



City of Strongsville News and Updates



28 Residential Street Projects Set for 2023

Streets throughout town will be improved this year, Mayor Tom Perciak said in his State of the City address.

They include all or parts of:

Ward 1— Valley Creek, Trails Edge, Sun Crest, Falling Water, Blazey, Ruth, Jannette and Handle.

Ward 2 — Walking Stick, Compass Point, Pioneers Creek, Drake, Doe and Deerfield.

Ward 3 — Heather, Creek Stone, Clear Brook, Meadowgrass, Watercress, Idlewood, Stafford, Broxton, Worthington, Osage.

Ward 4 — Pineview, Concord, Carlton, Ashford Circle.

A Perfect Fit: City has Right Pieces to Thrive

The city plans to repair 31 streets this year, break ground on the new Town Center Enhancement project and get the ball rolling on a fifth fire station.

The announcements were part of Mayor Tom Perciak's annual State of the City address, which he delivered March 21.

Perciak said Strongsville has the four building blocks for a thriving city: solid financial stewardship, strong safety forces, investment in infrastructure and aggressive economic development efforts.

"Other cities have to borrow to meet daily expenses," he said. "That is not the case



here."

Income tax collections in 2022 hit an all-time high, making up 82.4 percent of the city's general fund. A full half of that fund goes to the police and fire departments.

A fifth fire station is proposed for Royalton Road just west of Pearl Road to accommo-

date rising EMS calls, he said.

Parts of Howe, Prospect and Whitney roads will be resurfaced in 2023, as will 28 residential streets (see related story).

Ground will be broken this summer on new Town Center amenities like a splash pad and playgrounds.

Sign-Ups Under Way for Kids' Fire Academy

The Strongsville Fire Department will again host the Fire Academy for Kids this June.

Two sessions are set for June 7 and 8. They run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fire Station No. 4, 17000 Prospect Road.

The popular program is designed to satisfy kids' interest in firefighters and their jobs by allowing them to participate in hands-

on activities.

The day includes classroom work on fire safety and hands-on activities with the fire hose, fire extinguishers and rescues.

It's open to kids who are currently in the fourth or fifth grade

The academy is limited to 36 children, 18 for each session.



Interested parents should email their child's name, shirt size and a working phone number to kids.academy@strongsville.org

Save the Dates

- Arts in Strongsville's Chalk Walk (Commons) — **May 20**
- Habitat for Humanity Tool and Furniture Drive (City Service Center) — **May 20**
- MedWish Medical Supply Collection (Service Center) — **May 20**
- Strongsville Rotary Duck Race and Kids Fest (Metroparks Chalet) — **June 3**
- Rib Burnoff Fireworks Show (Commons) — **June 23**
- Homecoming fireworks show (Commons) — **July 15**

Check Strongsville.org or cable TV channel 21 (WOW) or 1020 (Spectrum) for more.

Look for Foxes and their Kits in the Early Spring

If you've seen a fox in your yard lately, that's because it's denning season, according to Animal Control Officer Chuck McCleary.



Between the end of March and early April, a mother fox will give birth to four or five kits. To keep them safe from coyotes, she will often choose a den site close to people, away from where coyotes generally go -- like under a porch, shed, garage, barn, or side of a hill, trying to keep her little family safe.

McCleary asks that you offer them a short-term rental because this is not a permanent situation. "If you are lucky enough to see how beautiful an adult fox is, or witness the kits playing (at a distance, of course), you will be glad you did!" he said.

If you see a fox during the day, it does not mean she is rabid. A mother fox works tirelessly to feed her kits and will often be out during daylight hours foraging for food. She won't hurt your children or your pets.



Remember: Taxes are Due April 18

The deadline to file municipal tax returns is April 18, 2023.

Strongsville contracts with the Regional Income Tax Agency to handle tax collections.

Residents can file online or get more information by visiting ritaohio.com.

Drop off Household Hazardous Waste May 2-3

The first of two 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Collections is set for May 2-3 at the Service Center, 16099 Foltz Pkwy.

Residents can drop off their household products 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. either of the two days.

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, and kerosene.

LATEX PAINT IS NOT ACCEPTED.

To dispose of latex paint, leave the lid off to dry up the paint, or mix in a drying agent, then place it out with your regular trash.

Second event is Aug. 29-30.

Businesses on the Move

Options Medical Weight Loss has opened in the Greens of Strongsville, near TJ Maxx. The business offers individualized weight loss plans designed by physicians.

The Lotus Branch is a new retail store at 13325 Prospect Road. It's the first retail location for Great Finds Estate Liquidation, an online auction website, and offers an eclectic mix of vintage and repurposed furniture and décor, sourced new home décor and a selection of gift items.

Advanced Chemical Concepts, which offers chemical solutions to a variety of industries, has purchased and opened a building on Dow Circle for its corporate offices.