



City of Strongsville News and Updates



Rib Burnoff is June 22-24 on the Commons

The 31st annual Strongsville Rib Burnoff will take over the City Commons June 22-24 with award-winning ribbers, plenty of other tasty food and free entertainment.

The popular event, sponsored by the Strongsville City Club, runs 4-11 p.m. Thursday, June 22; 3-11 p.m. Friday, June 23 and noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 24.

Headlining in the entertainment tent will be One Hit Wonders on Thursday, Funkology on Friday and 1 Take and Victory Highway on Saturday.

Planting is Under Way in New Community Garden

The city, in partnership with Southwest General, has created a community garden so residents who don't have space to grow vegetables and fruits will now have the chance.

Southwest is providing the land for the garden next to its medical center at Pearl and Drake roads.

The garden includes 64 8-by-4-foot raised beds available for \$25 per summer on a first come, first served basis.

Jennifer Milbrandt, the city's coordinator of natural resources, said she and local volunteers have been working for four years to establish



Groundbreaking for the Strongsville Community Garden May 24

a community garden in Strongsville.

"We're happy to see it finally come to fruition," Milbrandt said.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held May 24 with Mayor Tom Perciak and William Young, president and CEO of Southwest.

Plots were made available to rent on May 19.

The garden will be organic, with no pesticides allowed. Milbrandt will monitor the garden to make sure gardeners keep their plots tended.

Each gardener is asked to plant one row of vegetables to be donated to the Strongsville Food Bank.

Bring a Chair and Enjoy the Music on the Commons

The Strongsville Commons is the place to be on Friday nights in the summer.

The Strongsville Community Band will perform four free concerts on the Commons this summer, plus others at the Historical Society and Ehrnfelt Rec Center.

All the shows start at 7:30



p.m. and are open to everyone.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair

and relax with great music on June 16, June 30, July 7 and Aug. 11.

The band will also play Friday night concerts at the Strongsville Historical Society on July 14 and the Rec Center July 28. The Strongsville City Jazz Swing Band will play at the rec center on Aug 4.

Save the Dates

- Doll, Action Figure and Toy Sale (Historical Village) — **June 10**
- Fourth of July Fireworks (Foltz Athletic Fields, 10 p.m.) — **July 4**
- Homecoming Parade (Pearl Road, 6:30 p.m.) — **July 19**
- Strongsville Homecoming (City Commons) — **July 19-22**
- First Farmers Market of the Season (Rec Center parking lot) — **July 20**
- Light Up Strongsville Fireworks (City Commons, 10 p.m.) — **July 22**

Check Strongsville.org or Cable TV channel 21 for information on these and other events.

City will have a Role in McConaughey Movie

Film crews for the movie "White Boy Rick," starring Matthew McConaughey, were in Strongsville May 9, shooting scenes at the Kings Inn on Pearl Road.

The movie, which is set in Detroit and is being shot in various locations around Cleveland, takes place in the 1980s, and it seems the Kings Inn was exactly the type of motel the characters would have stayed in. Some vintage cars were brought in for parking lot realism.

McConaughey, Jennifer Jason Leigh and other actors in the movie were on the set.

"White Boy Rick" is based on the true story of Ricky Wershe Jr., a teenager who became an undercover informant and later a drug dealer -- the only successful white gangster/drug kingpin in 1980s Detroit.



Scenes from 'White Boy Rick' were filmed at the Kings Inn in Strongsville.



Kids can Touch a Truck June 9

The popular Touch a Truck will be back on June 9 in the Ehrnfelt Senior Center parking lot.

Kids of all ages can stop by between 1-3 p.m. for an up-close look at all kinds of vehicles — from police cars and fire trucks to construction equipment.

It's free, courtesy of the city Rec Department.

Bring Your Documents to be Shredded June 24

The city will host its annual Shred Day on June 24. Residents can bring their documents to the Service Center, 16099 Foltz Parkway, between 9 a.m. and noon to have them safely destroyed free of charge.

Acceptable items: include: (Small paper clips and staples can still be attached) accounting ledger paper, adding machine tape, advertisements, booklets/brochures, copy machine paper, colored paper - 20 pound, computer paper, envelopes, faxes, manila file folders, greeting cards, laser printer paper, legal pad pa-

per, Post-it notes, NCR paper, receipts and all types of white paper.

NOT ACCEPTED: Newspapers, phone books, maga-

zines, binders, books, pen-daflex folders, food and candy wrappers, waxed paper, photographs, napkins and Styrofoam containers.

Businesses on the Move

Pet Valu has opened in the Strongsville Towne Center shopping center on Pearl just north of Shurmer Road, by Big Lots. The store has food and other products for dogs, cats, birds, fish, reptiles and other small pets.

Aladdin's Eatery is expected to open soon on Pearl Road at Shurmer Road.

A **Starbucks** with a drive-through has been approved for construction in the parking of the Great Escape plaza on Royalton Road across from SouthPark Mall.

1,000 Degrees Neapolitan Pizza is expected to open soon in the Plaza at SouthPark.