



City of Strongsville News and Updates



State of the City Address is Set for March 20

Mayor Tom Perciak will deliver his annual State of the City address March 20 at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center.

The mayor is expected to reveal the results of a recent citywide residential survey that sought opinions on a number of quality-of-life topics in Strongsville. The survey was mailed to every home in the city early this year.

The speech is part of the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce's monthly luncheon (call 440-238-3366 to reserve a seat) but residents may skip the meal and attend the speech without charge.

New Recycling Effort Makes Use of Old Clothes

Strongsville has teamed with Simple Recycling in an effort to keep old clothes and other textiles out of landfills and instead get them recycled.

Starting in mid-April, residents will be able to have unusable household items and unwearable clothing recycled by placing them in special orange bags at the curb on their regular trash day.

The program is not intended to impact charities by diverting clothing and items that residents typically donate, said Jennifer Milbrandt, the city's coordinator of natural resources.



Simple Recycling will collect old textiles that can't be donated to a charity and find uses for them so they don't end up in a landfill.

Instead, it's for items you'd normally throw in the trash.

"This is an alternative to throwing away your stained, clothing, or your old drapes that no one would want," Milbrandt said. "These textiles can be used for rags, stuffing in chairs and other things."

Residents will soon receive information, including two bags, in the mail from Simple Recycling.

They'll be picked up by Simple Recycling drivers who will leave replacement bags.

The program is free to residents and to the city.

\$50,000 Grant, Donations Spruce Up Senior Center

The Ehrnfelt Senior Center has received a \$50,000 Community Development Grant from Cuyahoga County.

Senior Center Director Kathy Sazima said the money will be used to replace carpeting, buy new tables and chairs for the common area and upgrade the front desk this

year.

"We are just thrilled," Sazima said. "It's going to be a nice update."

The center already replaced couches and chairs thanks to donations from Strongsville Rotary, Rotary Foundation and Strongsville City Club.



New tables and chairs will join the other new furniture at the center

Save the Dates

- Spring Book Sale (Strongsville Library) — **March 3-5**
- Master Gardener Speaker Series (Senior Center) — **March 7**
- Child Safe Community Day Fair (Rec Center) — **March 25**
- Master Gardener Speaker Series (Senior Center) — **April 11**
- Drug Take Back (Strongsville Police Station) — **April 28**
- Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up (Service Center) — **May 3-5**

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

Homecoming will Run a Week Later than Usual

The annual Strongsville Homecoming, which typically runs the third week of July, will take place a week later this year.

The festival will run July 25-28 on the Commons. The Homecoming Parade will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25.

Reason for the switch? Kissel Entertainment, which has provided the rides and midway games for years, is scaling back this year and could not accommodate Strongsville's Homecoming.

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce, which organizes and sponsors the carnival, contracted instead with Bates Brothers Amusements, which does a number of large events, including the I-X Indoor Amusement Park. However, Bates was already booked for July 18-21, when Homecoming was originally supposed to take place.

The change in companies means there will be different rides, food vendors and games on the midway this year.



Want to See Local Events and News? Check the App

Strongsville is part of a new mobile application that lists events and news announcements in area communities.

You can download Civically from Google Play or the App Store.

On it you'll find local news and announcements from the city of Strongsville, as well as a list of upcoming events.

In addition, you'll see events in other nearby communities so you can plan outings. And residents in those other cities will also see Strongsville's listings, giving our charitable events greater exposure.

Strongsville did not develop the app, but contracts with

Civically to be a part of it.

So far, Olmsted Falls, Fairlawn, Oberlin and Woodmere are part of the app, with more expected to join.

Businesses on the Move

808 Shave Ice is planning to open a 1,365-square-foot store at 12457 Pearl Rd., next to Mr. Hero and near the Staples Plaza. The business features ice shaved to a snow-like texture and mixed with fruit flavors flown in from Hawaii. It will include a patio with seating for up to 24. It's expected to open May 26.

Two businesses are putting the finishing touches on their new buildings. **Starbucks** is wrapping up construction of its new building with a drive-through on Royalton Road just west of Howe, in the Great Escape Plaza parking lot.

And **Mitchell's Ice Cream** is hiring employees for its new store on Westwood Drive east of Pearl Road, in front of the Strongsville Police Station.



Dispose of Old Medication Safely

The Police Department has a secure drop-off box for expired or unneeded medication in the lobby of the police station, 18688 Royalton Rd.

Only pills are accepted -- no liquids or syringes.

The box allows residents to safely dispose of drugs without polluting waterways or landfills.