



# 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 weeks of Oct. 31 and Nov. 14.

If you live south of Royalton, expect a pick-up the weeks of Nov. 7 and 21.

Have your leaves piled near the street by 7 a.m. Monday morning. After pick-up ends, bagged leaves may be set out with your regular trash.

## Expanded Lighting Celebration set for Nov. 20

Mayor Tom Perciak will welcome the holiday season at the annual Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration Nov. 20 on the Commons.

The event will be bigger and better than ever with new decorations and attractions.

New this year will be a tunnel of programmable lights visitors can walk through, as well as some new lighting displays and cut-outs for photos.

The Holiday Lights Trolley will tour the Town Center, and the Magical Train will visit the Historical Village and Freedom Trail.

The Strongsville City Club will



Strongsville's City Commons will light up for the holiday season Nov. 20, 2022 at the Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration.

provide free hot cocoa and donuts, and the B.A. Sweetie Candy truck will have free treats.

As usual, Santa will arrive in town and will meet with children in the gazebo. There will also be a spectacular holiday fireworks display.

Also new this year: The Cele-

bration Ringers handbell choir will perform a concert after the fireworks.

Next door, the Historical Village will be open for visitors.

It all starts at 5:30 p.m. The event is free and open to everyone.

## City Receives Major Grants for Town Center Project

Strongsville has received significant grants from Cuyahoga County and the state of Ohio for its Town Center Enhancement project.

County Councilman Mike Gallagher recently presented the city with a check for \$3.5 million for the project, which will add a number of new



amenities to the center of town, including a splash pad, large pavilion, playgrounds and walkways.

The county used funds it received from the American Rescue Plan Act to award the grant.

In addition, the state of Ohio awarded the city \$725,000 from its capital budget. And NOPEC has awarded the city through its Community Grants program.

## Save the Dates

- Election Day (Citywide) — **Nov. 8**
- Veterans Day Ceremony (VFW Post 3345) — **Nov. 11**
- Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration (Commons) — **Nov. 20**
- Holiday Lighting Open House (Historical Village) — **Nov. 20**
- DARE Ice Skating Party for kids in grades 5-8 (OBM Arena) — **Nov. 22**
- Fun and Photos with Santa (Rec Center) — **Dec. 3**

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

## Council News: Rec Center to Salute Veterans

I'd like to wish all my fellow veterans, especially those of us here in Strongsville, a happy Veterans Day on Nov. 11. Strongsville has a rich tradition of supporting its military veterans. We are home to VFW Post 3345; we have our very own Freedom Trail, which honors veterans from all branches of the military; and in March, we were named a Purple Heart city for our support of those who served.



Our Recreation Center, too, will recognize our military heroes. I've been working with Recreation Director Bryan Bogre (who happens to be a U.S. Air Force veteran) on a plan to choose a theme for the Rec Center each month, with a special event to highlight that theme. In November, that theme will be veterans.

On Nov. 11, Strongsville veterans and their families will be invited to use the facility free of charge and explore all the programs, classes and activities offered there. Who better than our own veterans to spur a new wave of camaraderie and community at the Rec, which will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023?

On behalf of my fellow council representatives and Mayor Perciak. I'd like to say happy Veterans Day to our Strongsville veterans and thank you for your service to the nation.

**-Ward 3 Councilman Tom Clark, Recreation Committee (US Army Veteran)**



## 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. 14.

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 to prevent thefts.

Experts say thefts from vehicles are often crimes of opportunity.

Thieves will 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

**Teriyaki Madness** has opened in the Royalton Collection on Royalton Road, across from SouthPark Mall.

**Donatos** is planning to open its new pizza shop at 14694 Pearl Road in early November.

Two new restaurants are coming to SouthPark Mall: **Hooley House Sports Pub and Grille** will take over the former Bar Louie spot, and **K Pot**, an all-you-can-eat blend of Asian hotpot and Korean barbecue, will move into the Houlihan's spot.

**Chipotle** is renovating the former Panera building on Royalton Road and will move there from the mall. The new location will have a drive-through window.