



City of Strongsville News and Updates



Rib Burnoff is June 21-23 on the Commons

The 32nd annual Strongsville City Club Rib Burnoff will take over the Commons June 21-23 with award-winning ribbers, plenty of other tasty food and free entertainment.

The popular event, sponsored by the Strongsville City Club, runs 4-11 p.m. Thursday, June 21; 3-11 p.m. Friday, June 22 and noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 23.

Headlining in the entertainment tent will be One Hit Wonders on Thursday, Victory Highway on Friday, 1 Take Saturday afternoon and Funkology Saturday evening.

Be Wary of Door-to-Door Contractors, Police Warn

Residents are asked to be wary of contractors going door-to-door selling services like tree-trimming, roofing and driveway repair.

While some are reputable, others are not.

Police said residents should first make sure the person at their door has a valid Strongsville solicitor's permit. If not, close the door and call police at (440) 238-7373.

Next, check references before you hire someone. Ask the contractor for references, and also make sure they're in good standing with the Better Business Bureau and registered with the city Building Department.



Third, don't give them money upfront, with a promise they'll return to do the job.

ALSO: NEVER walk outside with a door-to-door solicitor to check out an alleged problem with your roof, a tree or other issue.

Sometimes that person is trying to occupy your atten-

tion while an unseen accomplice waits nearby to slip into your house, stealing whatever he can grab while you're distracted.

That hasn't been reported in Strongsville so far this spring, but it's happened throughout northeast Ohio in the past.

Pull Up a Lawn Chair and Enjoy the Summer Shows

The Commons is the place to be on Friday nights this summer.

The Strongsville Community Band will perform four free concerts on the Commons this summer, plus others at the Historical Village and Ehrnfelt Rec Center.

All the shows start at 7:30



p.m.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and relax with great music on June 15, June 29, July 13 and

August 17. If it rains, the shows will move to the Rec Center.

The band will also play Friday night concerts July 6 at the Historical Village and Aug. 3 at the Rec Center.

The Strongsville City Jazz Swing Band will play at the Rec Center on Aug. 10.

Save the Dates

- Relay for Life (Pat Catan Stadium) — **June 9-10**
- Fourth of July Fireworks (Foltz Athletic Fields, 10 p.m.) — **July 4**
- First Farmers Market of the Season (Rec Center parking lot) — **July 19**
- Homecoming Parade (Pearl Road, 6:30 p.m.) — **July 25**
- Strongsville Homecoming (City Commons) — **July 25-28**
- Light Up Strongsville Fireworks (City Commons, 10 p.m.) — **July 28**

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

New Playground to be Built at Surrarrer Park

Families living in the north end of town will have another playground option this summer when the city installs swings and other equipment at Surrarrer Park.

Recreation Director Bryan Bogre said the playground will include equipment accessible to kids in wheelchairs.

The city has set aside \$100,000 in recreation funds that previously paid for residents' ice time at OBM Arena. Strongsville's contract with the ice rink expired last year.

Bogre said the city will also seek a state grant that could pay up to 75 percent of the playground cost.

Surrarrer Park, at the corner of Webster and Whitney, now has tennis and basketball courts, a ballfield, pavilion and swing set.



Kids can Touch a Truck June 15

The popular Touch a Truck will be back on June 15 in the Ehrnfelt Senior Center parking lot.

Kids of all ages can stop by between noon and 2 p.m. for an up-close look at all kinds of vehicles — from police cars and fire trucks to construction equipment.

It's free, courtesy of the city Rec Department.

Bring Your Documents to be Shredded June 23

The city will host its annual Shred Day on Saturday, June 23. Residents can bring their documents to the Service Center, 16099 Foltz Parkway, between 9 a.m. and noon to have them safely destroyed free of charge.

Acceptable items include: (small paper clips and staples can still be attached) accounting ledger paper, adding machine tape, advertisements, booklets/brochures, copy machine paper, colored paper - 20 pound, computer paper, envelopes, faxes, manila file folders, greeting cards, laser printer paper, legal pad pa-

per, Post-it notes, NCR paper, receipts and all types of white paper.

NOT ACCEPTED: Newspapers, phone books, maga-

zines, binders, books, pen-daflex folders, food and candy wrappers, waxed paper, photographs, napkins and Styrofoam containers.

Businesses on the Move

Wine Down & Sweets Café has opened at 14785 Pearl Rd. It features baked goods and wine.

Giant Eagle is seeking to rezone land at the corner of Webster and Royalton roads to build a **GetGo** gas station. The company wants to rezone 3.23 acres that previously housed an auto repair shop to motorist services for the gas station, and most of the rest of the 31.5-acre parcel to public facilities. The plan is to donate much of the larger parcel to Cleveland Metroparks. Because the bulk of the land is currently residential, voters would have to approve the rezoning.

Gill's Beverage and Deli has received Planning Commission approval to build a new store at 11654 Pearl Road. It will move there from its current location on Prospect Road.