



City of Strongsville News and Updates



Take a Stroll through the Winter Wonderland

The Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration drew hundreds of people to the Commons Nov. 19, 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.

Take pictures among the many lighted displays, the giant Christmas tree and the gazebo.

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

Another Good Year for Foodies in Strongsville

Strongsville again saw a number of new restaurants and food-oriented businesses open over this last year.

The city has a rich history of hosting eateries with a variety of cuisines.

In 2023, new offerings didn't disappoint:

Corner 11, a poke and ramen restaurant, opened for business at 17100 Royalton Road, in the Ledgewood Plaza.

The Hooley Pub & Kitchen started serving in SouthPark Mall.

Thai Dynamite now offers Bangkok street food at 10917 Prospect Road, at Albion.



White Flower Cake Shoppe moved into 15131 Pearl Road, in Towne Center Plaza.

Giovanni's Pizza and Chicken has reopened at 19772 West 130th Street, at Bennetts Corners.

Akshaya Patra, a dine-in Indian restaurant, took over the former Crown of India space at 14224 Pearl Road.

KPot, a Korean barbecue and hot pot restaurant, is expected soon at SouthPark.

On the way: Dunkin' will build its third Strongsville location at the site of the Village Motel on Pearl Road, and Biggy Coffee is moving into a former bank building at 11654 Pearl Road.

And Brusters Ice Cream is still planning to open a shop on the south end of Pearl.

Work Continues on Town Center Enhancement

Construction will continue through the winter on the Town Center Enhancement and Walkability project so amenities can be available to residents next summer.

Crews are currently doing ground work to fill in and level the area in anticipation of new asphalt, trails and a



roundabout at the intersection of Zverina, Roe and Westwood.

The project will include a new playground, a pavilion, splash pad, tennis and pickleball courts, sand volleyball and half-court basketball courts, plus open space for games or concerts and a food truck area.

The entire area will also be made more walkable.

Save the Dates

- Strongsville Chamber of Commerce Holiday Scholarship Dance (Aviator) — **Dec. 1**
- Fun & Photos with Santa Claus (Rec Center) — **Dec. 2**
- Christmas in the Village (Historic Village) — **Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10**
- Strongsville Community Band Holiday Concert (Middle School) — **Dec. 10**
- Chamber of Commerce Holiday Luncheon (Rec Center) — **Dec. 19**
- Faher/Daughter Dance (Rec Center) — **Feb. 16**

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

Council Corner: City's Future is Bright

On behalf of City Council, I want to wish you a very merry holiday season. This time is always special to spend with family and friends. We wish you many lasting memories, good health and cheer and a safe New Year.

As we near the end of 2023, there are so many things we can be thankful for in our community. City Council takes great pride in working hard for the residents and working well as a team. We want to assure residents we are making good decisions to assure our community is even STRONGER in the future.

Council is ready to “toast” the upcoming New Year with some exciting projects and initiatives, such as our Town Center Enhancement, North Prospect sewer project, street improvements in all wards and exciting new businesses for our residents to enjoy.

Again on behalf of YOUR City Council, may your holiday season be filled with love and joy.

— Jim Carbone, Councilman at large and Council President



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 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, hours are 9 a.m. to 3 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

The past year has seen a number of retail businesses open in Strongsville.

They include a number of health-related businesses, like **Spry Senior**, **Broadview Eye**, **Osteo Strong**, **Max Strength Fitness** (all on Pearl Road); **Options Medical Weight Loss** in the Greens of Strongsville; and **Great Lakes Health and Wellness**, a chiropractic clinic on Royalton Road.

Other service-related new businesses include **The Salon & Spa of Venus** on Drake Road and **Tan with Kare** on W. 130th Street.

On the retail side, **The Lotus Branch** opened a resale shop on Prospect Road and **Handmade Haven** features locally made items on Pearl Road.