



City of Strongsville News and Updates



State of the City Address is set for March 21

Mayor Tom Perciak will deliver his annual State of the City address on March 21 at the Ehrnfelt Rec Center.

The speech is part of the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce’s monthly luncheon. The event starts at 11:15 a.m.

The mayor will talk about a variety of topics, including the upcoming improvements to the Town Center area — a pavilion, splash pad, playgrounds and more.

The public is invited to attend. Reserve a seat by visiting strongsvillechamber.com.

Coming Soon: New Town Center Amenities

Plans are being finalized for enhancements to the Town Center, which will bring a splash pad, playground, a pavilion and more to the area west of the Rec Center.

The overall Town Center Enhancement Project will make the entire center of town more walkable with new sidewalks and trails that will connect the amenities, including a safe walkway from Pearl Road. Freedom Trail will also be improved and feature a walkway to the Commons.

Mayor Tom Perciak said the enhancement will also “improve the quality of life for residents” with its family-oriented amenities.



Those feature an interactive fountain; a community pavilion with enclosed event space and outdoor fireplace; a new playground accessible to children of all ability levels; and new tennis, pickleball, sand volleyball and half-court basketball courts.

There will also be a food truck court and a large green space for events.

Construction will run through the summer and fall, with the amenities expected to open in spring 2024.

Coyotes are on the Move in the Early Spring: Watch Pets

It’s mating season for coyotes, making the animals more active and likely to be seen during daylight hours.

Animal Control Officer Chuck McCleary advises residents to take extra precautions when letting their pets outside.

First, scan your yard to make

sure no coyotes are lurking before letting your dog out. Don’t leave your dog unattended, and if you have cats, don’t let them outside — especially overnight.

There are also ways to animal-proof your property so coyotes and other wildlife don’t hang around.



For more, see the Animal Control page at Strongsville.org or the Ohio Division of Wildlife website.

Save the Dates

- Strongsville Community Band Concert (Strongsville Middle School) — **March 5**
- Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up (Service Center) — **May 2-3**
- Duck Race and Kids Fest (Cleveland Metro-parks Chalet) — **June 3**
- Rib Burn Off (Commons) — **June 22-24**
- Rib Burnoff Fireworks (Commons) — **June 23**
- Shred Day (Rec Center) — **June 23**
- Strongsville Homecoming — **July 12-15**

Check Strongsville.org or cable TV channel 21 (Breezeline) or 1020 (Spectrum) for more.

If Skunks Stomp their Little Feet, Back Off

Before you let your dogs out this time of year, make a little noise and give skunks time to move out of your yard, advises Animal Control Officer Chuck McCleary.

If you come face to face with a skunk, stay calm and talk softly to let him know you're there -- skunks have poor eyesight. They are sweet natured and don't want to spray you.

Skunks will give several warnings if they are scared: 1. They will stomp their front feet. 2. They will turn their backs to you. 3. They will do a handstand.

If a pet is sprayed, mix a paste from Dawn dish soap, peroxide and baking soda and spread it on the area. Let sit 10 minutes, rinse and repeat.

Also, please don't litter, and rinse out containers you are recycling. Every year, our ACO rescues skunks with cans, yogurt cups, etc. stuck on their heads. If you see one, throw a towel over him and just pull the object off.



RITA Offers Online Tax Return Filing

The deadline to file municipal tax returns is April 18, 2023.

Strongsville contracts with the Regional Income Tax Agency to handle tax collections.

You can file online or learn more at ritaohio.com.

Kids Garage Sale, Easter Bunny Coming to Rec Center

Shop more than 40 tables of maternity, baby and kids' items at the Kids Garage Sale at the Rec Center April 29.

Earlybirds can shop at 9 a.m. for a \$3 admission charge, or you can shop free from 10 a.m. to noon.

You can also buy your tickets now for Fun & Photos with the Easter Bunny, set for April 1 at the Rec Center.

The event runs 9:15 -11 a.m. and includes a digital photo with the Easter Bunny.

Kids will also make a craft

and enjoy an Easter treat.

Tickets are \$6 for rec center members and \$10 for non-members.

They're available at the front desk for three time slots — 9:15, 9:30 or 10 a.m.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Businesses on the Move

Advanced Chemical Concepts Inc. had a ribbon-cutting Feb. 15 for its new corporate offices at 8150Dow Circle. The company provides chemical solutions for a variety of industries.

Options Medical Weight Loss has opened at 18280 Royalton Road. The business offers customized weight loss programs, supervised by physicians.

Brusters Ice Cream is moving forward with plans to build a new ice cream shop at 18318 Pearl Road. The business will have two patios, each seating up to 24 people.

A developer is seeking to rezone land just north of GetGo at Pearl and Drake roads for a **WetGo** car wash.