



# City of Strongsville News and Updates



## Breakfast on the Bridge, Day at the Chalet Both Sept. 19

The annual Breakfast on the Bridge and A Day at the Chalet will both take place Sept. 19 in the Cleveland Metroparks.

The Strongsville City Club will serve eggs, bacon, ham, sausage, hash browns and other sides on the Ehrnfelt Covered Bridge on Whitney Road from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Arts in Strongsville will host its popular art and music festival that day from noon to 5 p.m. at the Metroparks Chalet. Admission is free.

For either event, take a free shuttle from the RTA lot on Pearl near the turnpike.

## Tribute to First Responders to be Dedicated Sept. 11

Ground has been broken at Strongsville VFW Post 3345 on a tribute to the area's first responders.

The project is taking shape next to the existing veterans memorial at the VFW post, 17900 Strongsville Blvd. It will honor police officers, fire-fighters, dispatchers and other emergency personnel.

Local officials gathered July 27 for a groundbreaking ceremony at the site. Shortly afterward, a concrete pad for the memorial was installed.

The new tribute to first responders will be dedicated at



a ceremony on Sept. 11, which will mark the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Strongsville's safety forces will conduct a memorial ceremony at 11 a.m. to honor those killed in the attacks, then will dedicate the new

memorial.

The police and fire departments hold a 9/11 memorial service every year, typically at the fire stations, but will move the event to the VFW this year.

The public is welcome.

## Population Jumped Nearly 4 Percent, Census Says

Strongsville's population has increased by 3.89 percent in the last decade, according to newly released figures from the U.S. Census Bureau.

The city went from 44,750 residents in 2010 to 46,491 in 2020 -- an increase of 1,741 people.

In actual numbers of new residents, Beachwood was

the only community in Cuyahoga County to see a larger jump, with 2,087 new inhabitants.

Percentage-wise, some of the other fastest-growing communities were Bratenahl (19 percent), Rocky River (8 percent), Olmsted Township (7 percent) and Westlake (5 percent). In our immediate area, Berea, Brook Park and



Olmsted Falls all lost a small percentage of residents, while Middleburg Heights stayed the same and North Royalton grew about 3 percent.

## Save the Dates

- Kids Garage Sale (Recreation Center) — **October 9**
- Fire Department Open House (Fire Station No. 4) — **October 10**
- Halloween Hullabaloo (Rec Center) — **October 22**
- Preschool Trick or Treat in the Village (Historical Village) — **October 23**
- Trick or Treat (citywide) — **October 31**
- Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration (Commons) — **November 21**

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

## Senior Center Gets New Van, Front Desk

The Ehrnfelt Senior Center has a new look — and a new Senior Wheels van — thanks to grants.

Former Senior Services Coordinator Kathy Sazima, who died in March, was awarded a grant in 2019 that paid for energy efficient lighting in the Great Room, new carpeting and fresh paint in the Senior Activity Room and a remodeled registration desk.

The projects were delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic, but newly appointed Senior Services Coordinator Sheena Wright revived them this spring.

In addition, a grant paid for a brand new van for the Senior Wheels transportation program, which takes local senior citizens to doctor's appointments, grocery stores and more.



## Business Expo Set for Nov. 4 at Rec Center

The annual Strongsville Community Business Expo will return Nov. 4 at the Ehrnfelt Rec Center.

The popular event gives local businesses a chance to showcase their products with displays, samples and demonstrations.

It's free and open to everyone.

## Drop Off Household Hazardous Waste Aug. 31– Sept. 2

The city's Household Hazardous Waste Collection is set for Aug. 31 through Sept. 2 at the Strongsville Service Center, 16099 Foltz Parkway.

Residents can drop off their household products 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. all three days.

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.

**REMEMBER:** Fluorescent bulbs

(including curly CFLs) and rechargeable batteries are no longer accepted.. Some Lowe's stores accept CFLs for free recycling.

## Businesses on the Move

**Arby's** has opened its new location at the corner of Pearl and Whitney roads, joining an existing Arby's farther south on Pearl. The fast-food chain built a new restaurant on the former Mad Cactus property.

**Harbor Freight Tools** has opened at 15153 Pearl Road, in the Strongsville Towne Center shopping plaza. It carries all types of tools and other hardware.

**Dollar General** has opened a retail store at 17900 Pearl Road, next to the former Family Video and Stay Fit 24 spaces.

**Cosmic Dave's Subs** is finishing up a renovation to a storefront at Pearl Road.