

Homecoming July 15-18



73rd Annual Homecoming



Upcoming Events

Aug.	20	WIB Meeting	5:30pm	Altenheim
Sept.	11	Golf Outing	9:30am	Shale Creek
	15	Monthly Luncheon	11:30am	Rec Center
	23	Business After Hours	5:30pm	Crystal Waters
Oct.	20	Monthly Luncheon	11:30am	Rec Center
	29	Business Expo	4:00pm	Rec Center
Nov.	17	Monthly Luncheon	11:30am	Holiday Inn
Dec.	4	Scholarship Dance	7:00pm	Michaud's
	15	Holiday Luncheon	11:30am	Altenheim

Strongsville Homecoming

This year marks the 73rd anniversary of the Strongsville Homecoming Festival sponsored by the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce. This event is made possible by the dedication of countless volunteers who take time out of their busy schedules to work at the Homecoming. This is truly a community event and includes hundreds of people who attend the four day celebration. We are very pleased to announce the 2nd Annual "Light up Strongsville" fireworks show that will take place on Saturday night July 18, 2015. The viewing of the fireworks will be best seen right from the commons.

The Homecoming begins at 3 p.m. on Wednesday and continues until midnight Saturday. The big event for opening day will be the Homecoming parade on Pearl Road which will step off promptly at 6:30 p.m. Plan on arriving early and securing a great seat for this event which will feature bigger and better floats than has ever been seen before. After the parade join us on the commons



for some great fellowship and enjoy rides, games, food and entertainment. There will be live music all four nights of the event along with a continuous schedule of other entertainment.

A big thanks also goes out to all of the Homecoming Sponsors who support this annual event. Their generous participation allows for a true family celebration that is enjoyed by thousands of people and continues to grow year after year. Please take note of all the sponsors and make sure you support them whenever possible.

Once again, I look forward to seeing all of you on the commons and the entire Homecoming Committee wishes to thank our hard working tent managers and all of their volunteers. Without the hard work of this group it would be impossible to hold such a huge event. Let's all get together and "Light up Strongsville" for four days and have a great time in our fine city.

Tom Burichin, Homecoming Chairman



The mission of the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce is to help our business community grow and prosper, and to give back to our city by hosting community events.

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce is one of the largest chambers in the state of Ohio, with over 650 members. As a member, businesses have access to other members to advertise products, promote their company and services and share employment opportunities with the community. Group discounts for health insurance and workers compensation are also available. We promote business networking through monthly luncheons with keynote speakers, Business After Hours functions, the Women in Business organization and our newest group, the Strongsville Young Professionals,

which is growing in popularity.

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce hosts two very significant events each year. Every July we host the Strongsville Homecoming Festival on the commons. Hundreds of people come together to bring this event to the city with countless hours of planning and building, mostly by volunteers from our city and local businesses. This year's Homecoming will feature fireworks on Saturday night following the exciting and energetic county band performance. This annual family event allows the Chamber to donate proceeds back to the community to help support emergency services, our schools and charities as well as the Strongsville Food Bank. Every December is the Holiday Scholarship Dance held at Michaud's. Held the first Friday in December, the evening features live music, cocktails, local food, a silent auction, raffle and plenty of dancing. This festive event is a fantastic time to connect with friends and

neighbors and take a break from the sometimes hectic holiday season. Strongly attended, the Holiday Scholarship dance draws nearly one thousand people. All proceeds from this event goes back to our community by way of Chamber donations to St. Joseph and John Technology department, Polaris and our Strongsville seniors. Like last year, the Chamber awarded over forty thousand dollars in scholarships, including nine students entering our military. This event makes us all proud to live in Strongsville.

As always, my thanks go out to the twenty four elected and two honorary Trustees, as well as our Executive Director. Altogether, their countless volunteer hours, time, effort and expertise help make the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce the best.

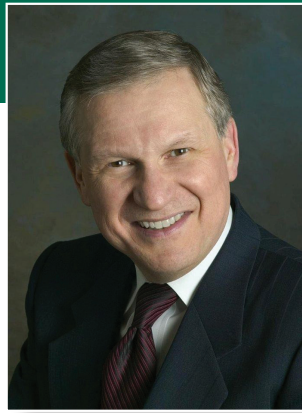
To become a corporate or civic member, simply call the Chamber at 440-238-3366.

Many thanks,
Jeff Smutek, President

A Note from Mayor Perciak

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce will again be serving as the host sponsor of Homecoming activities. I commend the Chamber and their continued commitment to the community of Strongsville and especially thank the Homecoming committee and the Board of Trustees for their dedication and hard work. I especially appreciate the effort put forth by the General Chairman, Tom Burichin, and Co-Chairman, Mike Kalinich. Many thanks to all the generous sponsors and many volunteers who support this family event.

