterprise Rental Car’s Regional Headquarters, and PNC Bank’s Technology Center.

The research park is located on 258 acres of land, with over 30 companies employing more than 2,600 people.

Darice Parkway
Darice Parkway is the newest of Strongsville’s business parks. The park is home to 19 different companies who combined employ nearly 1,000 employees.

Michael’s Craft Stores Regional Headquarters is located within Darice Parkway along with companies such as Intralot and The Torsion Group.

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Community Reinvestment Areas (CRAs)
Strongsville currently has nineteen (19) Pre-1994 Community Reinvestment Areas established for its Tax Abatement Program.

All industrial zoned land in the city is a part of a Community Reinvestment Area Incentive. This means that Strongsville can provide tax incentive on the real estate improvement, upon application, for ten years based on 100% of the real estate improvements actually made at the site.

Strongsville Jobs/Payroll Incentive Grant
Incentive program established by the City of Strongsville that offers annual grants based off withholding tax paid by eligible projects.

More information regarding the CRA and Strongsville Job/Payroll Incentive Grant Programs is available at www.strongsville.org

Additional Assistance

The City of Strongsville’s Economic Development Department is available for further assistance, including:

- Site Selection
  - Utilize the City’s available properties database
  - The City will organize tours of available buildings/land

- Tax Incentive Review
  - In depth review of State, County, and Local Tax Incentives
  - The City will schedule meetings with required State officials

- Labor Market & Demographic Reports

For further assistance please contact Brent Painter.
Mayor Thomas Perciak is pleased to release the results of the City of Strongsville’s “Business Retention & Expansion” survey.

Working closely with Ohio State University’s BR&E Initiative, the purpose of the survey was to determine the value Strongsville businesses place on available amenities and services, as well as their satisfaction level in those areas. The results indicated that:

- **91%** of businesses rated Strongsville as a good/excellent place to do business
- **94%** rated the overall quality of life in Strongsville as good/excellent
- **94%** of respondents would recommend Strongsville to another business
- **97%** rated the Strongsville Safety Forces as good/excellent

The highest ranked factors for reasons companies have located in Strongsville include:

- Proximity to Freeways
- Proximity to Home
- Workforce Availability
- Access to Customers
- Quality of Life

Respondents rated the following City Services & Amenities as high in quality:

- Snow/Ice Removal
- Local Roads & Freeway Access
- Fire
- Police
- Health Care Services
- Strongsville School System

**The Business Community in Strongsville is thriving:**

- **82%** expect an increase in Customers
- **91%** expect an increase in Total Revenue
- **85%** expect an increase in Profits
- **70%** expect an increase in Employment

Dr. Greg Davis, Director of Ohio State University’s BR&E Initiative, adds an expert’s insight on Strongsville’s survey process:

“Making the most of a BR&E program requires committed leadership. The leadership exhibited by the Mayor of Strongsville and the Economic Development Department in the most recent survey effort was by far, one of the key components in this program’s success.”
Mayor Thomas Perciak is pleased to release the results of **Strongsville in Dialogue 2018: A Survey of Local Residents.**

Working closely with Ohio State University and the Strongsville Residential Survey Subcommittee, the survey was mailed to 14,675 households with a strong 24% response rate.

Survey results indicate:

- **92%** of residents rated the Quality of Life in Strongsville as good/excellent
- **88%** of residents indicated they would recommend Strongsville to others as a place to live
- **87%** of residents rated the Strongsville Police Department as good/excellent
- **86%** of residents rated Strongsville Fire & Emergency Services as good/excellent

The top four reasons given for living in Strongsville were:
- Safe Environment
- Quality of Housing
- Quality of Schools
- Access to Family

Residents rated the following City Services & Amenities as high in quality:
- Health Care Services
- Safety Services
- Snow/Ice Removal
- Strongsville Recreation Center
- Access to Air Service

