



City of Strongsville News and Updates



Milbrandt Is Named Conservationist of the Year

Jennifer Milbrandt, the city's coordinator of natural resources, has been named Conservationist of the Year by the Cuyahoga Soil & Water District.

The award, presented Nov. 10, cites her knowledge of urban forestry and says she "works tirelessly" to promote tree planting and wildlife and resource protection.

Milbrandt serves on the board of the Rocky River Watershed Council and does volunteer work in the county, including stream clean-ups, educational workshops and environmental fairs.

A Good Year for Food Lovers in Strongsville

Strongsville saw its share of new restaurants move into town during 2022, another sign of the city's still-thriving business sector.

Food-based businesses opened throughout town during this last year — a few chains, but many of them unique or locally owned.

Two Mexican restaurants began serving on Pearl Road this year: Amigo's in the former Old Carolina spot, and Rico's Tacos and Tequila in the Gourme Restaurant site at Shurmer Road.

Fusion Mediterranean Grill now operates at the corner of Drake and Prospect, and Szechuan Gourmet took over



the former Zoup! spot in the Greens of Strongsville.

Teriyaki Madness recently opened in the Royalton Collection across from SouthPark Mall.

Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers finished renovating the former Burger King on Pearl Road early this year. Donatos is ready to serve pizza on Pearl Road.

Dave's Cosmic Subs also opened its doors during 2022.

Strongsville Nutrition opened on Pearl Road, as did Fat Bee Café, which serves bubble tea.

For dessert, Crumbl Cookies now offers sweet treats in the Plaza at SouthPark, and Messy Aprons bakes fresh cheesecakes on Pearl Road.

New Expanded Hours Taking Effect at Rec Center

Mayor Tom Perciak said Strongsville's success in recruiting major new businesses to town will allow the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center to expand its hours, including reopening on Sundays.

Starting Dec. 4, 2022, the Rec Center will be open 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays (an addi-



tional two hours per day), will extend Saturday hours from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will reopen on Sunday from 9 a.m. to

3 p.m.

This fall, residents indicated in a survey they wanted to see longer hours and a return to Sunday hours at the rec.

New jobs and income taxes coming to Strongsville will allow that to happen without raising membership fees.

Save the Dates

- Strongsville Chamber of Commerce Holiday Scholarship Dance (Aviator) — **Dec. 2**
- Fun & Photos with Santa Claus (Rec Center) — **Dec. 3**
- Chamber of Commerce Holiday Luncheon (Rec Center) — **Dec. 13**
- Strongsville Community Band Holiday Concert (Middle School) — **Dec. 18**
- Faher/Daughter Dance (Rec Center) — **Feb. 24**
- Fun & Photos with the Easter Bunny (Rec Center) — **April 1**

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. 20, and the celebration continues in the center of town throughout 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.

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 Dec. 25, Christmas Day, and on New Year's Day, Jan. 1.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, hours will be 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, hours are 8 a.m. to 4 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

Chipotle continues its renovation of the former Panera building on Royalton Road. The new location will have a drive-through window.

Strickland Brothers had a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 17 for its new quick oil-change business at 18488 Pearl Road.

Blissful Mind & Body Telehealth, located in the Northern Ohio Business Center, 17406 Royalton Road, opened an online health services company Nov. 9, offering natural ways to help the body rebalance itself.

Corner 11, a poke and ramen restaurant, is moving into the Ledge-wood Plaza.