



# City of Strongsville News and Updates



## Take a Walk through the Winter Wonderland

The Winter Wonderland Lighting Celebration drew hundreds of people to the Commons Nov. 24, and the celebration continues in the center of town throughout the holiday season.

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

Take pictures among the many lighted displays, the giant Christmas tree and the gazebo.

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

## Year-End Rundown: New Food, Retail in Strongsville

Strongsville again saw its share of new restaurants open during this past year.

The city has a rich history of hosting eateries with a variety of cuisines.

In 2024, several eateries opened or announced plans to operate here:

Nourishing Nook is a new coffee shop on Pearl Road, offering beverages, food and a place to relax.

Honeygrow, a stir fry restaurant, opened on Royalton Road.

Kyuramen, a Japanese ramen restaurant, is opening at SouthPark Mall — the first in Ohio.



Dunkin' built a new coffee shop and restaurant on the north end of Pearl Road.

El Taco Macho is soon to open on Pearl Road, offering authentic Mexican street food.

Original Pancake House has announced it will take over the Rico's site on Pearl Road at Shurmer Road, offering breakfast and lunch daily.

Another Broken Egg, which serves breakfast and lunch, will be taking over the O'Charley's spot on Pearl Road.

The owners of SouthPark Mall have also said they are working with restaurants to take over the Macaroni Grill and Red Lobster buildings but have not disclosed the names. An announcement is expected soon.

## New Town Center Pavilion Now Available for Rental

The Strongsville Parks and Recreation Department offers a number of options to hold parties, meetings corporate events, baby showers and even wedding receptions.

A new venue has joined the list this fall with the opening of the pavilion at the new



Town Center Park., located just west of the Rec and Senior Center.

The new pavilion can be set up for meetings — including drop-down screens for presentations — or with round tables for parties.

It features a cozy fireplace and kitchen facilities. For information or to reserve the pavilion or other venue, call (440) 580-3270.

## Save the Dates

- Strongsville Chamber of Commerce Holiday Scholarship Dance (Encore) — **Dec. 6**
- Fun & Photos with Santa Claus (Rec Center) — **Dec. 7**
- Christmas in the Village (Historic Village) — **Dec. 7, 8, 14, 15**
- Strongsville Community Band Holiday Concert (Middle School) — **Dec. 15**
- Chamber of Commerce Holiday Luncheon (Rec Center) — **Dec. 17**
- Faher/Daughter Dance (Rec Center) — **Feb. 21**

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

## Council Corner: City's Future is Bright

On behalf of City Council, I want to wish you a very merry holiday season. This time is always special to spend with family and friends. We wish you many lasting memories, good health and cheer and a safe New Year.

As we near the end of 2024, there are so many things we can be thankful for in our community. City Council takes great pride in working hard for the residents and working well as a team. We want to assure residents we are making good decisions to assure our community is even STRONGER in the future.

Council is ready to "toast" the upcoming New Year with some exciting projects and initiatives, including street improvements in all wards and exciting new businesses for our residents to enjoy.

Again on behalf of YOUR City Council, may your holiday season be filled with love and joy.

— Jim Carbone, Councilman at large and Council President



## Holiday Hours at the Rec Center

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

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, hours will be 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, hours are 5 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

The past year has seen a number of retail businesses open in Strongsville.

Businesses included a **Sheetz** gas station on Royalton Road; **The Good Feet Store** on Royalton Road; **Morty's Munchies**, a dog bakery, on Pearl Road; **Trillium Creek Dermatology** on Royalton Road; **Chieffalo's Auto Repair** on Pearl Road and **BidFTA Online Auctions** warehouse on Drake Road.

In addition, a **Take 5 Oil Change** is under construction on Pearl Road, as are two daycare centers — **The Learning Experience** near Drake Road and **BrightPath Child Care** next to Freddy's