



City of Strongsville News and Updates



Breakfast on the Bridge, Day at the Chalet both Sept. 16

The annual Breakfast on the Bridge is set for Sept. 16 on the Ehrnfelt Covered Bridge on Whitney Road in the Cleveland Metroparks.

The Strongsville City Club serves up eggs, bacon, sausage, ham and more from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

From noon to 5 p.m., Arts in Strongsville presents an outdoor festival at The Chalet in the Metroparks with music, crafters and lots of hands-on kids' activities. It's all free; food will be available for purchase.

Both events are held rain or shine.

Southwest Emergency Dispatch Expanding Again

Southwest Emergency Dispatch, a regional 911 call center operated by Strongsville, will expand again this fall when it takes over dispatching duties for the city of Brook Park.

SWEDC, which was created in 2014 when Strongsville and North Royalton merged their dispatching operations, now serves four cities, including Berea and Olmsted Falls.

Brook Park will become the fifth community in SWEDC.

David Sems, Strongsville's director of Communications and Technology, said he looks forward to bringing the latest public safety technology to another community.



The Southwest Emergency Dispatch Center will serve five communities when Brook Park joins this November.

"This will continue to solidify SWEDC as a leader in public safety dispatching," Sems said.

Communities were directed by the state of Ohio to regionalize dispatching. Strongsville, which had already built a fiber optic net-

work throughout town, took a leadership role.

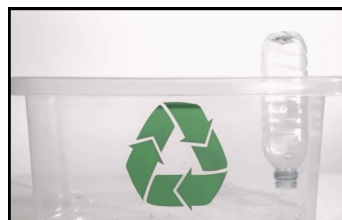
SWEDC saves money by eliminating duplication of services and also provides advanced equipment and technology that individual communities could not offer on their own.

To Recycle Plastics Now, Ignore the Numbers 1-7

The best way to avoid contaminating your curbside recycling is to only recycle five core items, and to re-think the plastics you toss in the bin.

Focus on cans, glass bottles and jars, cartons, paper and boxes, and plastics.

But note that the rules for



plastics have changed. They are no longer recycled by the numbers stamped on the bottom of the container.

Now, you should only recycle plastic bottles and jugs — containers with a neck or opening smaller than the body.

Plastic cups, straws and bags can't be recycled with other items, and including them will contaminate the entire load of recyclables.

Save the Dates

- Kids Garage Sale (Recreation Center) — **Oct. 6**
- Preschool Trick or Treat (Historical Village) — **Oct. 20**
- Harvest Festival (Historical Village) — **Sept. 29-30**
- Halloween Hullabaloo (Rec Center) — **Oct. 26**
- Trick or Treat (City of Strongsville) — **Oct. 31**
- Strongsville Business Expo (Rec Center) — **Nov. 1**

Check Strongsville.org or Cable TV channel 21 for information on these and other events.

Lock Your Car Doors, Police Urge

Strongsville Police are urging residents to lock their car doors if they leave vehicles in the driveway — especially overnight.

"If you leave your doors unlocked, you're making it easy for someone to come by and grab something from your car," Deputy Chief John Janowski said.



Also, don't leave anything of value in your vehicle, especially in plain sight. There have been several instances of purses, wallets, briefcases and laptop computers being stolen from vehicles in Strongsville this summer.

While many thieves just take items from unlocked vehicles, others will smash a window if they see something tempting inside.

"Take your valuables inside with you, and lock up," Janowski said.



Fresh Produce and More at Farmers Market

The popular Farmers Market continues through September every Thursday from 2-6 p.m. outside the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center.

Local farmers and businesses offer fresh fruits and veggies, honey, jams, olive oil and a variety of baked goods. Final market of the year is Sept. 27.

Drop Off Household Hazardous Waste Sept. 6-8

The second and final Household Hazardous Waste Collection is set for Sept. 6-8 at the Strongsville Service Center, 16099 Foltz Pkwy.

Residents can drop off their household products 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 6-7 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8.

Materials accepted include oil or solvent-based paint (no latex paint), varnish, mineral spirits, caustic household cleaners, adhesives, gasoline, sealers, polyurethane, herbicides, automotive fluids, roof tar, lighter fluid, primers and coatings, shellac, pesticides, motor oil,

driveway sealer, mercury, paint thinner, turpentine, fungicides, car batteries and kerosene.

LATEX PAINT IS NOT ACCEPTED.

NEW RULE: Fluorescent bulbs (including curly CFLs) and rechargeable batteries are no longer accepted. Batteries + Bulbs accepts most batteries and fluorescents for recycling.

Businesses on the Move

Raising Cane's has opened on Pearl Road at Pierce Drive. The restaurant, which has a drive-through window, offers chicken fingers, fries, Texas toast and cole slaw.

Developer Mike Catan is planning to renovate the **Strong House** on Westwood at Pearl. The historic home, built by Strongsville founder John Stoughton Strong in the 1800s, will get an exterior renovation. The inside will also be painted, and the space leased as offices. The plans have been approved by the city.

The former First Merit Bank building on Pearl Road at Progress Drive will soon become **Gill's Beverage and Deli**. The business will move from its current location at Prospect and Royalton roads.