



# City of Strongsville News and Updates



## Construction Starts on Town Center Enhancement

The bulldozers are on site and trucks are already hauling in fill-dirt as the first phase of the Strongsville Town Center Enhancement and Walkability project gets under way.

The project was kicked off at a ceremonial groundbreaking on Aug. 16.

Groundwork like installation of a roundabout and new walkways, will start this winter. The other amenities, including a large pavilion, playground, splash pad, food truck area and much more, should be ready for use by next summer.

## Recycling Numbers Rise a Bit in Strongsville

Strongsville residents are recycling at a slightly higher-than-average rate compared to other communities in Cuyahoga County, a new survey shows.

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District reports that Strongsville recycled 31.7 percent of its trash in 2022. That's up from 29.79 in 2021 and higher than the county-wide rate of 28.07 percent.

Strongsville sent more than 20,000 pounds of trash to the landfill last year, and recycled 1,700 pounds of bottles, cans, plastics, cardboard and paper and 7,900 pounds of organics (yard waste, food waste, leaves, brush).



Communities with a recycling rate of over 50 percent include Bay Village, Bratenahl, Cleveland Heights, Highland Hills, Lakewood, Mayfield Village, Shaker Heights and South Euclid.

Leading the pack in 2022 were Woodmere at almost 61 percent and Chagrin Falls Village at more than 62 percent.

As a whole, Cuyahoga County residents dumped 447,383 pounds of waste into landfills last year.

In Strongsville, Republic Waste offers curbside recycling for residents. There are also recycling bins in various locations around town, as well as paper recycling bins collected by River Valley Paper.

## Everyone is Invited to the Business Expo Oct. 18

The public is invited to check out what 100 local businesses have to offer at the Strongsville Community Business Expo Oct. 18 at the Rec Center.

Hours are 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Bill Wills from WTAM radio will be the master of ceremonies.



Local restaurants will offer food samples, and other businesses will have giveaways.

Businesses will showcase their products and services with displays and demonstrations.

The Rec Center will close at 3 p.m. that day.

The popular Expo generally draws more than 1,000 visitors.

## Save the Dates

- Kids Garage Sale (Recreation Center) — **Oct. 7**
- Preschool-Kindergarten Trick-or-Treat in the Village (Historical Village) — **Oct. 21**
- Trick or treat (citywide) — **Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.**
- Puzzle and Book Sale (Senior Center) — **Nov. 9, 10**
- Veterans Day Ceremony (Strongsville VFW Post 3345) — **Nov. 11**
- Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration (Commons) — **Nov. 19**

Check [Strongsville.org](http://Strongsville.org) or cable TV channel 21 (WOW) or 1020 (Spectrum) for more.

## Council Corner: We're Celebrating Businesses

It's an exciting time of the year. The City of Strongsville will be hosting our annual Business Expo on October 18, 2023, from 5 to 7 p.m.



This event will be located at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center here in Strongsville, so any local businesses looking to get information about their products or services out to the public will find this a great opportunity to do so.

Speaking of local businesses, we will be welcoming to Strongsville two new coffee shops: Biggby Coffee (on the former First Merit property on Pearl Road) and Dunkin' (on the site of the former Village Motel).

So please join us and get to know your local businesses, as this is a free event for all.

— Ward 2 Councilwoman Ann Roff



## Trick-or-Treat is on Halloween Night

Trick-or-treat will take place on Tuesday, 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 2023 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. 16,, Oct. 30 and Nov. 16.

If you live SOUTH of Royalton Road, crews will be by the weeks of Oct. 23, Nov. 6 and Nov. 20.

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

street) by 7 a.m. 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, but leaf trucks are also used for plowing snow, which takes precedence.

## Businesses on the Move

**Akshaya Patra**, a dine-in Indian restaurant, has opened at 14224 Pearl Road, in the space formerly known as Crown of India. The eatery hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept. 14. It offers all types of Indian cuisine.

**Dunkin'** is moving ahead with plans to build a restaurant on the site of the former Village Motel on Pearl Road. It will be Strongsville's third Dunkin', joining one at 14009 Pearl Road and one at 13128 Royalton Road.

**Giovanni's Pizza** celebrated its grand reopening with a ribbon-cutting Sept. 18. The restaurant is at 19772 West 130th Street (at Bennetts Corners, across from Rego's) and has reopened with new owners.