



City of Strongsville News and Updates



Green Recycling Bins are Gone; Use Curbside

The green cardboard recycling bins have been removed from city-owned parking lots, and residents are urged to instead take advantage of curbside recycling.

Residents can put cardboard, paper, glass, cans and plastics out with their regular trash and Republic Waste will collect it for recycling.

Cardboard should be flattened and no larger than 4 feet by 4 feet.

City officials are looking into the possibility of finding another vendor to provide separate cardboard recycling services.

Construction Starts on Fire Station No. 5

Construction of a new fire station is under way on a 2.5-acre parcel on Royalton Road just west of Pearl Road.

City Council authorized the project after voters approved the rezoning of six parcels of land in 2023 and 2024. The city then hired DS Architecture to design the building.

The department has experienced a 200 percent increase in call volume since 2004 as response times continue to increase beyond the national standard of four minutes. The new station should reduce demand on the current resources and lower response times to all areas.

The 14,489-square-foot



building will include three drive-through vehicle bays, offices, a training room and living quarters for up to seven firefighters. An emergency signal will be placed on Royalton Road in front of the station to assist with fire vehicles exiting.

The city has hired RFC Contracting, a Strongsville company, to handle construction at an estimated \$9.6 million. The project should be completed by first quarter 2027.

Fire Chief Jack Draves said “the plan for a new fire station in the center of the city has been in the works for several years. The station is needed to ensure there are plenty of medical and fire resources strategically placed throughout the city. The station should help decrease response times throughout the city and make additional resources available as the number of simultaneous calls grows.”

Initiative with Polaris Sends Young Chefs to Senior Center

Those new chefs in the Senior Center kitchen are actually students in the Deli and Food Production Program at Polaris Career Center

They’ll be learning valuable job training skills helping prepare meals in the kitchen three days a week.



Deli and Food Production is a two-year program that also gives the students real-world

experience running a café at Polaris.

The Senior Center offers daily hot lunches and soup, and also weekly meals-on-the-go on Fridays.

The students will be training every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:15-10:15 when Polaris is in session.

Save the Dates

- Strongsville Rotary Chili Open (Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds) — **Feb. 28**
- Strongsville Community Band Concert (Strongsville Middle School) — **March 1**
- Daddy-Daughter Dance (Recreation Center) — **March 21**
- Easter Egg Hunt (Town Center Park) — **March 21**
- Indoor Triathlon, Biathlon (Rec Center) — **March 22**
- Strongsville Community Band Spring Concert (Middle School) — **May 17**

Check Strongsville.org for more information.

Make Sure Safety Forces can See Your Address

Strongsville firefighters and paramedics are urging residents to make sure their house numbers are visible from the road so that safety forces don't have to waste precious seconds finding your home in an emergency.



Your address should be on the front of your house and/or on your mailbox post – on both sides, facing the street. If your house is set back from the street, post the address on a sign at the end of the driveway.

The numbers should be at least four inches tall; a color that contrasts with the background; illuminated by a porch light or else reflective to be visible in the dark; not blocked from view by bushes or trees .

Don't assume that having numbers on your house is enough, especially if your house is not visible from the street. Also, don't rely on numbers on the curb – they can be covered by snow, dirt or parked cars.

“Clear address visibility saves precious minutes during an emergency, allowing us to find you and your loved ones faster to protect life and property,”



Police Station has Drug Drop-Off Box

Residents who want to safely dispose of expired or unneeded medication can do so at the Strongsville Police station.

The department has installed a secure drop-off box for medication that is no longer needed.

It's available in the lobby. Only pills are accepted.

City will again Recycle Christmas Trees, Old Lights

The city will again recycle Christmas trees to keep them out of landfills.

When you're done with your live tree, remove ALL the lights, ornaments and tinsel and leave it at the curb on your regular trash day.

It will be picked up and taken to a state-approved compost facility instead of going to a landfill.

The service will run through January, but it's weather dependent. If it snows, crews may instead be assigned to plowing duties.

To recycle old Christmas lights, bring them to the Service Center, 16099 Foltz Parkway and leave them at the computer drop-off window.

The city will take them to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo for its Lights for Lions program, which recycles lights to benefit lion and cheetah conservation efforts.

Businesses on the Move

Ashleigh Clark Interior Design Group celebrated its opening in a new space with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Dec. 11. The company, located at 13100 Prospect Road, offers full-service interior design for new construction, renovation, residential and commercial. This location houses the interior design studio and retail space.

Also marking a grand opening is **Play Haven Café**, 14783 Pearl Road, in the Strongsville Plaza. It's a coffee shop where parents, grandparents and caregivers can enjoy a snack and beverage while their kids have fun in an adjacent play area.

Empowering Punch celebrated its new location at SouthPark Mall with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Dec. 17. The fitness center, which offers boxing training, nutrition coaching and more, is now on the first floor next to Macy's.