



Have Breakfast with the Easter Bunny March 10

Families can hop over to the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center March 10 for a fun Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

The annual event starts at 9 a.m. and includes a family-style breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon and beverages.

Kids can make a special Easter craft, and each family will receive a free photo of the kids with the Bunny.

Tickets are \$8 for ages 3 and up, \$5 for kids 1-2 and free for infants under 1. They're available at the Rec Center front desk.

City of Strongsville News and Updates

Strongsville By the Numbers: A Census Snapshot

The U.S. Census released new population estimates at the end of 2017.

Here are some facts about Strongsville's residents and housing:

Two thirds of the homes in Strongsville (66 percent) were built before 1990.

Median value of owner-occupied housing units is \$194,000. That compares with \$131,900 for the state of Ohio.

Of the 9,363 homes with a mortgage, 2,625 pay more than \$2,000 a month in housing costs. Of that, 87 pay \$4,000 or more.

Median family income is \$102,639. Median household income is \$80,323. A little over 10 percent of family household



earn more than \$200,000 a year.

23 percent of students in grades K-12 attend private school.

Nearly 45 percent of residents 25 and older have a bachelor's degree or higher, compared with 31 percent countywide.

We've got shopping: Total retail sales per capita was \$22,503 in 2012. Countywide, that number was \$11,914.

We have a half-hour commute: Mean travel time to work is 27.4 minutes – longer than the rest of the county (24.3).

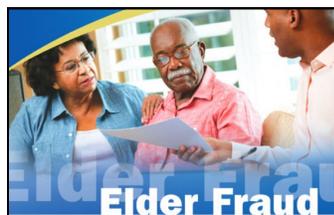
We've gotten more diverse: Among our 44,622 residents, 1,980 are Asian and 1,225 are black or African American. There are also about 5,000 residents – nearly 12 percent – who speak a language other than English at home, and 3.5 percent speak English less than 'very well.'

Don't Fall Victim: Be on the Lookout for Signs of a Scam

Con artists often target older residents, but if you're on the lookout for a scam, you won't fall victim. Here are some signs that you may be dealing with a scam:

You're asked to wire money or send a prepaid gift card

You're pressured to "act now!"
You've won a contest you've



never heard of or entered -- and have to give personal information or pay a fee to receive the prize

A company has no physical address, only a post office box

A company refuses to provide written information

You're asked to give personal information .

Don't do it! When in doubt, just hang up. And feel free to call the police to ask for advice.

Save the Dates

- Father-Daughter Dance (Recreation Center) — **Feb. 16**
- Kiwanis Read Around the World (Strongsville Library) — **Feb. 24**
- Strongsville Rotary Chili Open (Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds) — **Feb. 24**
- Strongsville Community Band Concert (Recreation Center) — **Feb. 25**
- Optimist Club Reverse Raffle (Michaud's) — **March 3**
- Mayor Perciak's State of the City Address (Recreation Center) — **March 20**

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

Get Fit with Lifestyle Challenge at the Rec

The Recreation Department is again offering some friendly competition while you get in shape with the Lifestyle Transformation Challenge starting March 11.



The Lifestyle Challenge aims to give you the tools you need to decrease fat and increase lean muscle – and maintain a healthy lifestyle long after the contest ends by giving participants a complete nutrition package and exercise program. Kick-off meeting is at 7 p.m. March 1.

The challenge runs March 11 to May 19, with pre-testing March 4-10 and post-testing May 20-26. Schedule a testing appointment at the front desk.

Great prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in both the men's and women's divisions, based on change in overall aesthetic appearance, decrease in body fat and increase in muscle mass.



Rec Offers Evening of Fun for Families

Parents get an evening alone, and kids get pizza, a movie and games.

Register now for Parents' Night Out Feb. 17 or March 24 at the Rec Center.

Kids ages 3-12 will have a great time from 4-8 p.m. while parents can go out or spend time at home alone. Call (440) 580-3260 to register.

Teams Organizing Now for Strongsville Relay for Life

This year's Relay for Life is June 9-10 at Pat Catan Stadium, and teams are now starting their fundraising.

Relay is a grass roots, community-based event that celebrates cancer survivors, remembers victims, honors caregivers and raises money for the American Cancer Society.

The two-day event is held at venues across the nation. Teams have fundraisers and take donations.

There will be several fundraisers to help raise money for the effort, including Hoops for Hope with the Cavs on March 19. That night, \$12 from each ticket will be donated to the American

Cancer Society.

Want to donate to the cause, become a sponsor, join a team or start your own team?

You can visit relayforlife.org/strongsville, e-mail strongsvillerelay@gmail.com, or contact Suzi Piskur at (888) 227-6446, ext. 1212 or by e-mail at suzan.piskur@cancer.org.

Businesses on the Move

Raising Cane's is expected to start construction on a 3,300-square-foot fast-food restaurant on a vacant lot at the corner of Pearl Road and Pierce Drive. The eatery will include a small outdoor patio with seating for up to 16. It will be the first northeast Ohio location for Raising Cane's, which is known for its chicken fingers and secret sauce.

Manuel Garcia Prosthetics is expanding with an 8,016-square-foot addition to its building at 8180 Pearl Road. Construction on the expansion is under way.

Chase Bank is building a new branch at 19250 Knowlton Parkway.

Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt has opened at SouthPark Mall.