



Have Breakfast with the Easter Bunny March 30

Families can hop over to the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center March 30 for a fun Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

The annual event starts at 9 a.m. and includes a family-style breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon and beverages.

Kids can make a special Easter craft, and each family will receive a free photo of the kids with the Bunny.

Tickets are \$8 for ages 3 and up, \$5 for kids 1-2 and free for infants under 2. They're available at the Rec Center front desk.

City of Strongsville News and Updates

Traffic Signal Project Awarded \$1.4 Million Grant

Strongsville has been awarded a \$1.4 million grant to upgrade its traffic signal system, a project that will better synchronize the lights and allow their cycles to be regulated based on traffic flow.

Mayor Tom Perciak said the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency agreed to give Strongsville \$1,435,000 million to pay for the work in 2019 — not in 2022, as originally scheduled.

Engineering for the project has already been completed. City Engineer Ken Mikula said the next steps will be to find a construction manager, finalize contracts with ODOT and then bid the project.

"We were able to get funding moved up three years, which will



allow us to finally get started on this project," Perciak said.

All 57 of the city's traffic signals will be upgraded. The project includes replacing all lights with LEDs, upgrading all pedestrian facilities to current standards and replacing or refurbishing poles so that are uniformly black in color.

Also, computer software will be upgraded so that all the signals can communicate with each

other. The new centralized system will have "adaptive" technology, so it can self-adjust in reaction to traffic volume, using a combination of video cameras, radar and traditional traffic loops.

The city has been working on the signal project since 2013, when it hired TMS Engineers to prepare plans.

Officials have been seeking funding for the project ever since.

Dates Announced for City's 2019 Recycling Events

You can get rid of household products, shred old documents and donate building and medical items at Strongsville's recycling events this year.

The annual Household Hazardous Waste collection will run May 2-4 and Sept. 5-7 this year at the Service Center, 16099 Foltz Parkway. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday



and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Shred Day is June 22 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Service Center.

The Habitat for Humanity tool drive, which benefits Habitat's ReStore, runs 9 a.m. to noon on May 11.

Also May 11, Strongsville will participate in a MEDWISH Supply Drive in which residents can donate unused medical supplies.

Visit Strongsville.org for details.

Save the Dates

- Father-Daughter Dance (Recreation Center) — **Feb. 8**
- Kiwanis Read Around the World (Strongsville Library) — **Feb. 23**
- Strongsville Rotary Chili Open (Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds) — **Feb. 23**
- Strongsville Community Band Concert (Recreation Center) — **Feb. 24**
- Optimist Club Reverse Raffle (Rec Center) — **March 9**
- Breakfast with the Easter Bunny (Rec Center) — **March 30**

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

Community Garden is Still Growing Strong

The Strongsville Community garden remains a successful and popular addition to the city as it enters its third growing season at the corner of Pearl and Drake roads.

The garden, launched in spring 2017, is a joint venture between the city and Southwest General, which has donated the property for the project outside its Strongsville Medical Facility.



There are 65 8-by-4-foot plots available to rent for a small annual fee to grow organic vegetables. The garden has proved popular with residents who live in apartments or don't have space for a garden at home.

There may be some plots available this spring. To have your name placed on the list, contact Jennifer Milbrandt, coordinator of natural resources, at (440) 580-3124 or Jennifer.milbrandt@strongsville.org.



Next Kids Garage Sale is Feb. 23

Find great deals on toys, clothes, small furniture and accessories at the Kids Garage Sale Feb. 23 at the Ehrnfelt Rec Center.

Or reserve a table to sell gently used maternity, baby and kids' items.

Earlybird shopping starts at 9 a.m. for \$3 (please have exact change) or shop free 10 a.m. to noon.

You Can Recycle Old Clothing through Curbside Program

A reminder to residents who have clothing, shoes, drapes, pillows and other items that aren't in good enough shape to donate: The items can be recycled rather than go to a landfill through the Simple



Recycling program.

The city contracts free of charge with the company Simple Recycling to collect old clothing and fabrics to keep textiles out of landfills and instead have them recycled.

Residents can place unusable household items into special

orange bags provided by Simple Recycling and place them at the curb on their regular trash day. The company will pick them up and leave replacement bags.

Items will be sorted locally; any-

thing usable will be sold to thrift outlets, while other items will be processed for raw materials.

Visit Simplerecycling.com, call (866) 835-5068 or e-mail info@simplerecycling.com.

Businesses on the Move

Floorz is opening a store in Strongsville in the Ledgewood Plaza on Royalton Road, in the space formerly occupied by the Family Christian Bookstore. The business, which currently has a location in Copley, specializes in various types of flooring, including carpet, hardwood, laminate, tile and stone. The Strongsville store is expected to open around Feb. 11.

Royalton Collection has broken ground on its retail development on Route 82 opposite SouthPark Mall. Anchor tenant will be **Home Goods**, an off-price kitchen, bedding, bath and accent furniture store. Joining the retail section will be **Panera Bread**, which will relocate from its existing site just to the east, plus as-yet-unnamed restaurants and retailers. **Foundation Software** will take over the office building on the site for its new headquarters.