Dear Business Partners,

The City of Strongsville is serious about economic development. The Mayor’s Office and the professionals in the Economic Development Department are dedicated to maintaining a pro-business, profitable environment for the business community within Strongsville.

With four business parks containing nearly 200 companies and close to 10,000 employees, Strongsville is open for business. Our goal is to encourage bustling economic development while maintaining and building upon the strength of our neighborhoods and families.

So please come visit our wonderful city and experience firsthand what Strongsville has to offer.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Perciak
Mayor
The City of Strongsville’s unique location provides easy access to interstate roads from the north, south, east, and west.

The interstate system intersects Strongsville with I-71 and the Ohio Turnpike exiting into the city. In addition:
- I-480 is 5 miles north
- I-77 is 5 miles east
- I-90 is 15 miles north

Via the local interstate system, Cleveland Hopkins Airport can be reached within 10 minutes and most major areas in Cuyahoga County are a 20-30 minute drive from Strongsville.

Strongsville’s accessibility is further increased by:
- CSX rail services to the business parks
- Availability of all major freight carriers
- The Port of Cleveland
- RTA bus service to Strongsville’s industrial areas
THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE
Department of Economic Development

Community Profile

THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
Location: Cuyahoga County, Ohio
Nearest Major City: Cleveland, Ohio – 15 miles to Downtown
Major Highways: I-80/90, I-77, I-71, SR 82, SR 42, and SR 237

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION
Government type: Mayor/Council-City Charter
Police: 69 Police and 20 School Guards
Fire: 63 Firefighters – 61 paramedic qualified
Fire Insurance Rating: 4

COMMUNICATIONS
Local Telephone Service by: AT&T
Fiber Optics Capability: YES

TAXES
Local Income Tax: 2%
County Sales Tax: 7.75%
Real Property Tax (Residential): Effective Rate-72.43 or 2.22% of Market Value
Real Property Tax (Comm./Industrial): Effective Rate-73.32 or 2.57% of Market Value
*All rates are based on tax year 2012 - updated rates can be obtained through the Cuyahoga County Treasurer

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
Banks: 19
Savings and Loans: 3

RELIGIOUS FACILITIES
Protestant: 13
Catholic: 3

CIVIC & SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS
Strongsville Chamber of Commerce
Rotary International
Lions Club
City Club of Strongsville
Kiwanis International
Women’s League
Jay Cees of America
Fraternal Order of Eagles
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Strongsville Historical Society

POPULATION INFORMATION
City: 44,750 (2010 US Census)
County: 1,280,122 (2010 US Census)

UTILITIES AND SERVICE DATA
Electric Supplier: The Illuminating Company
Gas Supplier: Columbia Gas Company
Water Supplier: City of Cleveland
Sanitary Sewerage Treatment: Regional Sewer District and City of Strongsville
Treatment Type: Secondary, Tertiary
Treatment Capacity: 200 MGD
Average Daily Flow: 100 MGD
Max. Daily Flow: 120 MGD

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES
Truck Lines: All Major
Major Airports: Cleveland Hopkins International (5 miles away)
Railroads: CSX
Bus Service: RTA, Greyhound, and Brunswick
Nearest Water Port: Cleveland, Ohio
Parcel Service: All Major

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES
High School, Public: 1
Enrollment: 2,518
Pupil/Teacher Ratio: 19.4 to 1
High School Parochial/Private: None
Junior High/Middle Schools: 2
Enrollment: 1,172
Pupil/Teacher Ratio: 14.3 to 1
Elementary Schools, Public: 8
Enrollment: 3,427
Pupil/Teacher Ratio: 17.3 to 1
Elementary School Parochial: 1
Enrollment: 688
Pupil/Teacher Ratio: 16.8 to 1
Vocational School: Polaris
Location: Middleburg Heights (serves five districts)
The Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation & Senior Center
Strongsville’s recreation center is a state of the art facility with amenities that include:
- Aquatic Center with a competition & activity pool, steam & sauna rooms, and a whirlpool
- Strength Training Center
- Youth Strength Training Room
- Main gymnasium
- Auxiliary gymnasium
- Cardio Exercise Area
- Game Area
- Indoor Track
- Child care services
- Aerobic/Activity studios
- Event center
- Conference/Meeting/Party rooms

Strongsville City Schools
The Strongsville School District is one of the area’s elite school systems:
- Receiving “Excellent” academic rating from the State of Ohio for the past 10 years
- Student college admission test scores above State and National averages
- 91% of students complete the college core curriculum
- 80% of the district’s faculty having a masters degree or higher
- A diverse curriculum, encompassing general & special needs, gifted, advanced placement and honors courses, as well as a strong array of extracurricular and sports programs.

