

## NEWS RELEASE

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City of Strongsville

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On Thursday, May 21, 2009 Mayor Thomas P. Perciak hosted the City of Strongsville's quarterly Business Network Breakfast at the Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation Center. The event was attended by 159 local business men & women from neighboring corporations, banks, and civic organizations.

Lisa Rucker, Ohio's SBA Program Manager for National City Bank/PNC, was the featured speaker at the event and discussed the various SBA loan programs available to Strongsville's business community and how the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has enhanced several SBA initiatives. A copy of Ms. Rucker's presentation can be downloaded at [www.strongsville.org/content/tax\\_incentives.asp](http://www.strongsville.org/content/tax_incentives.asp)

At the breakfast Mayor Thomas P. Perciak and Councilman Michael Daymut, chair of the Strongsville Economic Development Committee, awarded the City of Strongsville's Innovation Award to Sparton Medical Systems, the CSC Group, and Momentive Performance Materials for their development of new products/practices.

Sparton Medical Systems, a medical device developer and manufacturer, received the Innovation Award for their work on CellSearch®, a medical device that prepares a precise sample of blood which is used to measure circulating tumor cells and predict survival in patients with cancer. CellSearch® was ranked as the top medical innovation for 2009 at the Cleveland Clinic Medical Innovations Summit.

The CSC Group, a medical software development company, received the Innovation Award for the development of their new, environmentally friendly headquarters that utilizes and integrates "green" building practices into its daily operations which has resulted in improved efficiency and a smaller environmental footprint.

The final award was presented to Momentive Performance Materials, a manufacturer of advanced ceramic materials, for their development of a synthetic graphite material called thermal pyrolytic graphite (TPG). TPG exhibits extremely high thermal conductivity and is currently used to keep electronics cool in a variety of aerospace and military applications, including radars, satellites, and fighter jets.

The Strongsville Innovation Awards will be an ongoing program recognizing Strongsville companies. Nominations for future awards should be directed to Gene Magocky at [gene.magocky@strongsville.org](mailto:gene.magocky@strongsville.org)