



# City of Strongsville News and Updates



## Fundraising Effort Launched for Town Center

Strongsville business leader Mike Catan has volunteered to chair a committee to raise funds for the city's new Town Center project.

Catan said he will be approaching local business owners over the coming weeks to seek donations for the project, which will create a new park near the Ehrnfelt Rec Center and add amenities like a splash pad, a playground that can be used by children with disabilities, a pavilion and family restrooms.

The project will also add and connect walkways in the area near Freedom Trail.

## State of the City: New I-71 Interchange Possible

The long-discussed idea of building an I-71 interchange at Boston and Howe roads has been revived.

Mayor Tom Perciak said the project is not only being discussed, it's looking like it could become a reality.

"This is the early stages," Perciak said. "But I'm hoping it's time to finally get this done."

The mayor made the announcement at his annual State of the City address, delivered March 15 at a Strongsville Chamber of Commerce business luncheon at the Ernfeld Rec Center.



The mayor credited State Rep. Tom Patton with setting up meetings with state officials and agencies to get the project off the ground.

The speech also talked about the upcoming Town Center Initiative, which will add recreational amenities and walkways to the middle of the city.

And Perciak also focused on the commitment and leadership of his department heads, who bring a total of 321 years of experience to their jobs and who have helped Strongsville become a successful, vibrant community with a Aaa bond rating.

"This is what separates us from the rest," Perciak said.

## 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, located 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 financial impact lingers, meaning the city will again not be able to hire temporary summer crews in the Service Department.

## Save the Dates

- Habitat for Humanity Tool and Furniture Drive (City Service Center) — **May 14**
- MedWish Medical Supply Collection (Service Center) — **May 14**
- Strongsville Community Band Concert (Middle School) — **May 22**
- Strongsville Rotary Duck Race and Kids Fest (Metroparks Chalet) — **June 4**
- Rib Burnoff Fireworks Show (Commons) — **June 17**
- Homecoming fireworks show (Commons) — **July 16**

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

## Strongsville is Named a Purple Heart City

Strongsville has been named a Purple Heart City.

Mayor Tom Perciak issued a proclamation accepting the official designation and declared March 21, 2022 as Purple Heart Day as a tribute to the service and sacrifice of our veterans, and especially the valor of the men and women who have earned the Purple Heart.

Members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart also presented the city with a Special Recognition Award for the city's commitment to combat wounded veterans.



## 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](http://Strongsville.org) for more.

## Drop off Household Hazardous Waste May 3 – 4

The first of two 2022 Household Hazardous Waste Collections is set for May 3-4 at the Service Center, 16099 Foltz Pkwy.

Residents can drop off their household products 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. either of the two 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 Aug. 30-31.

## Businesses on the Move

**Strongsville Nutrition** has opened at 14150 Pearl Road, offering plant-based shakes, energizing teas and coffee that is locally roasted every week and brewed daily.

**Hotworx** hosted its grand opening March 25. The new 24-hour infrared fitness studio is at 14401 Pearl Road and offers hot yoga and other fitness programs, as well as high intensity interval training workouts.

**Teriyaki Madness** is planning to open in the Royalton Collection. It offers made-to-order bowls with rice, vegetables and meat or tofu. u.

**Sgt. Clean Car Wash** has opened a second location at 12653 Pearl Road, at Meadow Lane.