Community Events
Strongsville is an active community and home to:
- Strongsville Community Theater
- Strongsville Community Band
- The Strongsville Business Expo
- The Arts of Strongsville
- Business Network Breakfasts
- Homecoming Festivals
- Winter Wonderland Festivals
- Harvest Festivals
- Fourth of July Fireworks
- Strongsville Rib-Burnoff
- The Taste of Strongsville

Shopping & Entertainment
Located in Strongsville, SouthPark Mall contains the largest collection of retail, dining, and entertainment establishments in northern Ohio with over 1.16 million square feet of retail & dining activities

Other shopping center’s within Strongsville include:
- The Greens of Strongsville (325,000 square feet)
- The Plaza at Southpark (312,000 square feet)
- Strongsville Towne Center (124,000 square feet)
WORLD CLASS HEALTH CARE

The City of Strongsville is embedded in a region known for World-class healthcare. National ranked hospitals drive the region’s healthcare sector and our lead by:

- **The Cleveland Clinic**
  - Ranked one of the top four hospitals in the nation (U.S. News & World Report 2011/2012)
  - Ranked the nation’s #1 heart program 17 years in a row (U.S. News & World Report 2011/2012)
  - 15 Cleveland Clinic specialties are ranked among the top 10 in the nation (U.S. News & World Report 2011/2012)

- **University Hospitals Health System**
  - University Hospitals’ Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital ranked 4th in the nation for neonatal care (U.S. News & World Report 2011/2012)
  - 11 University Hospital specialties are nationally ranked (U.S. News & World Report 2011/2012)

Research institutions focused on innovation and medical technology in the region include:

- **Case Western Reserve University**
  - Ranked 22nd in best Medical Schools in the nation (U.S. News & World Report 2011/2012)
  - Ranked 11th in best BioMedical Engineering Program in the nation (U.S. News & World Report 2011/2012)

- **The Cleveland Clinic & Learner Research Institution**
  - Home to all laboratory-based research at the Cleveland Clinic
  - Employs more then 1,050 scientists and support personnel who investigate a wide range of biomedical questions

A HIGH QUALITY LIFE

Strongsville offers a wide selection of recreational opportunities and currently has nearly 200 acres developed for park use at 19 different sites. In addition, the Cleveland MetroParks run through Strongsville providing approximately 868 acres of green space that provide a scenic setting for a variety of outdoor activities.

Regionally, residents of Strongsville enjoy:

- **3 Major League Sports Teams**
  - Cleveland Browns
  - Cleveland Indians
  - Cleveland Cavaliers

- **The Playhouse Square Center**
  - 2nd largest U.S. theater district behind only New York City

- **Cleveland Metroparks & Cuyahoga Valley National Park**
  - 3rd most visited national park system in the U.S.

- **Cleveland Orchestra**
  - Ranked in the top five major orchestras in the world

- **The Cleveland Museum of Art**
  - Including more than 43,000 collections from all times and places displayed in four joined buildings stretching 389,076 square feet

- **Miles of lakefront and water activity**

With a cost of living ranging from 12-20% below the national average, our residents are provided a quality of life that is both dynamic and satisfying.
The City of Strongsville is dedicated to promoting growth and development within the city’s business community with a proactive approach designed to retain, assist, and attract businesses of all sizes.

This approach has resulted in a diverse and successful high-tech/manufacturing base consisting of four business parks, positioned on over 2,000 acres of land.

Nearly two hundred businesses, attracted by Strongsville’s strategic location, local resources, incentive packages, local officials, and superior amenities, have populated the land within and surrounding the business parks.

Map of Strongsville’s Business Parks (shaded in red)

### Largest Employers

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<th>Employer or Business</th>
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<td>Cleveland Clinic Foundation</td>
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**The Strongsville Business & Technology Park**

Strongsville Business & Technology Park is the largest business park in Strongsville stretching over 1,693 acres. The park is home to over 70 companies that employ in total over 3,000 individuals.

In 2012, Crain’s Cleveland Business Magazine ranked the Strongsville Business & Technology Park as the #1 business/industrial park in terms of size in Northeast Ohio.

Companies located in the Strongsville Business & Technology Park include technology oriented businesses such as Vitamix, Foundation Software, Spartron Medical Systems, C.TRAC Information Solutions, Clark-Reliance Corp., Avery Dennison, and Momentive Performance Materials.

**Dow Circle Research & Development Park**

Located in the Northeast corner of Strongsville, Dow Circle is home to some of the city’s largest employers, including PPG Architectural Coatings, Enterprise Rental Car’s Regional Headquarters, and PNC Bank’s Technology Center.

The research park is located on 258 acres of land, with over 30 companies employing more than 2,600 people.

**Progress Drive Business Park**

Progress Drive Business Park was the first park established within the City of Strongsville. Positioned on 325 acres of land, the park contains over forty companies with over 2,000 employees working in the park.

