



City of Strongsville News and Updates



Leaf Collection Continues through Mid- November

Service Department crews will continue their annual fall leaf collection until at least mid-November.

The final weeks for pick-up are as follows:

If you live north of Royalton Road, crews will be on your street the week of Nov. 12.

If you live south of Royalton Road, expect pick-up the week of Nov. 5 and Nov. 19.

Have your leaves piled near — but not in — the street by Monday of the collection week. After mid-November, bagged leaves may be set out for pick-up with your regular trash.

Lighting Celebration is Nov. 18 on the Commons

Mayor Tom Perciak will welcome the holiday season at the annual Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration Nov. 18 on the Commons.

The fun starts at 5:30 p.m. as the entire Commons, the clock tower, gazebo and giant tree are transformed into a Winter Wonderland with thousands of twinkling lights.

After that, a spectacular holiday fireworks show will light the sky.

Then the evening's special guests — Santa and Mrs. Claus — will arrive in a horse-drawn carriage to greet children in their 'Crystal Palace.'



Strongsville's City Commons will light up for the holiday season Nov. 18, 2018 at the Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration.

"This is just a wonderful time for everyone in our community," Perciak said.

The Wonderland Express train and a horse-drawn carriage will take guests on a journey to Santa's Village of Lights at Freedom Trail.

Next door, the Historical Village will also be decked out

for the season.

Families can also enjoy free hot cocoa and snacks, see live reindeer and meet costumed characters.

The popular event is made possible by donations from local businesses, civic groups and individuals.

See What Local Businesses Have to Offer at Expo Nov. 1

Check out local retailers at the Strongsville Community Business Expo from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Ehnfelt Recreation Center.

The popular event will feature product demonstrations, free food samples from area restaurants and dozens of great door prizes from local



businesses.

"You can get a look at some

of our local businesses and their unique products and services," Economic Development Director Brent Painter said.

The city of Strongsville, Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club are co-sponsors. The Rec Center will close at 3 p.m. that day.

Save the Dates

- Election Day (Citywide) — **Nov. 6**
- Veterans Day Lunch (Senior Center) — **Nov. 7**
- Christmas Teas (Historical Village) — **Dec. 1 and 2**
- Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Dance (Michaud's) — **Dec. 7**
- Christmas in the Village (Historical Village) — **Dec. 1-2 and Dec. 8 - 9**
- Strongsville Community Band Concert (Recreation Center) — **Dec. 9**
- Celebration Ringers Handbell Choir Concert (Recreation Center) — **Dec. 13**

It's that Time of Year: Check Your CO Detector

Don't take a chance with your family's safety, Strongsville fire officials warn — get your furnace inspected and install carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

Last winter, at least two Strongsville families encountered scary situations when CO leaked into their homes, Fire Chief Jack Draves said.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless, colorless gas and can be fatal at high levels if undetected. Possible sources of carbon monoxide include natural gas furnaces, water heaters, clothes dryers, portable kerosene heaters, fireplaces and auto exhaust fumes.

A carbon monoxide detector is the first step to protecting your family — preferably one on every level and near sleeping areas. Also, have your gas appliances, especially your furnace, serviced annually by a qualified service technician. It is important to not run vehicles in the garage, and never with the garage door closed.



Have Breakfast with Santa Dec. 1

Join the Jolly Old Elf himself for breakfast 9-11 a.m. Dec. 1 at the Ehrnfelt Rec Center.

Enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon and beverages. Kids can make a craft and pose for a free photo with Santa.

Tickets are \$8 for ages 3 and up; \$5 for ages 1-2; free for under 1.

Don't Make it Easy for Thieves to Steal from Your Car

Police are urging residents to lock their car doors and to refrain from leaving any valuables in their vehicles overnight.

In recent cases, thieves have targeted unlocked cars parked overnight in driveways, checking door handles and rifling through vehicles they can easily access.

Cash, briefcases, purses, wallets and electronic items are often targeted when they're left in vehicles parked in driveways and garages.

"The most important things

you can do are lock your car doors and keep your garage door closed, especially at night," Assistant Chief John Janowski said.

If you must leave your vehicle

in the driveway overnight, try to park in a lighted area and secure the doors. Motion-activated flood lights are often a good investment in security, Janowski said.

Businesses on the Move

Fired Up Tacos is planning to open its first restaurant Nov. 1 in the Meadowood Plaza, corner of Prospect and Albion. The company currently operates a popular food truck and is expanding into a bricks-and-mortar establishment. It offers tacos, empanadas, seasoned battered fries and taco salads.

Brighton-Best, one of the world's largest fastener companies, is expected to move into a 202,000-square-foot space in Strongsville's Business and Technology Park in November. The international company will operate offices and distribution center from its Strongsville location. Brighton-Best currently has 31 locations in six countries and supplies more than 7,000 distributors throughout the world.