



# City of Strongsville News and Updates



## Breakfast on the Bridge, Day at the Chalet Both Cancelled

The annual Breakfast on the Bridge and A Day at the Chalet, both scheduled for Sept. 20, will not take place this year due to Covid-19.

The Strongsville City Club, which organizes Breakfast on the Bridge, said on its website that it “simply can’t ignore the potential downside.”

The club’s Rib Burnoff in June was also called off.

Arts in Strongsville has also cancelled its popular arts and music festival, held every year at the Cleveland Metro-parks Chalet.

## City Seeks to Build Fire Station in Center of Town

City officials are seeking to build a fifth fire station on Royalton Road just west of Pearl Road to improve response times in the middle of Strongsville.

In conjunction with that plan, voters will be asked in November to approve a 2.5-mill levy that would help pay to hire and equip 20 new firefighter-paramedics.

Fire Chief Jack Draves said calls for service have increased 23 percent over the last five years.

In addition, the city’s population is aging and now in-



cludes a number of senior housing complexes.

The new 10,000-square-foot station would include 2.5 bays, a training room and living quarters for three to six firefighters.

Strongsville currently has one

fire station per ward — on Webster Road in Ward 1, at Drake and Howe in Ward 2, on Albion at Priem in Ward 3, and at 17000 Prospect Road in Ward 4. The Ward 4 station serves as the fire headquarters and includes offices, training rooms and a fire tower.

## Rec Center Offering Programs, Classes Again

The Ehrnfelt Recreation Center has started to re-introduce classes and programs.

The facility, which reopened June 8 after a coronavirus-related shutdown, is now offering classes for both youngsters and adults.

For kids, the offerings include karate classes, learn to swim,

basketball camps and a girls’ volleyball league.

For adults, group exercise classes are returning, including Zumba and yoga.

In addition, water aerobics is now available. The pools also remain open for lap swimming and water walking.

Social distancing and safety



measures are in place for all of the classes.

The Ehrnfelt Senior Center may reopen this month.

## Save the Dates

### Cancelled Events

Most events scheduled for the fall have been called off due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Cancelled events include:

Halloween Hullabaloo at the Rec Center (was scheduled for Oct. 23)

Preschool Trick-or-Treat in the Historical Village (scheduled for Oct. 24)

Strongsville Community Business Expo (formerly Nov. 5)

Veterans Day Lunch at the Senior Center (previously Nov. 10).

*Check Strongsville.org or Cable TV channel 21 (WOW) or 1020 (Spectrum) for more.*

## Mike Kalinich Sr. Honored for his Service

Mayor Tom Perciak has recognized Mike Kalinich Sr., on his 90th birthday for his years of dedicated service to the community.

Perciak proclaimed Aug. 31 Day of Celebration for Mike Kalinich Sr. to honor the local business owner for his contributions.

"We acknowledge your life and the mark you have made on each and every one of us," Perciak said.

Kalinich is a long-time member of the Strongsville City Club and a former president and lifetime trustee of the Chamber of Commerce, and served more than 25 years on the Southwest General board. His business, Kalinich Fence Company, is one of the largest manufacturers of snow fence in the U.S.

He and his wife, Erma, have been married 66 years. Their family includes three children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



## Win a Home for the Holidays in Charity Raffle

Tickets are on sale to win a \$495,000 house in Siedel's Landing, built by Parkview Homes, with money going to Make-A-Wish and the Home Builders Association of Greater Cleveland's charitable foundation.

They're \$50 each. Visit [HBACleveland.com](http://HBACleveland.com) for details.

## Drop Off Household Hazardous Waste Sept. 10 - 11

The city's Household Hazardous Waste Collection is set for Sept. 10-11 at the Strongsville Service Center, 16099 Foltz Parkway.

Residents can drop off their household products 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Sept. 10 and 11.

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.

**REMEMBER:** Fluorescent bulbs (including curly CFLs) and rechargeable batteries are no longer accepted. Some Lowe's stores accept CFLs for free recycling.

## Businesses on the Move

**Jersey Mike's Subs** is looking to take over the space left vacant by Pita Pit in the Royalton Commons plaza on Pearl Road just north of Westwood Drive. The New Jersey-based sandwich shop, which features hot and cold subs, is currently renovating the space.

**Tropical Smoothie Café** has opened in the Royalton Collection on Royalton Road across from SouthPark Mall. It features a variety of smoothies, plus wraps, flatbread, sandwiches, bowls and quesadillas.

**Brew Kettle**, 8377 Pearl Road, has received permission to open a temporary, 4,221-square-foot outdoor patio seating up to 50

Site plans for a 28,370-square-foot **Discount Drug Mart** on Pearl Road near Whitney have been approved.