



City of Strongsville News and Updates



Dates set for Rib Burnoff, Homecoming

Strongsville's two major summer festivals on the Commons are right around the corner.

The Strongsville City Club Rib Burnoff will run June 17-19 with its usual array of award-winning ribbers and plenty of sides and snacks, plus live entertainment every evening.

Strongsville Homecoming, sponsored by the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce, is set for July 14-17 with rides, carnival games, food and live entertainment daily.

It will end with a spectacular fireworks display on the Commons.

Citywide Traffic Signal Project Almost Wrapped Up

The citywide traffic signal upgrade is nearly complete, with the final synchronization of Strongsville's 57 signals expected in April.

The project improves safety with new equipment and will smooth out traffic flow with a system that coordinates signals along the major corridors by linking them into a single operational system — and also using adaptive technology that can sense inefficiencies and self-adjust.

Engineers said motorists should notice smoother traffic flow throughout the city once the final connections are made on the project, which also involved installing



new poles and mast arms to replace signals that used to hang from wires.

New backplates help improve signal visibility, and new uninterruptible power supplies will keep signals working during power outages.

Incandescent lamps have been replaced with LED to

reduce energy use.

Countdown walk signals for pedestrians have been installed, and curb ramps are now up to ADA rules.

Fiber optic lines now interconnect all signals to the main computer, replacing outdated dial-up modems previously in use.

Here's How to Dispose of Branches and Brush

The city's curbside brush chipping program is not expected to resume this summer, but residents can still dispose of trimmings easily.

One way is to tie the branches into bundles of four-foot lengths and leave them out for Republic Waste to pick up on your regular trash collection day.

The bundles can weigh no

more than 50 pounds each.

You can also take the branches to the Transfer Station, location at Strongsville Municipal Offices, 16099 Foltz Parkway.

In the past, city crews have picked up branches curbside and chipped them, but due to the financial impact of the coronavirus pandemic, the program



was suspended. The city will not be able to hire the temporary summer crews who usually handle the chipping, so the program remains suspended.

Save the Dates

Please note: These dates are tentative and could change due to the pandemic.

- Habitat for Humanity Tool and Furniture Drive (City Service Center) — **May 15**
- MedWish Medical Supply Collection (Service Center) — **May 15**
- Fourth of July fireworks (Foltz Athletic Fields) — **July 4**
- Homecoming fireworks show (Commons) — **July 17**
- Strongsville Rotary Duck Race and Kids Fest (Metroparks Chalet) — **Aug. 21**

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

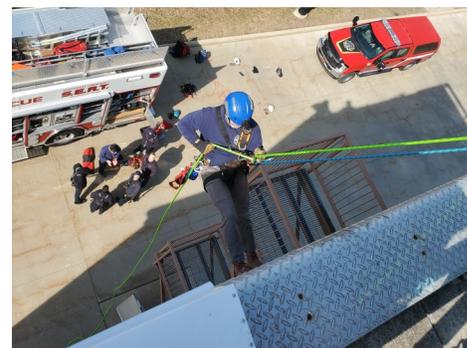
Firefighters Hone their Rescue Skills

Strongsville firefighters conducted two important training sessions in March.

Crews plunged into freezing water to practice rescuing people who had fallen through the ice on a frozen pond. Donning dry suits, they crawled to the victims, pulled them onto the ice and were towed in by a rope.

Members of the Southwest Emergency Response Team also trained in Strongsville on rope rescue skills, rappelling off the fire tower at Station 4.

The team specializes in high angle rope rescue, using specialized equipment to reach victims and pull them to safety.



Worried about Wildlife?

If you don't like the idea of raccoons, skunks and other critters in your yard, you can animal-proof your property, Animal Warden Chuck McCleary says.

There are simple steps you can take to block access to your deck, shed, etc.

Visit the Animal Control page at Strongsville.org for more.

Drop off Household Hazardous Waste May 4 – 6

The first of two 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Collections is set for May 4–6 at the Service Center, 16099 Foltz Pkwy.

Residents can drop off their household products 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. any of the 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. To dispose of latex paint, leave

the lid off to dry up the paint, or mix in a drying agent, then place it out with your regular trash.

Second event is set for Aug. 31 to Sept. 2.

Businesses on the Move

Dave's Cosmic Subs is planning to open a restaurant at 14696 Pearl Road, near NAPA Auto Parts. Renovations are already under way with a spring opening anticipated. Dave's is a northeast Ohio chain with specialty hot and cold sandwiches.

Hot Chicken Takeover is planning to open this spring at 17830 Royalton Road, in the Royalton Collection. It specializes in Nashville hot chicken with sides of mac and cheese, slaw and baked beans, with banana pudding for dessert.

Pho & Beyond is remodeling the former Goldie's restaurant at 15600 Pearl Road for a 2,500-square-foot Vietnamese restaurant with seating for up to 78.