



City of Strongsville News and Updates



State of the City Address is Set for March 19

Mayor Tom Perciak will deliver his annual State of the City address March 19 at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center.

The mayor is expected to review 2018 finances, discuss new infrastructure and parks and recreation projects, and give other updates.

The speech is part of the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce's monthly luncheon, which starts at 11:30 a.m. To reserve a seat for the lunch, call (440) 238-3366.

Residents may also skip the meal and attend the speech without charge.

Confused about Recycling? Here are the Basics

Recycling may sound easy enough, but sometimes the rules can be tricky and residents are unsure what can be recycled and how to go about it.

Also a problem is recycling contamination, which happens when people mistakenly put the wrong items into their recycling. It can wreak havoc on the entire recycling process.

In Cuyahoga County, residents are urged to focus on only five core items in their curbside recycling:

CANS: Empty and rinse.

CARTONS: Empty and rinse. Replace the cap -- it's too



Have questions about recycling? Find out all about what you should and shouldn't do at cuyahogarecycles.org.

small to be recycled by itself.

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS: Empty and rinse.

PAPER & BOXES: Flatten cardboard items, like cereal boxes, to save space.

PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS: Empty and rinse. Put the cap

back on. Plastic bottles and jugs include items with an opening or neck that is narrower than the body.

Place these items loose -- not bagged -- in your recycling bag or cart. Mix them all together in one bag or bin. All items should be clean, empty and dry.

Coyotes are on the Move This Time of Year: Watch Pets

It's mating season for coyotes, making the animals more active and likely to be seen during daylight hours.

Animal Warden Chuck McCleary advises residents to take extra precautions when letting their pets outside.

First, scan your yard to make

sure no coyotes are lurking before letting your dog out. Don't leave your dog unattended, and if you have cats, don't let them outside -- especially overnight.

There are also ways to animal-proof your property so coyotes and other wildlife don't hang around.



For more, see the Animal Control page at Strongsville.org or the Ohio Division of Wildlife website.

Save the Dates

- Spring Book Sale (Strongsville Library) — **March 2 - 4**
- Historical Society Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon (Pomeroy House) — **March 9**
- Sounds of the Bagpipe (Strongsville Library) — **March 11**
- Drug Take Back (Strongsville Police Station) — **April 27**
- Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up (Service Center) — **May 2 - 4**
- Habitat for Humanity Tool Drive (Service Center) — **May 11**

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

Various Ways Offered to Dispose of Old Drugs

The Strongsville Fire Department is offering 400 free DETERRA kits to residents who want to dispose of old medication safely at home.

The kits, available at the fire stations, police station, Rec Center and City Hall, dissolve drugs in a sealed pack that can safely go into landfills.



Residents can also get rid of unwanted pills any time through a drop box in the lobby of the police station. The box is for dry medication only.

The service help keeps drugs out of the wrong hands, and gives residents a way to dispose of old medication without polluting landfills or waterways.

The police department also participates twice a year in the Nationwide Drug Take Back, in which residents can drop off old medication. The drugs are turned over to the DEA. The next one will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 27 in front of the Strongsville Police Station.



Have Breakfast with the Bunny

The Rec Center's annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is set for March 30 at 9 a.m.

Hop on in for a family-style breakfast, Easter craft and a free photo with the bunny (one per family). Tickets must be purchased in advance at the front desk.

New Master Plan Suggests Guidelines for the Future

A draft of Strongsville's new master plan has been released, offering a guideline for the city's future.

The plan was drafted by the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. Residents can view it on the city's website, Strongsville.org. There's a link on the home page.

The document takes a look at the city's assets and demographics and makes recommendations for improvements and dealing with future trends.

For example, it suggests

working with owners of SouthPark Mall to consider additional uses, adding roundabouts to several intersections, enhancing Pearl and Royalton roads and improving

bike and pedestrian walkways.

It also suggests building a new City Hall near the Rec Center.

Businesses on the Move

Cortland Bank has opened its first Cuyahoga County location in Strongsville. The 125-year-old company opened Feb. 4 in the former Chase Bank building at 14357 Pearl Road, just south of Royalton Road. Cortland has 15 branches in six Ohio counties. Chase Bank left that location when it built a new Strongsville branch further south on Pearl Road.

Several companies in the city's business parks are in the midst of major expansions. **TestOil** on Progress Drive recently doubled its lab space; **Brighton-Best**, a fastener distributor, built a massive facility on Commerce Drive; **Foundation Software** is remodeling the former Medical Mutual building on Route 82 for additional offices; and **Union Home Mortgage** purchased the former ITT Technical Building on Dow Circle for another expansion.