



City of Strongsville News and Updates



New Event Celebrates Halloween at Safety Town

The Rotary Club of Strongsville and the Strongsville Police Department have come up with a brand new event for youngsters this fall — Halloween at Safety Town.

The event is set for Oct. 9 at Safety Town, located near the Ehrnfelt Rec Center.

Hours will be 4-6 p.m.

Kids in kindergarten and first grade are invited to wear their costumes and trick-or-treat in the safety village.

It's free, but register online at trcs.info/treat by Oct. 4.

Top Police Officer, Firefighter, Dispatcher Honored

Three members of Strongsville's safety forces have been honored by the Knights of Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Council for outstanding work in 2020.

Firefighter Andy Smeader was nominated by his shift commander for performance of his duties, and respect from his peers and commanding officers.

In particular, Smeader was recognized for his actions when the ambulance he was riding in was struck, leaving the driver unconscious. Smeader was able to get the vehicle off the road before also losing consciousness.



Dispatcher Angela Love brought "a vast amount of experience, a jaw-dropping work ethic and a wonderfully sunny disposition" to Southwest Emergency Dispatch Center, her nominating letter says.

Love is always willing to help, from answering someone else's phone to offering to

switch shifts, and often volunteers to do extra jobs.

Police Officer Mike Mendise's compassion and professionalism were evident when he climbed over a safety fence on the Boston Road overpass to talk to a woman threatening to jump. Mendise was able to calm the woman and take her to safety.

Town Center Enhancement Study is Under Way

Mayor Tom Perciak and City Council have announced the launch of the **Strongsville Town Center Enhancement and Walkability Initiative**.

Potential enhancements may include:

- New playground or recreational amenities



- Further integration of area walkways & the Freedom Trail

- New wayfinding signage to direct residents and visitors to area amenities

Residents can give their input through a survey at Strongsville.org/towncenter. The Town Center district includes the Commons, Strongsville Library and Rec Center.

Save the Dates

- Kids Garage Sale (Recreation Center) — **Oct. 9**
- Preschool-Kindergarten Trick-or-Treat in the Village (Historical Village) — **Oct. 23**
- SCT's Tribute to Broadway (Rec Center) — **Oct. 29 and 30**
- Trick or treat (citywide) — **Oct. 31**
- Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration (Commons) — **Nov. 21**
- Fun and Photos with Santa (Rec Center) — **Dec. 4**

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

Strongsville To Light Up — with Fireworks

The annual Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration will take place on Nov. 21 on the Commons, with thousands of twinkling lights, photo ops and a fireworks show.

Mayor Perciak will light up the Commons, the clocktower, gazebo and giant Christmas tree at 5:30 p.m.



That will be followed by a spectacular holiday fireworks display.

Santa will arrive in town during the event, which is the unofficial start of the holiday season in Strongsville.

The neighboring Historical Village will also be decked out for the season.

The fireworks show is made possible by donations from local businesses, civic groups and individuals. Guests will be asked to follow social distancing and other safety guidelines.



Trick-or-Treat is on Halloween Night

Trick-or-treat will take place on Sunday, Oct. 31, Halloween Night.

Hours are 6 to 8 p.m.

Police urge parents to accompany young children on their rounds and ask motorists to drive slowly and use extra caution during that time. Extra patrols will be on the roads.

Here's the Fall 2021 Leaf Collection Schedule

Strongsville's Service Department will pick up leaves in October and November.

Here's the schedule:

If you live NORTH of Royalton Road, crews will be in your area the weeks of Oct. 18 and Nov. 1

If you live SOUTH of Royalton Road, crews will be by the weeks of Oct. 25 and Nov. 8.

You should have your leaves piled near the curb (not in the road or ditch, and no more than 4 feet from the

street) on the FIRST day of the collection week. Do not bag leaves, and please remove branches, rocks, metal and other items that could damage pick-up equipment.

Additional collections may be added.

Branches should be bundled in 3-4 foot lengths and put out with your regular trash.

Businesses on the Move

Gopuff has opened a storefront on south Pearl Road, but the public is not invited inside. The business is delivery only, where shoppers can order snacks, alcohol and other items online and have it delivered in minutes.

Two new restaurants are seeking to open at the Greens of Strongsville. **Blue Habanero**, which has a popular Mexican restaurant in Cleveland, will open in the former B Spot location. And **Szechuan Gourmet**, which also has a Cleveland location, will open in the former Zoop! spot.

Dollar General has opened a retail store at 17900 Pearl Road, next to the former Family Video.