



City of Strongsville News and Updates



Celebrate an Old-Fashioned Christmas in the Historic Village

The Strongsville Historical Society will once again re-create an old-fashioned holiday during Christmas in the Village, which runs two weekends in December.

The event will be held Dec. 7-8 and Dec. 14-15 in the Historical Village, 13305 Pearl Rd. Hours are 2-5 p.m. each day.

The buildings and grounds will be decorated for the season, and guests can visit with Santa and shop for gifts in the Olds General Store.

It's free, but donations are accepted.

Citywide Traffic Signal Project is Now Under Way

Work has started on the project to upgrade and synchronize Strongsville's 57 traffic signals.

The project aims to improve safety with new equipment and smooth out traffic flow 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.

Some other key elements:

- Poles and mast arms will be installed to replace signals hanging from wires.
- Incandescent lamps will be replaced with LED to



reduce energy consumption.

- New backplates will help improve signal visibility, and new uninterruptible power supplies will keep signals working during power outages.
- Pedestrian safety will be improved with count-down walk signals; bicycle safety will be improved by adding radar/video detectors; and

curb ramps will be replaced to bring the city into current ADA compliance.

- Fiber optic lines will interconnect all signals to the main computer, replacing outdated dial-up modems currently in use.

Work on pole foundations started in late October. Signal work will start in the spring.

One Craft Store Closes and Another May Open

The space that housed Pat Catan's craft store for years may not stay vacant long.

Another craft store — Hobby Lobby — is looking to take over the space. The retailer has applied for a building permit to start making renovations to the store, located



on Pearl Road a little south of Royalton Road (in the Aldi plaza).

The popular Catan's stores closed after the chain was sold to craft giant Michael's.

Hobby Lobby, which has its closest stores in Medina and Macedonia, offers a similar array of craft and art supplies, home décor, artificial flowers and holiday accessories.

Save the Dates

- Christmas Teas (Historical Village) — **Dec. 7 and 8**
- Celebration Ringers Handbell Concert (Senior Center) — **Dec. 12**
- Strongsville Community Band Concert (Recreation Center) — **Dec. 15**
- Father-Daughter Dance (Recreation Center) — **Feb. 21**
- Kids Garage Sale (Recreation Center) - **Feb. 29**
- Strongsville Rotary's Chili Open (Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds) — **Feb. 29**

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

Take a Stroll through the Winter Wonderland

The Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration drew hundreds of people to the Commons Nov. 24, and the celebration continues in the center of town through the holiday season.

Everyone is invited to get in the holiday spirit by taking a walk through the festive park, where lights are twinkling and music is playing each evening. Download the Loomie app for games kids can play on the Commons and nice photo filters.

The lights will be on through New Year's Day.



Holiday Hours at the Rec Center

The Ehrnfelt Recreation and Senior Center will be closed on Christmas Day Dec. 25 and on New Year's Day, Jan. 1.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, hours will be 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, hours are 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Don't Be a Victim this Holiday Season: Strongsville Police

Thieves are out in force over the holidays, taking advantage of crowds of distracted shoppers.

Police say you should:

Guard your wallet — Make sure your purse is zipped or snapped shut, and never put it in a shopping cart. Pickpockets can reach inside in a flash. Men should carry wallets in a front pocket or zipped jacket pocket.

Don't leave stuff in the car — Bags of merchandise are too tempting for a thief. Put your purchases in the trunk.

Shut out thieves at home — Burglars know you have gifts in your house. Make sure your doors and windows are locked, and leave lights on. Don't leave valuables in your

car, and lock your car doors.

Don't give till it hurts — Fake charity scams are everywhere this time of year. Double check before donating.

Businesses on the Move

Bibibop Asian Grill is planning to open a restaurant on Pearl Road in the former Pizza Fire location. The restaurant, which has outlets in seven states, including one at Crocker Park, offers healthy build-your-own rice bowls and salads.

Rally House, which sells licensed sports apparel from professional and college teams, has opened on Royalton Road in the Ledgewood Plaza.

Bank of America has received site plan approval to build a 4,323-square-foot bank building at 15919 Pearl Road, in front of Market District.

Culver's is under construction on Pearl Road in the former Jennifer's Restaurant location.