



City of Strongsville News and Updates



State of the City Address is set for March 12

Mayor Tom Perciak will deliver his annual State of the City address on March 12 at the Ehrnfelt Rec Center.

The speech is part of the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce's monthly luncheon. Doors open at 11:15 a.m.

The mayor will talk about a variety of topics, including the upcoming improvements to the Town Center area — a pavilion, splash pad, playgrounds and more.

The public is invited to attend. Reserve a seat by visiting strongsvillechamber.com.

Lots of Action in Strongsville's Retail World

Strongsville's retail world is seeing lots of action lately, with both existing storefronts being filled and new construction.

In the last couple months, BurgerFi has opened in the former Boston Market location on Pearl Road; Chieffalo's has moved into its brand new auto repair building on Pearl; and Sephora has opened in the former Famous Footwear spot in the Greens of Strongsville.

Cleveland Grocers and Grill, which suffered a fire at its Brook Park location, is opening at 17024 Pearl Road with a Halal menu including burgers, fries, grilled chicken and



chopped cheese.

Also, Strongsville Bullion and Coin Exchange is now operating at 13500 Pearl Road.

And Schnitz Ale Brewery, which took over the former Brew Kettle space on Progress Drive, is opening a 50-seat tasting room in March.

Further ahead, Amigo's is expected to reopen as Taco Macho, which offers Mexican street cuisine.

BrightPath Kids is seeking approval to build a daycare center on two acres next to GetGo on Pearl Road. And two motels will be razed to make way for a Sheetz and a Dunkin'.

If Skunks Stomp their Little Feet, Better Back Off

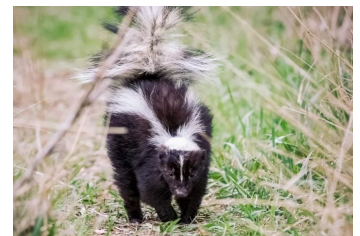
Before you let your dogs out this time of year, make a little noise and give skunks time to move away, advises Animal Control Officer Chuck McCleary.

If you come face to face with a skunk, stay calm and talk softly to let him know you're there -- skunks have poor

eyesight. They are sweet natured and don't want to spray you.

Skunks will give several warnings if they are scared: 1. They will stomp their front feet. 2. They will turn their backs to you. 3. They will do a handstand.

Also, it's common for skunks



to get their heads stuck in cans or cups. If you see one, throw a towel over him and just pull the object off.

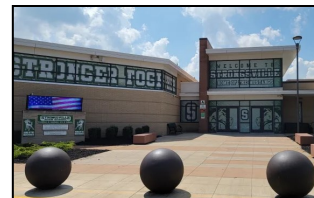
Save the Dates

- Strongsville Community Band Concert (Strongsville Middle School) — **March 3**
- Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up (Service Center) — **April 30-May 1**
- Strongsville Historical Society Yard Sale — (Historical Village) — **June 13-15**
- Strongsville City Club Rib Burn Off (Commons) — **June 20-22**
- Rib Burnoff Fireworks (Commons) — **June 21**
- Shred Day (Strongsville Middle School) — **June 21**

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

Council Corner: Levy Needed for Strong Community

The Brookings Institute has conducted research that consistently shows that a neighborhood's overall well-being and localized schools' performance go hand in hand. Strong schools are a requirement for strong communities.



Schools with low achievement levels can, in turn, impact the overall well-being of our neighborhoods. We know that school performance affects families' decisions about whether or not to live in a particular neighborhood. Strong demand for communities with high-performing schools raises home values and generates wealth and investment in certain areas. The reverse can also be true in areas where school quality is perceived to be declining based on a lack of support for a school levy.

It is paramount that we pass the Issue 25 School Renewal Levy (\$0 tax increase) to preserve and protect our five-star schools that are currently a tremendous value. Strongsville City Schools are one of the top values in Northeast Ohio. Please join me and all my council colleagues in saying **Yes** to Issue 25 and **Yes** to protecting the value of our homes and our community.

— **Ward 3 Councilman Tom Clark**



RITA Offers Online Tax Return Filing

The deadline to file municipal tax returns is April 15, 2024.

Strongsville contracts with the Regional Income Tax Agency to handle tax collections.

You can file online or learn more at ritaohio.com.

Roundabout Construction Starting this Month

Work is expected to start in mid-March on a roundabout that replaces an existing three-way stop in the Town Center area.

The intersection of Westwood, Zvernia and Roe will become a roundabout as part of the Town Center enhancement project.

During construction, the entire intersection will be closed, meaning there will be no cut-through traffic.

The Strongsville Communication Center, Historical Village and Strongsville Food Bank will be accessed from Pearl Road on Zverina Drive.

The police station, Mayor's Court, City Council chambers and the Strongsville Library will also be accessed from Pearl Road on Westwood Drive.

The Recreation and Senior Cen-

ter will be reached from Royalton Road, using the driveway for the Greens of Strongsville shopping plaza.

The construction should last about three months.

Businesses on the Move

Valley Storage, 12878 Pearl Road, is expanding. The storage facility is adding 21,206 square feet to its existing building and also constructing another 10,600-square-foot new building.

Plans are progressing for two projects that involve motels being razed and new retail construction.

First, Super 8 Motel on Royalton Road has been demolished so that a **Sheetz** gas station can be built on the site. It will be the third Sheetz in Strongsville.

On Pearl Road, the Village Motel will also be torn down to make way for a new **Dunkin'** to be built.