

## FALL LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

In keeping with past tradition, the Chamber luncheons are not being held during the summer months.

For planning purposes we have set the dates and location for the luncheons for the remainder of 2007 as follows:

September 18	Ehrnfelt Recreation Center
October 16	Ehrnfelt Recreation Center
November 20	Ehrnfelt Recreation Center
December 18	Ehrnfelt Recreation Center

All luncheons begin with networking at 11:45 a.m., lunch at 12:00 noon, and program conclusion at about 1:15 p.m.

Please call the office if you have suggestions for luncheon speakers or programs that would be interesting for our members.



### Before & After

The Chamber building has recently undergone a major renovation to replace a deteriorating roof and to provide some badly needed storage space. The roof was constructed in the late 1960's and had seen only minor repairs since then.



# Newsletter

## 65th ANNUAL HOMECOMING

Trustees, officers, and members of the Strongsville Chamber are putting the final touches on this year's edition of Families First Homecoming, scheduled for July 18, 19, 20, and 21 on the Commons. More than 125 volunteers have been preparing for the event.

The four day event will feature games, food, and rides that will appeal to the entire community with a special focus on family fun and activities.

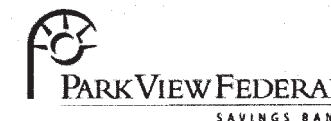
Kicking off the festivities will be the 65th Annual Homecoming Parade. This year's parade will have more than 90 floats and displays to thrill all members of the family, regardless of age. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18 and proceeds on Pearl Road, south from Progress Drive to the Commons.

For the ninth consecutive year **FIFTH THIRD BANK** will be the official sponsor of the Homecoming Parade. **FIFTH THIRD** has also

graciously agreed to be the Top Stage sponsor for the event, again demonstrating their commitment to the community and its residents.

Other major sponsors include **ICI PAINTS** (water bottles) and **PARK VIEW FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK** (parking areas and carry bags).

The Chamber is exceedingly grateful to all of our sponsors without whom Homecoming could not be a reality!!



## EVENT SPONSORSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE

Individuals or businesses interested in purchasing an event sponsorship for the Homecoming should contact the Chamber office at 440.238.3366 before July 11. Event sponsorships are \$250.00.

Event sponsor names are listed on a sign and displayed throughout the four day event. It is estimated that more than 50,000 people attend the Homecoming each year.

As a new benefit this year the Chamber will be producing a Member Directory after the festivities have concluded that will once again give credit to all of our Homecoming sponsors. The Directory will be mailed to all members and distributed at all Chamber events during the 2007-08 program year.

Remember – the deadline is July 11!

## A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Trustees:

*Thank you very much for your generous support of Strongsville's 10th Annual Fireworks Celebration!*

*The spirit of America is alive in our city, as our friends and neighbors gather to enjoy the fireworks display, made possible by many generous contributions, such as yours. We are so proud to be home to organizations and individuals who take an active and enthusiastic role in our community. You are what makes Strongsville a truly blessed place to live and work. Thank you once again.*

Mayor Thomas P. Perciak



# Homearama Returns to Strongsville

The Home Builders Association of Greater Cleveland and Webster Road LLC will sponsor **HOMEARAMA**, greater Cleveland's signature new home showcase, in Strongsville in July.

The event is scheduled for July 14 – 29 and will feature six homes built by HBA Registered Builders in Strongsville's newest community, Avery Walden.

With an abundance of natural beauty, Avery Walden offers 61 home sites and spans 58 acres bordering the Metroparks off Webster Road. "As a long time resident and business person in Strongsville,



we are excited to partner with HBA to bring **HOMEARAMA** back to our community," commented Avery Walden developer, Tim Dean.

A registered builder member of HBA adheres to a Code of Ethics, is a builder member in good standing, and offers the HBA New Home Warranty. "Our association prides itself that our members, in every product and price point, hold their standards to a higher level. Being a part of this association provides them certain advantages, including warranties and educational programs," remarked Richard A. Puzzitiello, Jr., HBA President. "It shows they take pride in their business and provides consumer confidence."

Chamber members are encouraged to visit and support **HOMEARAMA**.



## NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

As a new benefit to members of the Strongsville Chamber, the organization is preparing to publish a new printed directory of Chamber members.

The document is scheduled to be distributed in mid-August and will feature a list of Chamber members organized both alphabetically and by business category. The Directory will be mailed to all Chamber members and distributed at all Chamber events next year.

"We want to make it as easy as we can for our members to utilize the services of other Chamber members whenever possible. This Directory will be a convenient listing that should result in additional contacts for all of our loyal members," noted Dave Jager, Chamber president.

The Directory will also be additional advertising for all of our Homecoming sponsors at no additional cost to the sponsor. The Directory is being funded by Chamber investment dues and Homecoming proceeds. There will be no sales contacts made to pay the costs of printing the Directory.

In order to be listed as a member in the 2007 edition of the Member Directory, dues must be paid by August 1, 2007.

For further information, please contact the Chamber office at 440.238.3366.

## Welcome New Chamber Members

The Chamber is pleased to welcome the following new members who have joined the organization since the publication of our last newsletter:

Enterprise Security Partners	TRC, Inc.
Monster Mini-Golf	Rita Kolarik
Sheila Hart Design	Jos. A. Bank Clothiers
Darice	Snider & Associates
Arthur Construction	Ethan Allen Decorating
Cinemark	Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield
Village of the Falls	Reliance Mechanical
Pro-Active Chiropractic	Thome-Ohio Gymnastics
Heinen's	First Chair Music Programs
Freedom Wireless	Check Pets, Inc
Serpentini Chevrolet	Thomas F. Eckert

## CHAMBER SPONSORS CUB SCOUT PACK

Your Strongsville Chamber has recently decided to sponsor Cub Scout Pack 715. There is no cost to the Chamber for this valuable community service. Take a moment to read the following note from a senior Boy Scout district executive:

Dear Strongsville Chamber of Commerce:

The Greater Cleveland Council offers its thanks and gratitude for sponsoring Pack 715 in Strongsville. Your organization is helping many youth in your community to develop character and community pride, while having a little fun. Pack 715 is a group of about 40 youths from Allen and Zellers Elementary Schools who participate in many of the community activities and service projects.

All members of the Chamber are encouraged to become involved with scouting by visiting some of the bigger pack events and encouraging the pack members to assist with many of your projects.

Thank you for your service and continued support.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Cook  
Sr. District Executive  
Greater Cleveland Council  
Boy Scouts of America

## SOCCER TOURNAMENTS WILL BRING THOUSANDS TO TOWN

Thanks to the efforts of the Strongsville Soccer organization, two national tournaments are headed to Strongsville in the next few weeks. The tournaments are a huge boost to Chamber members because so many visitors will be coming to Strongsville.

The 2007 Adidas National High School Soccer Showcase is an event designed to bring high school teams from across the United States to play a

series of games for player identification, team development and program comparison. Last year this event attracted more than 225 high school teams with players, parents, volunteers, and officials from across the nation.

The event occurs over two consecutive weekends. The boys teams will be in town July 20, 21, and 22, while the girls will compete July 27, 28, and 29.

## CHAMBER TO HOST GOLF OUTING



The Chamber's annual Golf Outing will be held on Monday, October 1 at Columbia Hills Country Club.

"The Chamber has always been proud to offer this outing at one of the finer venues in the greater Cleveland area. Columbia Hills is in excellent condition and presents a fun opportunity for golfers of all ability levels", commented Chamber president Dave Jager.

Brunch and registration are held from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the main clubhouse. Golf begins with a shotgun start at 12:00, with a brief closing ceremony and prizes following the conclusion of golf. Snacks will be available and a cash bar will be open during the closing ceremony.

Cost per golfer this year will be \$110, including 18 holes, cart, brunch, and prizes. Hole sponsorships are available for just \$100 each.

Call the Chamber office (440.238.3366) today to reserve your spot in this fun and prestigious outing.

## SAVE THE DATE!



## TO HOST BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

On Tuesday, August 14, Cuyahoga Landmark, Inc. will host a Business After Hours event for Chamber members at their new location, 21079 Westwood Drive. The early evening program will feature hors d'oeuvres and beverages from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Watch for a special invitation, but please plan to help Landmark as they celebrate their move.

