

Strongsville awards three companies for their innovations

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Strongsville Councilman Mike Daymut and Mayor Thomas Perciak present an Innovation Award to Momentive Performance Materials President and CEO Raymond Kolberg, Samuel Conzone and David Rusinko.

STRONGSVILLE-- Three local businesses were the first recipients of new city award program that recognizes companies for their innovative products and practices.

Sparton Medical Systems, CSC Group and Momentive Performance Materials received the Strongsville Innovation Award.

"These companies have some very unique things going on and we thought it would be a great idea to honor what they have been doing. So many times companies aren't recognized for their contributions, and it helps immensely in developing relations between government and the business community," Strongsville's Economic Development Director Gene Magocky said.

The Strongsville Innovation Awards were presented by Mayor Thomas Perciak and Councilman Mike Daymut, chairman of the city's economic development and technology committee, at the city's recent quarterly Business Network Breakfast at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center.

"This is something that will be ongoing, and it is very important that we recognize our businesses here in town -- especially those who go above and beyond. We look forward to continuing these awards in the future," Daymut said. "I think recognition is a very important part of all of our lives, and we want to provide some recognition to our business partners."

Sparton Medical Systems, a medical device developer and manufacturer, received the Innovation Award for their work on CellSearch, a medical device that prepares precise samples of blood 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, resulting in improved efficiency.

The final Innovation 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 is used to keep electronics cool in a variety of aerospace and military applications, including radar, satellites and fighter jets.

"We felt the awards would be keeping in line with our message of developing the economy in the city and recognizing local companies for their innovative projects," Magocky said.

The Strongsville Innovation Awards will be an ongoing program. Nominations of industrial and commercial companies for future awards should be directed to Magocky at gene.magocky@strongsville.org.

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