



City of Strongsville News and Updates



Celebrate an Old-Fashioned Christmas in the Historic Village

The Strongsville Historical Society will once again re-create an old-fashioned holiday during Christmas in the Village, which runs two weekends in December.

The event is Dec. 2-3 and Dec. 9-10 in the Historical Village, 13305 Pearl Rd. Hours are 2-5 p.m. each day.

The buildings and grounds will be decorated for the season, and guests can visit with Santa, shop the Olds General Store and see the huge model railroad display.

It's free, but donations are accepted.

Scams Made the Rounds in Strongsville during 2017

A woman went to the bank to withdraw \$15,000 after she got a call from someone who claimed to be from Publishers Clearing House. The caller needed the money, he said, to release her prize.

Fortunately, the bank manager smelled a rat and called police.

It's one of a number of scams to hit Strongsville this year.

In another incident, a woman sent \$50,000 to someone who e-mailed her from Nigeria. The scam was only uncovered when the woman was contacted by the FBI. She turned that e-mail over to police, believing it was suspicious.



Then there's the 'grandchild' scam. In one case this year, a woman got a call from someone who sounded like her granddaughter, saying she was in trouble and asking Grandma to buy \$4,000 worth of Target gift cards and read the numbers over the phone. The woman wisely hung up.

But other residents have lost thousands of dollars to the same scam.

"Take a minute to confirm it's your relative," Assistant Chief John Janowski advised.

Another resident got a pop-up on her screen warning of a computer virus. She called the number and agreed to pay 'Microsoft' \$259 and \$750 in iTunes gifts cards to fix it.

"If there's any doubt at all, call us," Janowski said. "That's why we're here."

Fire Chief Sounds the Alarm after Two CO incidents

A family was rescued from their home this fall after they all fell sick. They didn't realize the problem until firefighters found high levels of carbon monoxide in their house.

Days later, another family's new CO detector sounded. They thought it was faulty,



but learned they'd installed it in the nick of time — their furnace was leaking CO.

Both were scary incidents, Fire Chief Jack Draves said.

"A carbon monoxide detector is the first step to protecting your family," he said.

Install detectors on each level of your home, and have gas appliances and furnaces checked annually.

Save the Dates

- Christmas Teas (Historical Village) — **Dec. 2 and 3**
- Strongsville Community Band Concert (Recreation Center) — **Dec. 10**
- Celebration Ringers Handbell Concert (Senior Center) — **Dec. 14**
- Kids Garage Sale (Recreation Center) - **Feb. 3**
- Father-Daughter Dance (Recreation Center) — **Feb. 16**
- Strongsville Rotary's Chili Open (Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds) — **Feb. 24**

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

Take a Stroll through the Winter Wonderland

The Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration drew hundreds of people to the Commons Nov. 19, and the celebration continues in the center of town through the holiday season.

Everyone is invited to get in the holiday spirit by taking a festive walk through the park, where lights are twinkling and music is playing each evening.

The lights will be on through New Year's Eve.



Holiday Hours at the Rec Center

The Ehrnfelt Recreation and Senior Center will be closed on Christmas Day Dec. 25 and on New Year's Day, Jan. 1.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, hours will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Don't Be a Victim this Holiday Season: Strongsville Police

Thieves are out in force over the holidays, taking advantage of crowds of distracted shoppers.

Police say you should:

Guard your wallet — Make sure your purse is zipped or snapped shut, and never put it in a shopping cart. Pickpockets can reach inside in a flash. Men should carry wallets in a front pocket or zipped jacket pocket.

Don't leave stuff in the car — Bags of merchandise are too tempting for a thief. Put your purchases in the trunk.

Shut out thieves at home — Burglars know you have gifts in your house. Make sure your doors and windows are locked, and leave lights on. Don't leave valuables in your

car, and lock your car doors.

Don't give till it hurts — Fake charity scams are everywhere this time of year. Double check before donating.

Businesses on the Move

Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers is a step closer to building its first northeast Ohio location in Strongsville. A vacant parcel at the corner of Pearl and Pierce has been rezoned to allow a restaurant to be built. Raising Cane's has submitted site plans for a 3,300-square-foot restaurant.

A 3,558-square-foot **Chase Bank** is now under construction at 19250 Knowlton Parkway.

The **Altenheim Memory Care & Rehabilitation Center** on Pearl Road just south of Shurmer Road will include assisted living apartments for those with memory impairment and a rehab facility for people recovering from an injury, illness or surgery. Opening is expected soon.