Best wishes,
Mayor Thomas P. Perciak



Scholarships Awarded

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce awarded \$42,000 this year in scholarships and donations. At the Chamber luncheon on May 19, 20 students were awarded the Chamber of Commerce Scholarship. A donation was presented to Sts. Joseph and John School for their Media Center. The Chamber of Commerce also recognized the students that will be entering the military upon graduation. The source of funds for these scholarships is the Holiday Dance sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, on the first Friday of each December. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, December 4.

The Strongsville Chamber has donated scholarships over 42 years.

For the past several years, the Chamber has contributed the highest number of scholarships, with the highest dollar value, of any local organization.



2015 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Sandra Alrabady	Eastern Michigan University
Brooke Anderson	Miami University
Selena Condemi	Miami University
Samantha DeTullio	Xavier University
Timothy Doyle	Miami University
Adam Fader	Bowling Green State University
Nicole Gaydos	Otterbein University
Jeffrey Geiss	Purdue
Charles Goss	Miami University
Hayley Hammerstrom	Ohio University
Kaylee Hopkins	Ohio State University
Mark Lipovits	Cuyahoga Community College
David Mayell	University of Cincinnati
Hannah Mott	University of Cincinnati
Kate O'Malley	Bowling Green State University
Alex Ruch	The Ohio State University
Noah Sheppard	University of Dayton
Hannah Singerline	John Carroll
Ashlynn Snyder	Ohio University
Taylor Stroemple	Kent State University

2015 STUDENTS ENTERING THE MILITARY

Dominic Estremera	Marines
Tatyana Fitzgerald	Army
Nicholas Hader	Army
Gregory Heiser	Army
Quenton Reid	Navy
Bethany Ryder	US Air Force
Trevor Salvage	Army
Jonathan Seredich	Marines
Ethan Willett	Marines

Business Expo - 2015

In partnership with the Economic Development Committee and the Strongsville Rotary Club, the Chamber will sponsor the Business Expo on Thursday, October 29 at the Ehrnfelt Recreation and Senior Center. Last year more than 100 local businesses took advantage of the opportunity to meet potential new customers and market their goods and services.

Save the date on your calendar now!


Chamber Annual Golf Outing

The Chamber will host its 47th annual Golf Outing on Friday, September 11, 2015 at Shale Creek. The event is open to all Chamber members and their guests. All entrants have the opportunity to participate in the Hole-In-One Contest sponsored by Pete Baur Buick GMC dealership.

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

You can register and pay online at www.strongsvillechamber.com or call to register at 440-238-3366.

Cleveland Clinic Race for Wellness

 **Cleveland Clinic**
Fun for the Whole Family
5K Run/ 1 Mile Walk

Saturday, July 18th

7:15 am - On-site registration

8:30 am - 5K Run/1-Mile Walk begins

Register online at
www.hermescleveland.com
will close Friday, July 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Business After Hours . . . Mark Your Calendar Now!

Crystal Waters to host the Business After Hours:



Wednesday, September 23rd
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

All are welcome, free to all members of the Strongsville Chamber, \$10.00 for guests.
Reservations Required by September 18th

Register on line at www.strongsvillechamber.com or call 440.238.3366

Plan now to join us for networking and socializing with the Strongsville Chamber!

Women in Business

The Women in Business committee will be hosting a Networking meeting on Thursday, August, 20th, 5:30pm at Altenheim

All are welcome to attend.
The cost of the Networking Meeting is \$20.00.
You can register and pay online at www.strongsvillechamber.com or call to register at 440-238-3366.

Registration deadline is Monday, August 17th.
Please remember, you must cancel your reservation 24 hours in advance or you will be responsible for the fee.

Welcome New Members

The following businesses and individuals have joined the Chamber since our last newsletter. We appreciate their interest and support of the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce.

Academy Personal Training, LLC	Ken Ganley Nissan
Aire Serv of Strongsville	Kumo Japanese Seafood Buffet
APG Office Furnishings	Lean on Nadene/Juice Plus
Ashley Adams Salon	Legacy Strategies
Blazmo Digital Studios	Ohio Catholic Federal CU
Brunswick Power Equipment	Ohio Ins. & Financial Group
Caliber Dance Co	Pampered Pooch Pet Grooming, LLC
Compass Health Brands	Polderman-Aulisio, Arlene
CPR Cell Phone Repair	Sounds Like A Plan
Davison, Carl	Staffing Force
Domino's	Stouffer Realty, Inc.
Donna Ramsey Caputo	Thomas Kellie & Co
EMCO Electrical Int/Grime STOPPERS	Threads Consignment Boutique
Friends of Nan Baker	Three Kings Financial Group
Group2 Consulting	Triad Staffing
Gymboree Play & Music of Strongsville	VMD Educational Resources
HealthMarkets	Wessex Corporation
Integrity Residential Services	Zach Myers Agency/State Farm Zoup!
Keller Williams Realty GCSW	