



City of Strongsville News and Updates



Safety Town is Set to Return this Summer

The Police Department is planning to hold Safety Town this summer for youngsters about to enter kindergarten.

The popular program, which teaches kids traffic and other safety lessons, was suspended in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

This year, there will be a series of six sessions in June and July with smaller class sizes. The sessions each last one week and are available in the morning or early afternoon.

Information about online registration will be available this spring.

Construction Starts on New Discount Drug Mart

Construction equipment is on the site of the new Discount Drug Mart, clearing and leveling the ground for the new retail store.

It will be Strongsville's second Drug Mart, joining the existing store at the corner of Royalton and Prospect roads.

Plans call for a 22,778-square-foot building in front of Lowe's on Pearl Road.

Discount Drug Mart has a pharmacy, health-care items, cosmetics and a photo department, as well as food and household items.

It is one of several projects launched in the last few years to serve residents in the



northern end of town with dining and retail options.

Developers built O'Charley's and Sheetz on vacant land, and have revitalized other properties, including razing the former LaSiesta Motel and replacing it with Burger King and Starbucks.

Culver's took over the site of the former Jennifer's restaurant.

Arby's is planning to build on the old Mad Cactus site.

And Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers is planning to open in the former Burger King spot on Pearl Road.

Dates Announced for City's 2021 Recycling Events

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

The annual Household Hazardous Waste collections will run May 4-6 and Aug. 31 through Sept. 2 at the Service Center, 16099 Foltz Parkway. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.



The Habitat for Humanity tool drive, which benefits Habitat's ReStore, runs 9 a.m. to noon on May 15.

Also May 15, Strongsville will participate in a MEDWISH Supply Drive in which residents can donate unused medical supplies.

The city is still working on a date for a possible Shred Day.

Due to the coronavirus situation, these dates are tentative and are subject to change.

Save the Dates

Here are TENTATIVE dates of some of this year's major events. Please bear in mind each is subject to be changed or cancelled due to the ongoing coronavirus situation.

- Strongsville City Club Rib Burn Off — **June 17-19**
- Fourth of July Fireworks — **July 4**
- Strongsville Homecoming — **July 14-17**
- Homecoming Fireworks — **July 17**
- Duck Race and Kids Fest — **Aug. 21**
- Breakfast on the Bridge — **Sept. 19**

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

Here's What's Going On at the Rec

Even though the Recreation and Senior Center still isn't running at full speed, there's plenty going on in February and March.

Daily lunches: Order a hot lunch by noon the day before and drive by to pick it up. Call (440) 580-3268.

Lifeguard classes: Sessions are set for March for participants 15 and older. Register online at Strongsville.org.

Youth volleyball clinic: Two sessions for kids in grades 3-4 and 5-7 are set to run March 4 through April 29. Visit Strongsville.org and click on the Parks and Recreation section.

American Red Cross online classes: Check Strongsville.org for details on classes like Adult, Child and Baby First Aid and CPR, First Aid for Opioid Overdoses, Babysitter Basics and Cat and Dog First Aid that are taught by the Red Cross through the Rec Center.



Enjoy Breakfast at Crossroads Café

Find a great deal on breakfast at the Crossroads Café, located in the Ehrnfelt Rec and Senior Center.

The café is open 8-10 a.m. Monday through Friday for dine-in or carryout meals.

The menu includes omelets, egg sandwiches, French toast, oatmeal and more.

City Launching 'R U OK?' Program to Check on Seniors

Senior citizens who live on their own will be the focus of a new safety program Strongsville is launching soon.

The 'R U OK?' program is designed to check in with seniors daily to make sure they're doing all right — and send help if there's a problem.

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

If there's no answer, though, the system will call again in a few minutes — maybe the resident didn't hear the phone or just couldn't answer in time.

But if there's still no answer, the system will call or text the resident's emergency contact, who will then either check on the resident personally or ask the police department to do so.

Safety forces would enter the home through a lockbox installed on the door.

Sign-ups are expected to start this month or in March.

Businesses on the Move

Home Goods is expected to open Feb. 11 at the Royalton Collection on Royalton Road across from SouthPark Mall. The off-price retailer, which is a sister store to TJ Maxx and Marshall's, offers discount home furnishings like bedding, kitchen items, bath accessories and accent furniture. Home Goods has more than 700 locations nationwide.

City Council has cleared the way for a proposed **Auto Zone** to present plans for a new building at the corner of Royalton and Prospect roads by agreeing to rezone a 1-acre parcel. As part of the proposal, Gill's Beverage and Deli would move into the strip center near Discount Drug Mart and the existing Gill's building would be razed for the new Auto Zone.