Large manufacturers such as Atlantic Tool & Die, PPG Industries and Sumitomo DeMag (pictured above), all have facilities within the park.

**Park 82**

Park 82 is the newest of Strongsville’s business parks. The park is home to 19 different companies who combined employ nearly 1,000 employees.

Pat Catan’s World Headquarters is located in Park 82 along with companies such as Intralot, Simplex Grinnell, and Health-Mor Industries.
Tax Incentives

Strongsville currently has nineteen (19) Pre-1994 Community Reinvestment Areas established for its Tax Abatement Program.

All industrial zoned land in the city is a part of a Community Reinvestment Area Incentive. This means that Strongsville can provide tax incentive on the real estate improvement, upon application, for ten years based on 100% of the real estate improvements actually made at the site.

The city also has a Limited Enterprise Zone and, therefore, can offer limited real estate tax incentives.

A Foreign Trade Zone has been defined within the City of Strongsville. Foreign-trade zones (FTZ) were created by Congress in 1934 to stimulate economic growth and development in the United States. The FTZ program was designed to promote American competitiveness by encouraging companies to maintain and expand their operations in the United States. The FTZ program encourages businesses to locate in the United States by removing various disincentives commonly encountered. Under the program, companies may reduce, defer or eliminate Customs duties on imported parts, materials or components entered into the zone.

Additional Assistance

The City of Strongsville’s Economic Development Department is available for further assistance, including:

- **Site Selection**
  - Utilize the City’s available properties database
  - The City will organize tours of available buildings/land

- **Tax Incentive Review**
  - In depth review of State, County, and Local Tax Incentives
  - The City will schedule meetings with required State officials

- **Labor Market & Demographic Reports**

For further assistance please contact Brent Painter.
Mayor Thomas Perciak and Councilman Mike Daymut, Chairman of the Economic/Community Development Committee, are pleased to release the results of the City of Strongsville’s “Business Retention & Expansion” survey.

Working closely with Ohio State University’s BR&E Initiative, the purpose of the survey was to determine the value Strongsville businesses place on available amenities and services, as well as their satisfaction level in those areas. The results indicated that:

- **97%** of businesses rated Strongsville as a good/excellent place to do business
- **95%** rated the overall quality of life in Strongsville as good/excellent
- **100%** of respondents would recommend Strongsville to another business
- **97%** rated the Strongsville Safety Forces as good/excellent

The highest ranked factors for reasons companies have located in Strongsville include:
- Proximity to Freeways
- Access to the Airport
- Workforce Availability
- Proximity to Home
- Local Officials
- Financial Incentives

Respondents rated the following City Services & Amenities as high in quality:
- Snow/Ice Removal
- Local Roads & Freeway Access
- Fire
- Police
- High Speed Internet Access
- Street Repairs

Dr. Greg Davis, Director of Ohio State University’s BR&E Initiative, adds an expert’s insight on Strongsville’s survey process:

“Making the most of a BR&E program requires committed leadership. The leadership exhibited by the Mayor of Strongsville and the Economic Development Department in the most recent survey effort was by far, one of the key components in this program’s success.”

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**Survey Says: Strongsville Businesses are Happy Here**

*Industrial firms give city high marks on services, quality of life*

*By Debbie Palmer | Email the author | July 29, 2011*

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**The Business Community in Strongsville is thriving:**

- **70%** expect an increase in Customers
- **78%** expect an increase in Total Revenue
- **68%** expect an increase in Profits
- **64%** expect an increase in Employment

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**The City of Strongsville:**

*Your Partner in Success*

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In December of 2005, Mayor Thomas P. Perciak and the Strongsville, OH, Economic / Community Development Committee mailed the “Quality of Life” survey to a census of 16,000 Strongsville Households and received 5,841 completed surveys for an amazing 36% return rate.

The top four reasons given for living in Strongsville were:
- Quality and Diversity of housing
- Safe Environment: Police, Fire, EMS
- Quality of Schools
- Accessibility to Family

The survey results indicated that 92% of respondents rated the “Quality of Life” as good to excellent with 89% saying they would recommend Strongsville to others as a place to live. In addition, 84% would still choose to live here if they could make the choice again, a finding many consider to be the acid test.

The evaluation of services and amenities showed that the citizens rated the following as high in quality:
- Health care services
- Police
- Fire-paramedic
- Recreation-cultural-entertainment activities
- Schools
- Access to air service
- Snow-ice removal

Copies of survey results are available to the public at Strongsville’s public library branch, City Hall, the Chamber of Commerce, and at the City’s website (www.strongsville.org).

