



# City of Strongsville News and Updates



## 18 Residential Street Projects Set for 2024

Streets throughout town will be improved this year, Mayor Tom Perciak said in his State of the City address.

They include all or parts of:

**Ward 1**— Moss Point, Commons Oval, Bonnie, Meadow, Zverina, Roe

**Ward 2** — Treasure Isle, East Bend, Stoneridge

**Ward 3** — Jonathan (Prospect to Montclare), Saddlehorn, Fair

**Ward 4** — Wedgewood, Sherwood, Colebright, Northview, Sunset, Carol/Ordner

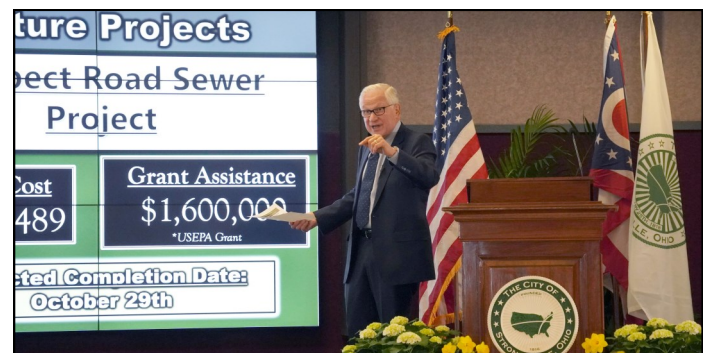
## Innovation has Kept Strongsville Thriving: Mayor

Strongsville has thrived over the last two decades because of the city's focus on innovation, Mayor Tom Perciak said during his 2024 State of the City address March 12.

The mayor told a packed house at the Strongsville Recreation Center that the city has embraced change, from new ways to finance projects to new technology in the police and fire departments, to stay a step ahead.

"The key to Strongsville's continued success is innovation," Perciak said.

The safety forces are also on the cutting edge, with plans



to construct a state-of-the-art fire station near the center of town to better serve residents in that area.

And the police department is leaps and bounds ahead of other area communities in some areas of technology, including its use of drones to search for missing people or fleeing suspects or to investi-

gate incidents like traffic accidents. New 3D software allows the six qualified drone operators in the department to reconstruct the accident scene in realistic fashion.

The department is also installing Flock cameras at 19 strategic locations around town to get a better handle on criminals' movements.

## Look for Foxes and their Kits in the Early Spring

If you've seen a fox in your yard lately, that's because it's denning season, according to Animal Control Officer Chuck McCleary.

Between the end of March and early April, a mother fox will give birth to four or five kits. To keep them safe from coyotes, she will often choose a den site close to

people, away from where coyotes generally go -- like under a porch, shed, garage, barn, or side of a hill.

McCleary asks that you offer them a short-term rental in your yard. "If you are lucky enough to see how beautiful an adult fox is, or witness the kits playing (at a distance, of



course), you will be glad you did!" he said.

Mama fox won't harm your kids or pets.

## Save the Dates

- Habitat for Humanity Tool and Furniture Drive (City Service Center) — **May 18**
- MedWish Medical Supply Collection (Service Center) — **May 18**
- Strongsville Community Band Concert (Middle School) — **May 19**
- Strongsville Historical Society Yard Sale (Historical Village) — **June 13, 14, 15**
- Rib Burnoff Fireworks Show (Commons) — **June 21**
- Homecoming fireworks show (Commons) — **July 27**

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

## Council Corner: Making Sure Seniors are Safe

Senior Citizens who live on their own are the focus of the city's Welfare Caller program.

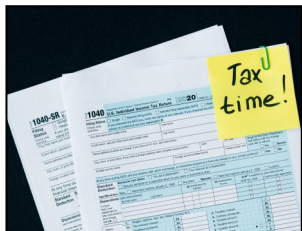
The program is designed to check in with seniors every day to make sure they're doing all right, and send help if there's a problem.

Those who sign up for the program will receive an automated call every morning. If they answer the phone, the system will note they are fine.

If there's no answer, the system will try again in a few minutes, in case the resident didn't hear the phone. If there's still no answer, the system will call or text the person's emergency contact, who can then either check on the senior personally or ask the police department to do so.

Brochures and sign-up forms are available at the Senior Center. Your City Council is happy to have yet another program to assist our older residents.

— Ward 1 Councilman Jim Kaminski



## Remember: Taxes are Due April 15

The deadline to file municipal tax returns is April 15, 2024.

Strongsville contracts with the Regional Income Tax Agency to handle tax collections.

Residents can file online or get more information by visiting [ritaohio.com](http://ritaohio.com).

## Drop off Household Hazardous Waste April 30 - May 1

The first of two 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Collections is set for April 30 — May 1 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. 27-28.

## Businesses on the Move

**The Green Corner**, a Mediterranean restaurant, has opened at 14492 Pearl Road.

**El Taco Macho** is taking over the former Amigo's site on Pearl Road, with a late spring opening planned.

**Ark Transportation** is taking over most of the former Darice Inc. building on Darice Parkway. Ark, a family-owned company that provides logistics and transportation services with freight solutions for businesses, will relocate here from Middleburg Heights. The company will bring its current 36 employees to the Strongsville, and then plans to create 103 new positions. The building will serve as the company's global headquarters.