



City of Strongsville News and Updates



Mike Daymut remembered for integrity and honesty

Long-time Ward 1 Councilman Mike Daymut was a role model among his colleagues and a “true public servant,” Mayor Tom Perciak said.

“Mike was a gentleman who genuinely cared about Strongsville,” Perciak said. “His passing is a great loss for the city.”

Daymut resigned from office Nov. 10 and died six days later.

Appointed to fill his unexpired term until December 2019 is former state representative Matt Patten, 40, who currently works as a labor-management coordinator.

Foundation Software Expands into New HQ Here

The former Medical Mutual building on Royalton Road will become the new headquarters for Foundation Software, one of the fastest-growing software development firms in northeast Ohio.

Foundation Software, which now employs 300, is expected to create hundreds of new jobs over the next five years, adding \$13 million to its payroll. It will also continue to operate in the 48,000-square-foot facility it now occupies on Foltz Parkway.

It will become part of the Royalton Collection, an office-retail development on Royalton Road that is expected to start building retail compo-



Foundation Software is buying the former Medical Mutual office building on Royalton Road for its new headquarters.

nents in 2019.

“This is a big win for everyone involved,” Economic Development Director Brent Painter said. “A major employer is staying in Strongsville and committing to making a significant investment

within the community while creating a significant number of high-paying new jobs.”

The three-story, 125,000-square-foot office building has been empty since Medical Mutual moved to Sprague Road in 2016.

Retail Tenants Announced at Royalton Collection

Home Goods, an off-price kitchen, bedding, bath and accent furniture store, will anchor the retail section of the Royalton Collection, the new office-retail development on Royalton Road.

It will occupy most of a 30,500-square-foot retail space, the largest of four



retail buildings planned for the site.

Panera Bread will also become part of Royalton Collec-

tion, relocating from its existing spot just to the east.

Home Goods operates more than 700 stores and is one of the most sought-after retailers. Its parent company also owns TJ Maxx and Marshall's.

Construction is to start in early 2019.

Save the Dates

- Historical Society's Soup Supper (Recreation Center) — **Jan. 22**
- Wine, Music & Mardi Gras (Ehrnfelt Rec Center) — **Jan. 26**
- Father/Daughter Dance (Recreation Center) — **Feb. 8**
- Strongsville Rotary's Chili Open (County Fairgrounds) — **Feb. 23**
- Strongsville Community Band Concert (Recreation Center) — **Feb. 24**
- Breakfast with the Easter Bunny (Recreation Center) — **March 30**

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

Plans Being Drawn for Roundabout

An engineering firm is currently drawing up plans for a possible roundabout at the intersection of Shurmer and Howe roads as a way to clear up traffic congestion.

A decision on building the roundabout has not yet been made.

The project is being discussed as a way to ease traffic tie-ups on Howe Road and to keep vehicles moving on Shurmer, where motorists now often wait several minutes at a signal to turn onto Howe.

With the roundabout, all traffic on Shurmer would bear right at Howe, with southbound traffic making a simple right turn and northbound vehicles traveling around the circle. It would have only one lane, so there would be no confusion about entering or exiting, and Howe Road traffic would keep moving without being stopped at a traffic light.

A decision is expected in early 2019.



Kids Garage Sale is Feb. 23 at the Rec

The next Kids Garage Sale is set for Feb. 23 at the Recreation Center.

Rent a table to sell your gently used maternity, baby and kids' items, or come and shop more than 50 tables of toys, clothes and more. Earlybird shopping starts at 9 a.m. for \$3 admission (please have exact change) or shop free 10 a.m. to noon.

Police are Riding School Buses to Nab Traffic Scofflaws

Strongsville police officers are now riding with students on school buses to crack down on motorists who fail to stop for the flashing red lights.

If an officer on the bus sees a violation, he radios to officers riding in a patrol car behind the bus, who stop the driver and issue a citation.

Police Chief Mark Fender said the department launched the crackdown as a way to raise awareness of school bus laws and safety. As early as a few days later, the effort already appeared

to be working.

"Bus drivers are commenting that people are stopping," Fender said. "Our visibility has changed driver habits

already."

Officers will ride buses sporadically through the end of the school year.

Businesses on the Move

Voters have cleared the way for a **Giant Eagle GetGo** gas station and convenience store to be constructed on Royalton Road at Webster Road. A rezoning issue that allows for the project to proceed was approved by voters at the polls Nov. 6, both citywide and in Ward 1. It will be the second GetGo in Strongsville, joining one already operating on Pearl Road at Drake Road.

Kemper House has gotten the green light for a future expansion with approval of a rezoning at the polls on Nov. 6. The rezoning will allow the Prospect Road facility, which offers care for those diagnosed with Alzheimer's or dementia, to expand again in the future. The rezoning was approved by voters citywide and in the ward.