



# City of Strongsville News and Updates



## Leaf Collection Continues through Mid- November

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

Another collection week may be added if needed.

If you live north of Royalton Road, crews will be on your street the week of Nov. 2.

If you live south of Royalton Road, expect pick-up the week of Nov. 9

Have your leaves piled near the street by Monday of the collection week. After Nov. 25, bagged leaves may be set out with your regular trash.

## Lighting Celebration is Nov. 22 on the Commons

Mayor Tom Perciak will welcome the holiday season at the annual Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration Nov. 22 on the Commons.

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

Mayor Perciak will be joined by the evening's special guest, Santa Claus, for the countdown.

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



Strongsville's City Commons will light up for the holiday season Nov. 22, 2020 at the Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration.

"This will be a wonderful time for everyone in our community," Perciak said.

Families are invited to stroll the Commons and the Historical Village, pose for pictures with the decorations and enjoy the spirit of the season.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Santa will not be able

to meet with children individually this year, but he will bring to Santa's Special Mailbox to the Commons, where youngsters can leave their letters to Santa.

All guests attending the event will be required to wear face coverings and observe social distancing.

## New Trash Contract Leaves Pick-Up Rules Unchanged

The city has signed a new contract with Republic Waste that will leave trash pick-up unchanged for residents.

After a bidding process, city council awarded the five-year deal to Republic, which has been collecting here for several years.



The contract calls for no changes from the current system of trash and recycling collection, rather than mov-

ing to an automated collection involving large bins.

Residents can continue to leave their trash in plastic bags or cans, and their recycling in blue bags or loose in bins.

Bulk items will continue to be picked up every week.

## Save the Dates

- Election Day (Citywide) — **Nov. 3**
- Cutting the cord — Alternatives to Cable TV (Strongsville Library) — **Nov. 19**
- Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration (Commons) — **Nov. 22**
- DARE Ice Skating Party for kids in grades 6-8 (OBM Arena) — **Nov. 24**
- Closings — City of Strongsville Municipal Offices will be closed Nov. 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving. The Ehrnfelt Rec Center will be closed Nov. 26. There will be no trash collection on that day.

Check [Strongsville.org](http://Strongsville.org) or cable TV channel 21 (WOW) or 1021 (Spectrum) for more.

## Police Officer, Firefighter, Dispatcher Honored

Three members of Strongsville's safety forces have been recognized by the Knights of Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Council for their outstanding efforts in 2019.

Police Officer of the Year is Zaki Hazou, described as "a dependable and very hardworking" officer who stays enthusiastic throughout his shift.

Firefighter of the Year is Jon Cameron, a "first-rate employee and individual" who is respected throughout the Northeast Ohio region, according to his nominating letter.

And Nicole Adams-Marcum has been named Dispatcher of the Year. She is reliable and empathetic and "uses all means necessary to ensure quality service," her nominator said.



## Sign Up Now for Senior Snow Care

Seniors who meet income and other requirements may qualify to have their driveway plowed by the city this winter.

Deadline to apply is Nov. 13.

Check [Strongsville.org](http://Strongsville.org) for a printable application. Call (440) 580-3177 if you have questions.

## Programs, Basketball Return to the Rec Center

The Ehrnfelt Recreation Center has re-launched some programs and reopened the gym for basketball.

In addition, the age restriction has been lifted, meaning children can again visit the rec, and the showers in the poolside locker rooms are now open.

Being offered in the pool are learn-to-swim and water exercise classes.

Fitness programs include Zumba, yoga, pilates, karate (for adults and kids) and personal training. Sports

programs include basketball, volleyball and table tennis.

Enrichment programs have also returned online through the American Rec Cross.

Safety precautions are still being taken daily at the rec, including temperature checks on arrival, distancing and wiping down equipment.

## Businesses on the Move

**Panera Bread** has moved to its new location at the Royalton Collection across from SouthPark Mall. The restaurant relocated from its old site a little east on Royalton Road.

**Arby's** has received a one-year extension on its plans to build on the former Mad Cactus site on Pearl at Whitney.

**Jersey Mike's Subs** has opened in the Westwood Plaza on Pearl Road at Westwood.

Both **Burger King** and **Starbucks** are expected to open soon on Pearl Road. Both chains built new eateries on the site of the former La Sies-ta Motel, which was razed earlier this year.