



Have Breakfast with the Easter Bunny March 21

Families can hop over to the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center March 21 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 Rec Center members 2 and older, and \$12 for non-members. They're available at the Rec Center front desk.

City of Strongsville News and Updates

Don't 'Wishcycle' — Some Items Belong in Landfill

People often recycle with good intentions, tossing an item into the blue bin and hoping for the best.

But that can contaminate a whole load of recyclables or break the sorting machines at the recovery plant.

Cuyahoga Recycles says these are some common items that people try to recycle at the curbside, but shouldn't:

- Styrofoam containers
- Plastic cups and forks (they're too brittle and break, mixing in with good, recyclable glass and paper in the plant)
- Paper cups and lids (the cups are coated with a thin plastic layer)



- Plastic toys and hangers
- Hoses and ropes (they tangle)
- Broken ceramics, like coffee cups

Those items should all go in the regular trash, according to Cuyahoga Recycles.

Or better yet, avoid using dis-

posable plates, cups, silverware, bags and other takeout containers.

Items like plastic bags and shredded paper also don't belong in curbside recycling, but those and other items — like tires, holiday lights, propane tanks, clothing and electronics — can be recycled at other locations or at community events.

Dates Announced for City's 2020 Recycling Events

You can get rid of household products, shred old documents and donate building and medical items at Strongsville's recycling events this year.

The annual Household Hazardous Waste collection will run April 30 through May 2 and Sept. 10 - 12 at the Service Center, 16099 Foltz Parkway. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and



Friday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Shred Day is June from 9 a.m. to

noon June 13 at the Service Center.

The Habitat for Humanity tool drive, which benefits Habitat's ReStore, runs 9 a.m. to noon on May 9.

Also May 9, Strongsville will participate in a MEDWISH Supply Drive in which residents can donate unused medical supplies.

Save the Dates

- White Elephant Sale (Senior Center) — **Feb. 6-7**
- Father-Daughter Dance (Recreation Center) — **Feb. 21**
- Kiwanis Read Around the World (Strongsville Library) — **Feb. 22**
- Strongsville Community Band Concert (Recreation Center) — **Feb. 23**
- Strongsville Rotary Chili Open (Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds) — **Feb. 29**
- Optimist Club Reverse Raffle (Rec Center) — **March 7**

Check Strongsville.org or cable TV channel 21 (WOW) or 1020 (Spectrum) for more.

'Close Before You Doze,' Firefighters Urge

Fire officials are reminding you to "Close Before You Doze" as part of a national campaign encouraging people to close their bedroom doors before going to sleep.

If a fire breaks out, that closed door will keep the flames out of a bedroom longer, giving you precious time to escape.

"The idea is that a closed door will buy you time so you can get out, or until the fire department arrives," Assistant Fire Chief AJ Aljabi said.

Aljabi made a safety video with Spectrum News that shows the difference between damage to bedrooms where the door was open vs. closed.

He also encourages parents to develop a plan with their kids so they know what to do when a smoke alarm goes off — like getting close to the ground, feeling to see if a door is hot before opening it, getting to a window and meeting their parents as a safe spot outside.



Next Kids Garage Sale is Feb. 29

Find great deals on toys, clothes, small furniture and accessories at the Kids Garage Sale Feb. 29 at the Ehrnfelt Rec Center.

Or reserve a table to sell gently used maternity, baby and kids' items.

Earlybird shopping starts at 9 a.m. for \$3 (please have exact change) or shop free 10 a.m. to noon.

Strongsville Opts Out of Ban on Plastic Bags, for Now

When Cuyahoga County starts enforcing its ban on plastic bags in stores on July 1, retailers in Strongsville will be exempt.

City Council has passed legislation to opt out of the ban, meaning stores here will still be able to have plastic bags available at checkout counters.

Giant Eagle in January voluntarily removed plastic bags from most of its Cuyahoga County stores, including the Market District in Strongsville.

However, Target, Walmart, Heinen's, Home Depot and other retailers will not have to follow suit — at least not yet.

Strongsville will follow the lead of Cleveland, which opted out of the plastic bag ban for six months in order to study the issue and draft its own rules.

A Strongsville task force will

spend the next year meeting with retailers and looking at ways to best handle the issue of single-use plastic bags in a way that offers the most innovative solutions to both residents and businesses.

Businesses on the Move

Studio Vasi, a West Hollywood luxury hair care and beauty salon, has chosen Strongsville for its second location. The salon, which is at 13325 Pearl Road, in the Westwood Plaza, offers hair care services for women and men designed to reinvent their look, and also has a photography studio for professional photo shoots. The salon will offer monthly classes on styling techniques.

That's Amore Pizza and More has opened in the Strongsville Plaza, 14769 Pearl Road, behind Old Carolina. The locally owned restaurant offers all types of pizza, plus pasta, jumbo wings, subs and salads.

Bibibop Asian Grill has set its grand opening for Feb. 4. The restaurant features build-your-own rice, noodle or salad bowls with various toppings and sauces.