### Profile of the Survey Respondent

- **90%** were 41 years old or older
- **79%** lived in Strongsville for over 11+ years
- **62%** were actively working
- **50%** were female

Ohio State University’s David Civittolo, Associate Professor & Community Economics Specialist:

“Strongsville leaders innovatively used the Ohio Community Economics Program to better understand the residents’ sentiments toward community quality of life issues and amenities. The survey results should be useful to local leaders as they allocate resources.”
Civic Organizations

**Strongsville Chamber of Commerce**
www.strongvillechamber.com

**Strongsville Rotary Club**
www.strongvillero rotary.org

**Strongsville City Club**
www.strongvillecityclub.org

**Strongsville Women’s League**
www.strongvillewomen’sleague.org

**Arts In Strongsville**
www.artsinstrongsville.org

**Strongsville Community Band**
www.strongvillecommunityband.com

**Strongsville Community Theatre**
http://strongvillecommunitytheatre.com

**Strongsville Historical Society**
www.strongsville.org/content/history.asp

**Strongsville Kiwanis Club**
http://strongvillekiwanis.org

**Strongsville Education Foundation**
http://strongvilleeducationfoundation.com

**Strongsville Soccer Club**
www.strongvillesoccer.com

**Strongsville Swim League**
www.strongvilleswimleague.com

**Strongsville VFW Post 3345**
http://vfwwpost3345.homestead.com
January
• The Arts in Strongsville Cabaret at the Senior Center

February
• The Strongsville Rotary Chili Open at the Fair Grounds
• Economic Development Business Network Breakfast

March
• The Mayor’s State-of-the-City at the Senior Center
• Super Saturday 5K/1 Mile Race

April
• The Mayor’s VIP Reception at Michaud’s
• Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the Senior Center *

May
• The Rotary Duck Race & Kids Fest *
• Economic Development Business Network Breakfast

June
• The City Club Rib Burn-off on the Commons *

July
• The Chamber Parade and Homecoming on the Commons *

September
• The City Club Breakfast-on-the-Bridge *
• The Arts in Strongsville Day-at-the-Chalet *
• Strongsville Historical Society’s Harvest Festival *

October
• The Rotary Savor the Flavor at the Holiday Inn
• The City, Chamber & Rotary Business EXPO
• Economic Development Business Network Breakfast

November
• Winter Wonderland - The Lighting of the Commons *

December
• The Chamber Holiday Dance at Michaud’s
• Breakfast with Santa at the Senior Center *
• SHS Christmas-in-the-Village *

* Kid Friendly
Contact Information

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- Fire Prevention: 440-580-3225

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**
- Non-Emergency Number: 440-580-3230

**City Hall Main Line**: 440-580-3100
- Mayor’s Office: 440-580-3150
- Mayor’s Court: 440-580-3155
- Council Office: 440-580-3110
- Economic Development Department: 440-580-3118
- Building Department: 440-580-3105
- Engineering Department: 440-580-3120
- Communications Center: 440-580-3190
- Recreation Center: 440-580-3260
- Senior Center: 440-580-3275
- Service Department: 440-580-3170
- Trash Pick-Up: 440-572-7590

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The Strongsville Technology Park

- 169 acres of available, city-owned property (outlined in red in the aerial above)
- Classified as Greenfields and zoned for Green Manufacturing/High-Tech Buildout
- Access to Rail
- Superior Safety Services
  - Strongsville was ranked as one of the 15 safest communities in Northeast Ohio
  - New State-of-the-Art Fire Headquarters 1 mile from site
  - New State-of-the-Art Police Headquarters 3 miles from the site
- Great Location:
  - 4.95 miles from I-71 & 5.5 miles from the Ohio Turnpike
  - 10 miles from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport
  - 20 miles from Downtown Cleveland
  - 24 miles from the Cuyahoga County Port Authority
- Campus-like setting with an emphasis on maintaining green space
- Tax Incentive/Foreign Trade Zone Eligible