



# City of Strongsville News and Updates



## Enjoy the Music at a Summer Band Concert

Outdoor band concerts are returning to town this summer.

The Strongsville Community Band will play four free Friday night concerts on the lawn of Strongsville Middle School — on July 2, July 23, July 30 and Aug. 6.

In addition, Strongsville City Jazz will play at 7 p.m. July 9 at the Ehrnfelt Recreation and Senior Center.

All the shows at the Middle School start at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy the music.

## Strongsville Homecoming Returns with a Bang

The annual Strongsville Homecoming fell victim to the coronavirus last year, but returns better than ever this year.

The festival runs July 14-17 on the Commons, corner of Pearl and Royalton roads, with rides, games, food and daily entertainment.

It ends with a bang on the 17th with a spectacular fireworks show visible from the Commons at 10 p.m.

The midway opens at 3 p.m. July 14-16 and at noon on Saturday, July 17.

All-day ride passes will be available for \$20. Individual ride tickets will also be available.



Admission is free.

Free entertainment takes place each evening at 7 p.m. Headliners are:

July 14 — Cleveland Breakfast Club

July 15 — The Joey Amato Band

July 16 — Velvet Shake

July 17 — The Diamond Project

In addition, Rick Smith Jr. will take the stage at 3 p.m. July 17 with his famous magic show.

The 50/50 raffle drawing will take place after the Light Up Strongsville fireworks show Saturday.

## Rec Supervisor Wins Statewide Award for Innovation

Recreation Supervisor Jason Keppler and the Strongsville Rec Department have been honored with a first-place award from the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association for Keppler's innovative 'Play it Safe Virtual Sports Challenges' in 2020.

Keppler was presented with the award June 8 by Woody

Woodward, executive director of OPRA.

He was chosen for first place from more than 200 entries.

With sports leagues sidelined by the pandemic, Keppler came up with three virtual challenges aimed at keeping kids active in a competitive environment — a Youth Bas-



ketball Trick Shot Challenge, Youth Fishing Derby and a Family Sports Scavenger Hunt. More than 230 people participated.

## Save the Dates

- Fourth of July fireworks (Foltz Athletic Fields) — **July 4.**
- Strongsville Homecoming (Commons) — **July 14-17**
- Hometown Pride fireworks (Commons) — **July 17**
- Strongsville Rotary Duck Race and Kids Fest (Metroparks Chalet) — **Aug. 21**
- Strongsville City Club Rib Burnoff (Commons) — **Aug. 12-14**
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection (Service Center) — **Aug. 31– Sept. 2**

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

## Aluminum Cans Benefit Burned Children

**D**id you know you can help children who have suffered burns by donating your aluminum beverage cans to Aluminum Cans for Burned Children?



There are drop-off bins at all four of Strongsville's fire stations. To help, instead of putting cans in your curbside recycling, set them aside and take them (bagged) to a fire station.

ACBC uses the money from recycling the aluminum to pay for equipment and other items not covered by insurance, and to send pediatric burn survivors to Camp Phoenix, a fun and therapeutic four-day adventure, which is held at Camp Cheerful in Strongsville.

"Residents and businesses are encouraged to save their aluminum cans and instead of setting out curbside, we ask that you drop the cans off at any one of the city's fire stations. These donations can really make a difference," Fire Chief Jack Draves said.



## Rib Burnoff will Return in August

**T**he Strongsville City Club Rib Burnoff will return to the Commons this year, but not till August.

The popular event, which usually takes place in June and was cancelled last year, will run Aug. 12-14 with award-winning ribs, lots of other food and nightly entertainment.

## Summer Scams: Be Wary of Door-to-Door Contractors

**O**fficials are urging residents to be wary about contractors going door-to-door to solicit services like tree-trimming, roofing, driveway repair and more.

While some are legitimate businesses, some are not.

First, NEVER walk outside with a solicitor to check out an alleged problem. Sometimes, an accomplice is hiding nearby, and slips into your house while you're distracted, stealing whatever he can grab.

Second, check to see if he is displaying a current solicitor's permit issued by the Strongsville Police Department.

Next, check references -- make sure the company is registered with the Building Department. Also, don't give money up front to an unknown contractor who promises to return to do the job -- no matter how friendly and honest he seems.

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## Businesses on the Move

**Compound Fitness** has opened at 13191 Prospect Road. The facility offers customized fitness programs that include classes, trainers and a nutritionist. The business also will have community events, like a co-ed kickball league.

**Cleveland Selfie Studio** has opened at SouthPark Mall. The one-of-a-kind business features a variety of backdrops and props so visitors can take photos of themselves, friends or family members in various settings. It's on the second floor, across from Trapped and is open regular mall hours.

Work continues on the renovation of the former Burger King on Pearl Road into **Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers**.