



City of Strongsville News and Updates



Rec Department Hosts Easter Events in April

The Recreation Department will host its annual Easter Bunny event next month, and will add a new one — an Easter egg hunt.

Fun and Photos with the Easter Bunny will take place April 12 at the Rec Center.

The event includes a digital photo with the Easter Bunny, milk and cookies, face painting, balloon art, an Easter craft and a chance to win a door prize. Tickets are sold in advance only at the front desk.

On April 12, there will be an Easter egg hunt at Town Center Park from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call (440) 580-3260 for details.

What's Ahead in Strongsville's Retail World?

Strongsville's retail world will see another influx of new businesses and restaurants in 2025.

First Watch, a national chain that serves breakfast and lunch, will take over the former TGI Friday's building in the Greens of Strongsville.

Two other breakfast-lunch restaurants are coming: The Original Pancake House at the old Rico's at Pearl and Shurmer, and Another Broken Egg Café in the former O'Charley's.

Other restaurants include Qdoba, opening in the former Robeks spot on Royalton Road, and El Taco Macho in the Amigo's location.



Dick's House of Sport is renovating the Sears store at SouthPark Mall, featuring athletic merchandise plus training facilities, rock climbing wall, batting cages and outdoor fields.

Just outside the mall, Activate Strongsville will bring interactive gaming to the former

Office Max site.

Take 5 Oil Change is being built on Pearl Road, as are two daycare centers: Bright Path Child Care next to Freddy's, and The Learning Experience near Drake.

And recently opened: Pot-belly Sandwich Shop in the Greens of Strongsville.

City will Host Recycling, Shred Events in 2025

You can dispose of hazardous products, have your documents shredded and donate building and medical items at recycling events here this year.

The annual Household Hazardous Waste collections will run April 29-30 and Aug. 26-27 at the Service Center,

16099 Foltz Parkway. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day.

Dates will be announced soon for the Habitat for Humanity tool drive, which benefits Habitat's ReStore, and the MedWish medical supply drive. They typically take place on the same day sometime in May.



Shred Day will be 9 a.m. to noon June 6 outside the Strongsville Middle School, 13200 Pearl Road.

Save the Dates

- Strongsville Community Band Concert (Strongsville Middle School) — **March 2**
- Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up (Service Center) — **April 29-30**
- Shred Day (Strongsville Middle School) — **June 6**
- Strongsville Historical Society Yard Sale — (Historical Village) — **June 19-20**
- Strongsville City Club Rib Burn Off (Commons) — **June 19-21**
- Rib Burnoff Fireworks (Commons) — **June 20**

Check Strongsville.org or cable TV channel 2009 (Breezeline) or 1020 (Spectrum) for more.

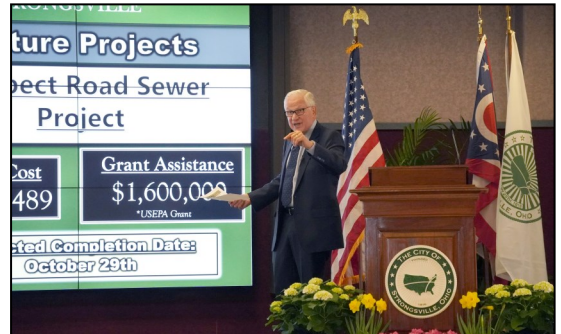
Mayor to Deliver State of the City Speech March 18

Mayor Tom Perciak will deliver his annual State of the City address on Tuesday, March 18 at the Recreation Center.

The mayor gives the annual speech each March at a Strongsville Chamber of Commerce business luncheon at the Rec Center.

Doors open at 11:15 a.m. The luncheon is open to the public, but reservations are required. Cost is \$25 for chamber members and \$30 for non-members. Visit strongvillechamber.com or call (440) 238-3366 for reservations.

Mayor Perciak will discuss the city's fiscal health, upcoming projects, business growth and new retail moving into Strongsville.



RITA Offers Online Tax Return Filing

The deadline to file municipal tax returns is April 15, 2024.

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

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

Public Records are Now More Accessible to Residents

The city of Strongsville is improving transparency by making public records more easily accessible to the public.

As of Jan. 1, 2025, requestors of public information now have the option of submitting Open Records Requests through an online form.

While other methods for submitting requests are still available, there is now a more convenient option.

"We chose JustFOIA to help streamline their citizens' open records request pro-

cess, and improve efficiencies within," said David Sems, director of Communication and Technology for the city of Strongsville.

If you would like to submit a request, the online request form is available at records.strongsville.org.

Businesses on the Move

Shah's Halal Food is now serving at 14228 Pearl Road. The franchise has more than 80 locations, offering items like gyros, platters, sandwiches and sides. It's located next to Antonio's Pizza.

Shawarma Station has opened at 14492 Pearl Road, across from Taco Bell. It describes itself as a modern Mediterranean restaurant featuring fresh shawarma dishes.

Potbelly Sandwich Shop is operating at the Greens of Strongsville. It features a variety of hot and cold sandwiches, plus a variety of sides like chili mac, soups, salads, shakes and cookies.