

Homecoming July 13-16



74th Annual Homecoming



Upcoming Events

Aug.	10	Women in Business Meeting
Sept.	27	Monthly Luncheon
	29	Chamber Golf Outing
Oct.	18	Monthly Luncheon
Nov.	10	Business & Community Expo
	15	Monthly Luncheon
Dec.	2	Holiday Scholarship Dance

Strongsville Homecoming

This year marks the 74th 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 "Light up Strongsville" fireworks show that will take place on Saturday night July 16, 2016. 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 great 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

Happy 75th Strongsville Chamber of Commerce!

As we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce, I want to express the Chamber's sincere gratitude for all the support provided by the residents and businesses of the City of Strongsville. Through your generous support of the annual Homecoming and Holiday Scholarship Dance, the Chamber's primary annual fundraising efforts, as well as through your Chamber memberships, the Chamber is able to provide support to numerous projects that benefit the businesses, residents, and students of Strongsville.

This year alone, the Holiday Scholarship Dance provided scholarships of \$2,000 each to 21 students from Strongsville. Further, proceeds from the Homecoming provide ongoing support to numerous community initiatives which enhance the quality of life for all of us who live or have businesses in Strongsville.

Again, we at the Chamber thank you sincerely for your past and continued support. If you have not already done so, please become a member of the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce. In addition, please consider

becoming a sponsor of the Homecoming, and mark your calendars now for the Holiday Scholarship Dance scheduled for December 2, 2016. You can learn more about becoming a Chamber member or homecoming sponsor by contacting our Executive Director, Amy Ferree, at 440.238.3366 or through our website.

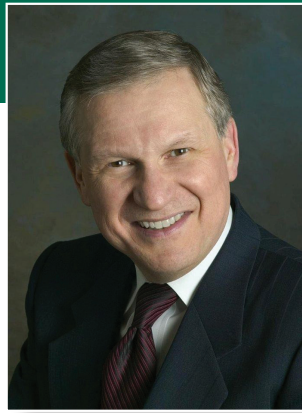
We wish you an enjoyable and safe summer. SEE YOU AT HOMECOMING, which runs from July 13-16, 2016. Thank you.

Walter Ehrnfelt III, 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 \$44,000 this year in scholarships and donations. At the Chamber luncheon on May 11th, 21 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 2.

The Strongsville Chamber has donated scholarships for over 47 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

Olivia Abdallah	The Ohio State University
Haley Brengartner	Elon
Tommy Donahue	The Ohio State University
Alexandra Ehrnfelt	The University of Akron
Jacob Gawlik	Ohio University
Delfina Glover	San Diego State University
Jared Hegyi	The Ohio State University
Zach Kahn	Miami University
Diamond King	Mercyhurst University
Andrea Libal	Kent State University
Sarah Matula	Baldwin Wallace University
Michael Mindyas	Toledo
Abigail Novak	The Ohio State University
Claire O'Brien	University of Notre Dame
David Pavlik	Ohio University
James Pesarchick	Ohio University
McKenzie Ramser	The Ohio State University
Ryan Robertson	Miami University
Erin Sims	Capital
Zachary Smutek	Cincinnati
Ashley Zhang	The Ohio State University

2016 STUDENTS ENTERING THE MILITARY

Jason Bravo	Army
Tara Garcia	Navy
Cheyenne Gunsalus	Navy
Matthew Kennell	Marines
Alexandra Moosman	Navy
Jimmy Stewart	National Guard

Business Expo - 2016

In partnership with the Economic Development Committee and the Strongsville Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Business Expo on Thursday, November 10th at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center. Last year more than 100 local businesses took advantage of the opportunity to meet potential new customer and market their goods and services to the people in the Strongsville community.

Save the date on your calendar now!

Strongsville Chamber of Commerce 75th Anniversary Community Day



The Strongsville community is invited to the commons on the corner of Royalton Road and Pearl Road on Saturday, August 20th, from 11:00am – 3:00pm, to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce. Bring your family and neighbors for an afternoon of Free Fun! There will be music by the Strongsville Community Band, food, inflatables, the DARE Dunk Tank and more!

Cleveland Clinic Race for Wellness



Fun for the Whole Family

5K Run/ 1 Mile Walk

Saturday, July 16th
7:15 am – On-site registration
8:30 am – 5K Run/1-Mile Walk begins

Register online at www.hermescleveland.com
by Friday, July 15, 2016

Chamber Annual Golf Outing

The Chamber will host its 48th annual Golf Outing on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at Weymouth Country Club. 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.

Largest 50/50 Raffle in Northeast Ohio

Photo: Jeff Smutek & winner Rachel Kaiser
and boyfriend James Jindra



Be sure to visit the 50/50 Raffle tent at the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce Homecoming Festival and purchase your 50/50 Raffle tickets. Tickets are \$5.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Last years winner took home \$5235.00!!

Women in Business “Mastering Your Small Business”

Jan Conrad of Women's Business Center of Northern Ohio will be the speaker at the Thursday, August, 10th, Women in Business Meeting. The meeting will be held at Buffalo Wild Wings in Strongsville at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend. The cost is \$20.00.

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

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.

Bhelwala Indian Street Food	Maggie & Ellie's Pottery
Bearings Manufacturing Company	and Art Studio
CertaPro Painters of Strongsville	Mencini Inc.
Chicago Title Insurance Company	Modern Yoga
Comfort Spa Massage	New Horizons Landscape
Daso Custom Cabinetry	Maintenance & Design
Designer Shoe Warehouse	Ohio Savings Bank
EKA Build Corp	Organizational Architecture
Great Lakes Publishing	Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church
HealthMarkets Insurance	Permanent Floors PTP LLC
Herold's Salads Inc	RaeTrent Remodeling
HMI Industries Inc	Safelite Auto Glass
Integrity Energy	Sears Auto Center
Jazzercise	Strongsville Community Theatre
Kalin, Jim	US Army
Kona Ice of Strongsville/ N. Royalton/Berea	US Bank-Medina
Lawton Publishing	Voigt, Rick