



City of Strongsville News and Updates



Breakfast on the Bridge, Day at the Chalet both Sept. 17

The annual Breakfast on the Bridge is set for Sept. 17 on the Ehrnfelt Covered Bridge on Whitney Road in the Cleveland Metroparks.

The Strongsville City Club serves up eggs, bacon, sausage, ham and more from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

From noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 17, Arts in Strongsville presents a free festival at The Chalet in the Metroparks with music, crafters and lots of hands-on kids' activities. It's all free; food will be available for purchase.

Both events are held rain or shine.

City, Police Take Aim at Heroin/Opioid Crisis

When safety forces here respond to a drug overdose, they'll no longer bid the patient farewell at the hospital.

Within 72 hours of the patient's release, a Quick Response Team (police, a paramedic, a treatment specialist and a volunteer from a Strongsville church coalition) will visit the person at home -- with his or her family -- and help get them into treatment.

The team will also follow up, keeping tabs on the person during recovery, offering encouragement, support and even rides to support groups.

In addition, the department will launch the Safe Passages program, in which a resident who wants to tackle his addiction can simply walk into the police sta-



Police Chief Mark Fender announces the city's new opiate program at a press conference Aug. 23. Council President Ken Dooner, right, will oversee the effort.

tion and ask for help.

Officers will get him into a residential treatment facility, help with insurance forms and even drive him there.

Police Chief Mark Fender said it's become clear that arresting a drug addict isn't helping solve

the addiction problem, so police are stepping forward, with help from the Fire Department and a coalition of Strongsville churches.

"We don't want to wait till the bottom falls out," Fender said. "We're trying to get ahead of this."

Stay Strong, Strongsville with New 8-Week Program

The Recreation Center, Cleveland Clinic and local businesses have set up an eight-week fitness competition that runs Sept. 5 to Oct. 24.

Stay Strong in Strongsville aims to give residents the latest health trend information and motivate them to start and stick with a fitness



program this fall.

Walk and Talk sessions with experts will be every Tuesday

evening at the Rec Center.

Prize for the top three participants (based on exercise minutes, weight loss and diet changes) is a one-year membership to the rec.

Get details at the front desk or clevelandclinic.org/stronginstrongsville.

Save the Dates

- Kids Garage Sale (Recreation Center) — **Oct. 21**
- Preschool Trick or Treat (Historical Village) — **Oct. 21**
- Harvest Festival (Historical Village) — **Sept. 23-24**
- Halloween Hullabaloo (Rec Center) — **Oct. 27**
- Trick or Treat (City of Strongsville) — **Oct. 31**
- Strongsville Business Expo (Rec Center) — **Nov. 8**

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

Lock Your Car Doors, Police Urge

Strongsville Police are urging residents to lock their car doors if they leave vehicles in the driveway — especially overnight.

“If you leave your doors unlocked, you’re making it easy for someone to come by and grab something from your car,” Deputy Chief John Janowski said.



Also, don't leave anything of value in your vehicle, especially in plain sight. There have been several instances of purses, wallets, briefcases and laptop computers being stolen from vehicles in Strongsville this summer.

While many thieves just take items from unlocked vehicles, others will smash a window if they see something tempting inside.

“Take your valuables inside with you, and lock up,” Janowski said.



Fresh Produce and More at Farmers Market

The popular Farmers Market continues through September every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center.

Local farmers and businesses offer fresh fruits and veggies, honey, jams, plants and a variety of baked goods. Final market of the year is Sept. 28.

Drop Off Household Hazardous Waste Sept. 6-9

The second and final Household Hazardous Waste Collection is set for Sept. 6-9 at the Strongsville Service Center, 16099 Foltz Pkwy.

Residents can drop off their household products 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 6-8 and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 9.

Materials accepted include oil or solvent-based paint (no latex paint), varnish, mineral spirits, caustic household cleaners, adhesives, gasoline, sealers, polyurethane, herbicides, automotive fluids, roof tar, lighter fluid, primers and coatings, shellac, pesticides, motor oil,

driveway sealer, mercury, paint thinner, turpentine, fungicides, car batteries and kerosene.

LATEX PAINT IS NOT ACCEPTED.

NEW RULE: Fluorescent bulbs (including curly CFLs) and rechargeable batteries are no longer accepted. Batteries + Bulbs accepts most batteries and fluorescents for recycling.

Businesses on the Move

Mitchell's Ice Cream has broken ground on its stand-alone ice cream parlor on Westwood Drive just west of Pearl Road. It is the next piece of a multi-pronged project that has renovated the northeast corner of Strongsville's Town Center.

Sweet Frog Premium Frozen Yogurt has taken over the site of the former Five Guys Burgers and Fries at SouthPark Mall. Five Guys moved to the former Ground Round location on Pearl Road. Sweet Frog offers frozen yogurt with various fruit, nut and sweet toppings.

Aladdin's Eatery has opened on Pearl Road in the shopping center across from Shurmer Road. Aladdin's features Lebanese-American food choices.