



# City of Strongsville News and Updates



## Leaf Collection Continues through Mid- November

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

More collection weeks will likely be added.

If you live north of Royalton Road, crews will be back on your street the week of Nov. 1.

If you live south of Royalton Road, expect another pick-up the week of Nov. 8.

Have your leaves piled near the street by Monday morning. After pick-up ends, bagged leaves may be set out with your regular trash.

## Lighting Celebration is Nov. 21 on the Commons

Mayor Tom Perciak will welcome the holiday season at the annual Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration Nov. 21 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.

The evening's special guest, Santa Claus, will arrive in town by fire truck with a police escort.

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



Strongsville's City Commons will light up for the holiday season Nov. 21, 2021 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, pose for pictures with the decorations, watch an ice carver at work, leave letters in Santa's Special Mailbox and enjoy the spirit of the season.



## Silver Sneakers is Now Offered at Strongsville Rec Center

Silver Sneakers is now offered at the Ehrnfelt Recreation and Senior Center.

Its members will now have free access to the Rec Center and all of its amenities, including the pool, sauna, track, cardio equipment and more free of charge.



Silver Sneakers is a fitness and wellness program for seniors 65 and older on eligible Medicare plans. It started

here Oct. 26.

Until now, Silver Sneakers members here have had to use workout facilities outside of Strongsville. Although the Rec Center does not offer Silver Sneakers fitness classes, participants can take regular fitness and exercise classes at member rates.

## Save the Dates

- Election Day (Citywide) — **Nov. 2**
- Veterans Day Ceremony (VFW Post 3345) — **Nov. 11**
- Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration (Commons) — **Nov. 21**
- DARE Ice Skating Party for kids in grades 5-8 (OBM Arena) — **Nov. 23**
- Closings — City of Strongsville Municipal Offices will be closed Nov. 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving. The Ehrnfelt Rec Center will be closed Nov. 25. 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.

## Husted Talks Business Growth at Event Here

Lt. Gov. Jon Husted was the featured speaker at a Business Network Breakfast here Oct. 14, offering insight into the turnaround in Ohio's economic development efforts over the last few decades.

The event, attended by local business leaders, took place at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center.

Husted told the crowd he worked in economic development in Dayton in the 1990s, trying to convince companies to move to Ohio despite its high corporate tax rates. "It wasn't the easiest sell," he recalled.

But as a state senator and Speaker of the House a decade later, he and colleagues eliminated those taxes and transformed Ohio into a state consistently ranked among the top states for businesses to operate.

Now? "We're creating jobs faster than people can fill them," he 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. 12.

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

## Don't Invite Thieves into Your Car by Leaving it Unlocked

Police are urging residents to lock their car doors at night following a series of thefts.

Experts say thefts from vehicles are often crimes of opportunity.

Thieves often walk down a residential street at night trying car doors.

If it's locked, they move on. If one opens, they help themselves to what's inside the vehicle.

Police say vehicles in several Strongsville neighborhoods have been targeted in the last few months.

Also, don't leave valuable items in your vehicles. The sight of a laptop or briefcase or purse might be enough to tempt a thief to break a window to get inside.

Park in a well-lit area, if you can.

And double check each night to make sure your overhead garage door is closed.

## Businesses on the Move

**La Crepe** has opened a bakery and café at 14785 Pearl Road, in the former Wine Down and Sweets location. It offers breakfast and lunch options, as well as dessert crepes. It's the second location for the business, which also operates in Berea.

**Barrio** is opening at 13169 Prospect Road, in the former Molly McGhee's location. The restaurant features build-your-own tacos.

**Blue Habanero** is renovating the former B Spot space in the Greens of Strongsville into a new Mexican restaurant.

**Szechuan Gourmet** is also moving into the Greens of Strongsville. The eatery will occupy the space vacated by Zoup!