



City of Strongsville News and Updates



Homecoming Will Have Rides, Food, Fireworks July 19-22

Strongsville Homecoming runs July 19-22 on the Commons.

The event kicks off with the popular Homecoming parade, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, followed by free entertainment on the Commons.

Again highlighting the festival is a spectacular fireworks display — visible from the Commons — at 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 22. The Light Up Strongsville display is courtesy of the city and many donors.

The Homecoming festival is sponsored by the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce.

City's Population Still Down, but Holding Steady

The city's estimated population in 2016 did not change much from the previous year, and is still down from the official census count in 2010.

The U.S. Census Bureau's latest estimate for Strongsville is 44,631, down 119 people from the 2010 census tally of 44,750.

That's a loss of about .3 percent.

Strongsville's own comprehensive plan says the city could eventually grow to 55,000 people at "buildout" — when all available residential land is filled.

That 55,000 figure reflects



not only new housing that would be available, but a potential shift in demographics. There has been a 149 percent increase in the number of residents over age 59 over the last few decades, and the school district has seen a significant decline in enrollment.

That could change again as

the population becomes younger over the next few decades.

The Census Bureau estimated that the number of residents here dipped to 44,587 in 2012, jumped back up to 44,662 in 2014 and has been declining again since then. The estimate for 2016 is one person less than 2015.

Farmers Market Starts July 20 with New Hours

The annual Strongsville Farmers Market starts July 20 and runs every Thursday through Sept. 28 in the parking lot of the Ehrnfelt Rec Center, 18100 Royalton Rd.

The hours will be earlier in the day this year. The market will run 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



It will feature fresh, locally grown vegetables and fruits, plus a large array of baked goods. There will also be

flowers, honey, jams and other products. The market is sponsored by the Strongsville Recreation Department.

New vendors are always welcome. Local farmers, bakers or florists should contact Kathy Sazima at Kathy.sazima@strongsville.org or (440) 580-3277.

Save the Dates

- Strongsville Community Band Concert (Commons) — **July 7**
- Collectibles and Garage Sale — (Historical Village) — **July 13-14**
- Homecoming Fireworks (Commons) — **July 22**
- Christmas in July (Ehrnfelt Senior Center) — **July 25**
- Strongsville Community Band Concert (Commons) — **Aug. 11**
- Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up (Service Garage) — **Sept. 6-9**

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

Police Officer, Firefighter, Dispatchers Honored

The St. Francis of Assisi Council of the Knights of Columbus has named Jeff Steving Police Officer of the Year for 2017, Lt Charles Zerman Firefighter of the Year and Rebecca Naymik and Jodi Fyffe Dispatchers of the Year.



Dispatchers Becky Naymik and Jodi Fyffe, Ptl. Jeff Steving and Fire Lt. Charles Zerman

Steving has led the department in OVI arrests since 2007 and has been honored several times by MADD.

Zerman, a SWAT medic, was recognized for his leadership skills and his work at emergency scenes.

Naymik was honored for her leadership abilities and willingness to pitch in. Fyffe's award stemmed from her handling of a call in which a man sought to "commit suicide by cop." She convinced him to surrender.



Don't Miss the July 4 Fireworks Show

The annual Fourth of July fireworks show will take place as usual on Tuesday, July 4 at the athletic fields on Foltz Parkway.

The display begins at 10 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

The show is funded by donations from individuals, businesses and groups.

Coming Soon: A New Mobile App for Community Events

Strongsville residents will soon have a new way to keep up on local news and events.

The city will be part of the new app, Civically, which will list announcements and events for Strongsville and other communities.

It is expected to launch in early July.

The benefit of the new app is that any number of area communities can have pages on it, giving Strongsville residents quick and easy access to events going on in the region.

At the same time, people in other local communities will be able to see events taking place in Strongsville.

Civically will replace Strongs-

ville's existing app, which duplicated much of the information on Strongsville's website — no longer needed now that the city's website is mobile-friendly.

Businesses on the Move

Architectural Justice is expected to be open to the public in July. The newly built home design showroom and café is at the corner of Pearl and Westwood.

Painting with a Twist, an art studio and restaurant with seating for 80, is seeking to open in Strongsville Towne Center near Big Lots.

1,000 Degrees Neapolitan Pizza has opened in the Plaza at South-Park. The restaurant features specialty pizzas baked in two minutes in a 1,000-degree oven.

Blo, a hair-drying and styling salon, is set to fill the last vacant spot in the renovated Westwood Commons plaza on Pearl at Westwood.