Quality of Life Survey Task Force

Thomas P. Perciak, Mayor
Richard L. Pinkerton, Ph.D, Taskforce Chair &
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Michael J. Daymut, Co-Chair, Councilman Ward One
Rea Cantwell, Executive Director, Strongsville Chamber of Commerce

Greg Davis, Director, Ohio BR & E Initiative
The Reverend Ron Mowry, Pastor, Strongsville United Methodist Church
Brent T. Painter, Manager of Economic Development, City of Strongsville
Barry R. Zimmerman, Executive Vice President, Edgerton, Corp.

Greg Davis, Director of Ohio State University’s BR&E Initiative, adds an expert’s insight on Strongsville’s survey process and results: “Strongsville leaders innovatively used the Ohio BR&E to better understand the residents’ sentiments toward community services and amenities. Such information will be very useful to local leaders as they allocate resources to support the services and amenities most desired by residents.”
STRONGSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
www.strongsvillechamber.com

STRONGSVILLE ROTARY CLUB
www.strongvillerotary.org

STRONGSVILLE CITY CLUB
www.strongvillecityclub.org

STRONGSVILLE WOMEN’S LEAGUE
www.strongsvillewitness.org

ARTS IN STRONGSVILLE
www.artsinstrongsville.org

STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND
www.strongsvillecommunityband.com

STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY THEATRE
http://strongsvillecommunitytheatre.com

STRONGSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
www.strongsville.org/content/history.asp

STRONGSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB
http://strongsvillekiwanis.org

STRONGSVILLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION
http://strongsvilleeducationfoundation.com

STRONGSVILLE SOCCER CLUB
www.strongvillesoccer.com

STRONGSVILLE SWIM LEAGUE
www.strongvilleswimleague.com

STRONGSVILLE VFW POST 3345
http://vfwpost3345.homestead.com

Rotary Club of Strongsville

Kiwanis

Strongsville Community Band Theatre

Strongsville Kiwanis Club

Strongsville Education Foundation

Strongsville Soccer Club

Strongsville Swim League

Strongsville VFW Post 3345
THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE
Department of Economic Development
Calendar of Community Events

JANUARY
• The Arts in Strongsville Cabaret at the Senior Center

FEBRUARY
• The Strongsville Rotary Chili Open at the Fair Grounds
• Economic Development Business Network Breakfast

MARCH
• The Mayor’s State-of-the-City at the Senior Center
• Super Saturday 5K/1 Mile Race

APRIL
• The Mayor’s VIP Reception at Michaud’s
• Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the Senior Center *

MAY
• The Rotary Duck Race & Kids Fest *
• Economic Development Business Network Breakfast

JUNE
• The City Club Rib Burn-off on the Commons *

JULY
• The Chamber Parade and Homecoming on the Commons *

SEPTEMBER
• The City Club Breakfast-on-the-Bridge *
• The Arts in Strongsville Day-at-the-Chalet *
• Strongsville Historical Society’s Harvest Festival *

OCTOBER
• The Rotary Savor the Flavor at the Holiday Inn
• The City, Chamber & Rotary Business EXPO
• Economic Development Business Network Breakfast

NOVEMBER
• Winter Wonderland - The Lighting of the Commons *

DECEMBER
• The Chamber Holiday Dance at Michaud’s
• Breakfast with Santa at the Senior Center *
• SHS Christmas-in-the-Village *

* Kid Friendly
For more information on Strongsville please contact:

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Fire Prevention..................................................440-580-3225

POLICE DEPARTMENT
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Mayor’s Office......................................................440-580-3150
Mayor’s Court.........................................................440-580-3155
Council Office.......................................................440-580-3110
Economic Development Department.......................440-580-3118
Building Department..............................................440-580-3105
Engineering Department...........................................440-580-3120
Communications Center..........................................440-580-3190
Recreation Center..................................................440-580-3260
Senior Center.......................................................440-580-3275
Service Department...............................................440-580-3170
Trash Pick-Up.......................................................440-572-7590

WWW.STRONGSVILLE.ORG
THE STRONGSVILLE TECHNOLOGY PARK

- 169 acres of available, city-owned property (outlined in red in the aerial above)

- Classified as Greenfields and zoned for Green Manufacturing/High-Tech Buildout

- Access to Rail

- Superior Safety Services
  - Strongsville was ranked as one of the 15 safest communities in Northeast Ohio
  - New State-of-the-Art Fire Headquarters 1 mile from site
  - New State-of-the-Art Police Headquarters 3 miles from the site

- Great Location:
  - 4.95 miles from I-71 & 5.5 miles from the Ohio Turnpike
  - 10 miles from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport
  - 20 miles from Downtown Cleveland
  - 24 miles from the Cuyahoga County Port Authority

- Campus-like setting with an emphasis on maintaining green space

- Tax Incentive/Foreign Trade Zone Eligible

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