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# City of Strongsville News and Updates



### Rec Center is Open for a Safe, Comfortable Workout

The Ehrnfelt Recreation Center is open for workouts and lap swims.

Hours are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The facility is closed on Sunday. The Senior Center also remains closed.

Masks are required inside the rec and social distancing is in place. Machines are wiped down after every use.

Members can walk on the track and use cardio and weight machines. The pools are open for lap swimming and water walking.

# **Flowers Help Brighten the Summer**

**E** ven with a limited staff this year, Strongsville Coordinator of Natural Resources Jennifer Milbrandt has managed to spruce up the town with some vibrant splashes of color.







## Infinium Building New Headquarters off Foltz Parkway

Infinium Wall Systems, which makes and sells glass walls, is building a 120,000-squarefoot headquarters on a new street off Foltz Parkway.

The new plant and warehouse, which will be about twice the size of the company's existing site on Ascoa Court, will house 65 to 70 employees.

"This will allow Infinium to continue to grow in Strongsville," Economic Development Director Brent Painter said.

The developer will build the new Infinium Parkway off an extension of Commerce Parkway.



#### Save the Dates

- Household Hazardous Waste Roundup (Strongsville Service Center, 16099 Foltz Parkway) — September 10-12
- Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing (Shale Creek Golf Club in Medina) — September 25
- It's a long way off, and things could change, but the annual Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration is still scheduled to take place. The event is set for November 22 on the Commons. Details will follow.

Check Strongsville.org or Cable TV channel 21 (WOW) or 1020 (Spectrum) for details.

#### Work Continues on Traffic Signal Upgrade

he project to upgrade and synchronize traffic lights at all 57 of Strongsville's signaled intersections is progressing this summer.

The goal is to smooth out traffic flow and improve safety with a system that coordinates signals along the major corridors by



linking them into a single operational system — and also using adaptive technology that can sense inefficiencies and self-adjust.

Fiber optic lines will interconnect all signals to the main computer. New poles and mast arms are being installed to replace signals hanging from wires. Uninterruptible power supplies will keep signals working during power outages. And pedestrian safety will improve with countdown walk signals and new curb ramps that are ADA compliant.



#### Brush Chipping is Suspended

The city's annual brush chipping program is not taking place this summer.

Financial constraints brought on by the coronavirus pandemic has cancelled the program this year.

Strongsville has been unable to hire part-time service department workers, who typically handle the brush collection.

#### Businesses, Restaurants Open at New Royalton Collection

S everal of the businesses at the Royalton Collection on Route 82 are open for business this summer.

Latest to open is Tropical Smoothie Café, which offers smoothies and various sandwiches, wraps and bowls. Other restaurants now serving are Outback Steakhouse and City Barbeque.

Also currently open are Spectrum, Sleep Number and Red Wing Shoes.

Coming soon to the new retail development are Panera Bread, which will relocate from its current site on Royalton Road just east of the new building, and Condado Taco.

A Skechers shoe store is also planned for the plaza.

#### Also still to open is anchor store Home Goods, which is expected to be stocked and ready for shoppers within a few months.

#### **Businesses on the Move**

Vitalia Senior Residences, a nursing home and assisted living community on Royalton Road just west of Prospect, is adding independent living villas to its campus. Vitalia currently has 78 assisted living units and 25 memory care units in Strongsville.

Strongsville developer Mike Catanzarite is building a \$20 million nursing home and rehabilitation center on Pearl Road at Rockglen Drive in the city's south end. The facility is to be owned and operated by **Pro**gressive Quality Care, which runs 12 other senior living communities in northern Ohio.

**Discount Drug Mart** has announced plans to build a new 27,778-square-foot store at Pearl and Whitney.