



City of Strongsville News and Updates



Mayor Perciak will Address City March 21

Save the date — the mayor’s annual State of the City address is set to take place on Tuesday, March 21.

It starts at 11:30 a.m. at the Ehrnfelt Rec Center, 18100 Royalton Road.

Mayor Tom Perciak will talk about the city’s fiscal health, business growth and the upcoming improvements to the Town Center area.

He delivers the speech during the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce’s monthly business luncheon. It usually sells out, so reserve a seat early at strongsvillechamber.com.

Tax Diversity: City’s Eggs aren’t All in One Basket

In some cities, a single industry can bear the weight of the community’s fiscal health.

A factory, say, or a major hospital sometimes contributes a huge chunk of the income taxes the city collects, making the community dependent on that source of revenue to operate.

Strongsville is NOT one of those cities.

Here, the top 10 contributors to the city’s income tax collections combined make up only about 12 percent of the total income tax revenue. That means Strongsville is not dependent on even its biggest employers for its overall



fiscal health.

“It’s a great position to be in,” Economic Development Director Brent Painter said. “We’re fortunate to have a very broad base of companies operating in our business parks and retail centers.”

What’s more, the tax diversity is growing as the business

parks thrive. In 2003, the top 10 income tax withholders in Strongsville contributed 18.69 percent of the city’s income taxes.

That figure has shrunk over the years until in 2022, the top 10 accounted for only 12.27 percent of the city’s income tax collections.

Dates Announced for City’s 2023 Recycling, Shred 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 2-3 and Aug. 29-30 at the Service Center, 16099 Foltz Parkway. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day.



The Habitat for Humanity tool drive, which benefits Habitat’s ReStore, runs 9 a.m. to noon on May 20.

Also May 20, Strongsville will participate in a MEDWISH Supply Drive in which residents can donate unused medical supplies.

Shred Day will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on June 23.

That event will be held outside the Recreation Center, 18100 Royalton Road.

Save the Dates

- Strongsville Rotary Chili Open (County Fairgrounds) — **Feb. 25**
- Community Band concert (Middle School) — **March 5**
- Duck Race and Kids Fest (Metroparks Chalet) — **June 3**
- Strongsville City Club Rib Burn Off (Commons) — **June 22-24**
- Rib Burnoff Fireworks (Commons) — **June 23**
- Strongsville Homecoming (Commons) — **July 12-15**

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

Fire Department Offers CPR, First Aid Classes

Strongsville firefighters provide a number of CPR and first aid classes to the community.



The department, in partnership with Southwest General and the American Heart Association, offers four different types of CPR/AED First Aid training for residents, groups and businesses.

They range from a two-hours course for people who want to know CPR and basic first aid for personal use to classes for people who need life-saving training for their jobs. The courses also cover how to use an automated external defibrillator.

A schedule of classes is available at Strongsville.org. For more information, e-mail cpr@strongsville.org or call (440) 580-3269.



AARP is Offering Tax-Prep Help

The AARP Foundation will again offer free help preparing tax returns.

Teams will be at Strongsville Methodist Church (new site), 13500 Royalton Road, on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The service is free and open to all.

To make an appointment, go to the church and sign up, or call (440) 238-6135.

Here's What's Going on at the Rec Center this Spring

Tickets are on sale now for the **Father-Daughter Dance**, set for Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Gentlemen can accompany the little girl in their life to the Rec for an evening of music, dancing and pizza. She'll also receive a carnation and keepsake photo. Tickets are \$10 for members, \$15 for non-member residents and \$20 for non-residents, and must be purchased in advance at the front desk.

On April 29, a **Kids Garage Sale** will take place, with tables of toys, clothes, small

furniture and accessories. Earlybird shopping starts at 9 a.m. for \$3 admission, or shop free from 10 a.m. to noon.

Easter Bunny is April 1. Kids can get a digital photo with the Bunny, make a craft and enjoy a treat. Tickets are pre-sale only at \$6 for members and \$10 for non-members.

Fun and Photos with the

Businesses on the Move

The Salon & Spa of Venus has opened at 17578 Drake Road (in the Royal Park Wine Plaza at Drake and Pearl). The salon offers a full-service hair salon and spa.

Corner 11, a poke and ramen restaurant, has opened at 17100 Royalton Road, in the Ledgewood Plaza.

Spry Senior had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new location at 15201 Pearl Road, in the Big Lots plaza (corner of Pearl and Shurmer). The business offers primary care physicians, lab and testing facilities and transportation for people 58 and older.

Hooley House is getting ready to open a sports pub in the former Bar Louie site at SouthPark Mall.