



# City of Strongsville News and Updates



## Homecoming Will Have Rides, Food, Fireworks July 17-20

Strongsville Homecoming runs July 17-20 on the Commons.

The event kicks off with the popular Homecoming parade, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, 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 20.

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce puts on the annual event, which features rides and games on the midway, live entertainment and plenty of food choices.

## Safety Forces Honored for Going Above and Beyond

The Strongsville Police Department has issued its Top Cop awards for 2018, while the St. Francis of Assisi Council of the Knights of Columbus has named its police officer, firefighter and dispatcher of the year.

The Knights of Columbus awards went to **Officer Ryan Damore**, **Firemedic Mike Pace** and dispatcher **Ashley Flynn**.

Departmental winners:

**Blue Collar** -- Officer Jeff Benedictis

**Quality Service** -- Officers Patrick O'Sullivan, Ryan Young and Colin Grace



Award winners Colin Grace, Ryan Young, Jeff Benedictis, Ashley Flynn, Ryan Damore, Patrick O'Sullivan, Eric Schubert and Brigitte Fossett-Williams.

**Compassion** -- Officer Eric Schubert

**Professionalism** -- Corrections Officer Brigitte Fossett-Williams

**Prosecutor's Award:** — Detective Steve Borowske

**Citizens Award** -- Amie Brock

Read more about all the awards at [Strongsville.org](http://Strongsville.org).



Firemedic Michael Pace

## Farmers Market Starts July 18 with New Afternoon Hours

The annual Strongsville Farmers Market starts July 18 and runs every Thursday through Sept. 26 in the parking lot of the Ehrnfelt Rec Center, 18100 Royalton Rd.

The market will have late-afternoon hours this year. It will be open from 4 to 7 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](mailto:Kathy.sazima@strongsville.org) or (440) 580-3277.

## Save the Dates

- Strongsville Community Band Concert (Middle School lawn) — **July 12**
- Homecoming Parade (Pearl Road, 6:30 p.m.) — **July 17**
- Homecoming 'Hometown Pride' Fireworks Display (Commons) — **July 20**
- Christmas in July (Ehrnfelt Senior Center) — **July 24**
- White Elephant Sale (Senior Center) — **Aug. 1-2**
- Strongsville Community Band Concert (Ehrnfelt Senior Center) — **Aug. 2**

Check [Strongsville.org](http://Strongsville.org) or cable TV channel 21 (WOW) or 1020 (Spectrum) for more.

## Restaurant Seeks to Build on Mad Cactus site

**T**he former Mad Cactus site at Pearl and Whitney roads may see new life as a restaurant — this time as an Arby's.

The former Tex-Mex restaurant had a 28-year run before closing in mid-2013. The lot, which is just under an acre, has been for sale ever since.



The once-popular eatery had a resurgence in 2011 after it got a makeover and a new menu thanks to the Food Network's "Restaurant Impossible" show, but was forced to shut its doors less than two years later.

The building was razed in late 2018 to make the parcel more attractive to potential buyers. Plans for the new Arby's restaurant are still under review by the city.



## Don't Miss the July 4 Fireworks Show

**T**he city's annual Fourth of July fireworks show will take place on Thursday, 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.

## Police Handing Out 'Tickets' to Kids Wearing Helmets

**S**trongsville police officers are again handing out "tickets" to kids riding their bikes this summer.

Officers are on the lookout for kids wearing helmets as they pedal around their neighborhoods. The kids get "pulled over" and are issued a citation — a ticket that congratulates them for their bike safety.

The tickets can then be redeemed for a free ice cream cone at Olympia Sweet Treats and Grill.

The kids can also enter a raffle for a new bike.

The Strongsville Police Department has participated for several years in the Helmet Smart campaign, which is organized and sponsored by AAA.



## Businesses on the Move

**Peace Love and Little Donuts** has received a conditional use permit to open a takeout restaurant in a 976-square-foot space in the Crossroads Market Plaza, 13500 Pearl Road. The company, with locations across the country, offers smaller round doughnuts in a variety of unique flavors.

**Burger IM** is seeking a conditional use permit to occupy a 3,264-square-foot space with seating for 40 in the Ledgewood Plaza, 17100 Royalton Road. The gourmet burger restaurant has locations throughout the United States.

Jennifer's Restaurant on Pearl Road will be torn down to make way for a **Culver's** restaurant, which specializes in burgers and fresh frozen custard.