



City of Strongsville News and Updates



A New Look for Covered Bridge after Rehab Project

The Walter F. Ehrnfelt Covered Bridge on Whitney Road in the Cleveland Metroparks has reopened after a seven-month rehabilitation project.

The one-lane bridge, built in 1983, was closed in March after engineers found structural issues, including a deteriorating steel beam.

The new bridge is still one lane, controlled by a traffic signal, and has a sidewalk, but has a much higher clearance than the old bridge, which was the site of many stuck trucks over the years.

Welcome to Your New Town Center, Strongsville

City officials cut the ribbon on the new Town Center park Oct. 2, officially opening the new amenities to the public.

The new playground, pavilion and other features were under construction for just under a year.

At the event, kids checked out the new playground equipment while tennis and pickleball players tried out the brand new courts.

The park also includes a basketball half court, sand volleyball, a splash pad and an enclosed pavilion.

The ribbon-cutting was preceded by a lunch buffet at



which major donors to the project were recognized.

Three sponsors who donated \$250,000 or more will have naming rights.

The new pavilion will be named the Brunswick Auto Mart/Medina Auto Mall Pavilion; the playground will be the Strongsville City Club Playground; and a local family honored their dad with the

Robert "Bob" Hric Sports Courts.

Speakers at the Oct. 2 ceremony included Cuyahoga County Councilman Mike Gallagher and State Rep. Tom Patton. Both were fundamental in securing major grants for the project from the county and the state of Ohio.

Everyone is Invited to the Business Expo Oct. 17

The public is invited to check out what 100 local businesses have to offer at the Strongsville Community Business Expo Oct. 17 at the Rec Center.

Hours are 5 to 7 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. 19**
- Preschool-Kindergarten Trick-or-Treat in the Village (Historical Village) — **Oct. 19**
- Trick or treat (citywide) — **Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.**
- Puzzle and Book Sale (Senior Center) — **Nov. 14, 15**
- Veterans Day Ceremony (Strongsville VFW Post 3345) — **Nov. 11**
- Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration (Commons) — **Nov. 24**

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

Here's What's Going on at the Rec this Fall

Three fun events are scheduled at the Strongsville Recreation and Senior Center in the last three months of 2024.

On Oct. 19 is the **Kids Garage Sale**, featuring more than 40 tables of gently used toys, clothes, small furniture and accessories. Earlybird shopping starts at 9 a.m. for \$3 admission, or shop free from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Senior Center will have a **Puzzle and Book Sale** from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 14 and from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 15. Puzzles and hardcover books are \$1; paperbacks are 50 cents.

Fun & Photos with Santa Claus is Dec. 7, with three time slots available between 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Tickets are presale only and include a photo with Santa, milk and cookies, a Christmas craft, face painting, balloon art and more.



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 2024 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. 21, Nov. 4 and Nov. 18.

If you live SOUTH of Royalton Road, crews will be by the weeks of Oct. 28, Nov. 11 and Nov. 25.

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

New River Electrical Corporation hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 19 at its new location, 15300 Pearl Road. The electrical construction company operates throughout the nation.

A new State Farm office has opened on Pearl Road. **Jerod Scheetz State Farm** is now doing business at 17840 Pearl Road, south of Drake Road.

Original Pancake House will take over the former Rico's Tacos and Tequila building at 15315 Pearl Road (formerly Gourme Restaurant). The Portland, Oregon-based chain has been operating since 1953 and now has more than 100 franchises across the country. It specializes in a variety of fresh-made pancakes.