

# Newsletter

## Strongsville Chamber of Commerce 67th Annual Homecoming JULY 22 - 25, 2009

### Wednesday, July 22, 2009

3:00 pm: 2009 Homecoming Officially Opens - Rides, Games, Food

**Rides: \$15 All day til Closing**  
\*\* Individual Ride Tickets Available \*\*

Fifth Third Bank & The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce Present  
**THE 36TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE**  
**"THE SPIRIT OF STRONGSVILLE."**

6:30 pm: **The Parade begins at Progress Drive and proceeds to the Communications Center** (the old library).

Free Entertainment on the Commons immediately following the parade.

8:30 pm: Entertainment by "Phil Dirt and the Dozers"

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### Thursday, July 23, 2009

3:00 pm: **Rides, Games, Food Open**

6:00 pm: Entertainment by "Strongsville Elementary Summer Band"

7:00 pm: Entertainment by "Studio 82 Dance Team"

8-11:30 pm: Entertainment by "Cleveland's Breakfast Club"

### Friday, July 24, 2009

3:00 pm: **Rides, Games, Food Open**

6:00 pm: Entertainment by "AOK! Fitness"

7:00 pm: Entertainment by "Elite Dance Team"

7:30 pm: Entertainment by "Ohio Cheer Explosion Performance Team"

8-Midnight: Entertainment by "Shout"

### Saturday, July 25, 2009

12 Noon: **Kids Day - Rides, Games, Food Open**

1:00 pm: Entertainment by "Strongsville Dance Company"

2:00 pm: Entertainment by "International Karate Centers"

3:00 pm: Entertainment by "Ohio Cheer Explosion Performance Team"

4:00 pm: Entertainment by "Studio 82"

5:00 pm: Entertainment by "Dance Dimensions"

6:00 pm: Entertainment by "DanceExcel"

8-Midnight: Entertainment by "Lawless"

## Homecoming is here!

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 22, 23, 24, and 25 on the Commons. Nearly 150 volunteers have been preparing for the Chamber's signature event of the summer.

The four day event will feature games, food, and rides that will appeal to the entire family with a special focus on family fun and activities. A new addition to this year's event will be "Kid's Day" from 12:00 - 4:00 on Saturday, July 25. The afternoon will be highlighted by the appearance of Cleveland Indians' Mascots. They will be here from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. for photos and autographs. Mr. Balloon Man will also be here for the afternoon. Other fun activities geared toward children are also being planned. Children will receive a free one scoop regular ice-cream cone with the purchase of a \$15.00 Ride Pass during the special hours.

Kicking off the festivities will be the 67th annual "Spirit of Strongsville Parade." This year's version of the parade will feature more than 90 floats and displays that will thrill every member of the family, regardless of age. The parade kicks off at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22 and proceeds south on Pearl Road from Progress Drive to the Communications Center (the old library). The parade is a bit shorter this year due to the construction on and around the Commons.

For the eleventh consecutive year Fifth Third Bank will be the official sponsor of the Spirit of Strongsville Parade. The bank has also graciously agreed to be the Top Stage sponsor for the four day festival, once again demonstrating their commitment to the community, even during difficult economic times.

Other major sponsors include Akzo Nobel (water bottles), Parkview Federal Savings Bank (Carry Bags and Entertainment Sponsor), Southwest General Health Center (Clock Tower), and Pat Catan's (Clock Tower).

A complete list of all of our sponsors will appear in the next Chamber newsletter.

### COSE AND STRONGSVILLE CHAMBER SPONSOR

#### Small Business Day At



**Sunday, August 23, 1:05 p.m.**

#### TRIBE VS. SEATTLE MARINERS

**Price includes Game Ticket and Picnic**

Food served from 11:30 - 2:00

**Menu includes: Chicken, BBQ Pulled Pork Hot Dogs, Baked Macaroni and Cheese, Potato Salad, Cookies, and Assorted Pepsi Products**

#### Ticket Prices

Adult Lower Reserved . . . **\$45.95** each

Child Lower Reserved . . . **\$36.95** each

Adult Upper Box . . . . . **\$39.95** each

Child Upper Box . . . . . **\$30.95** each

Adult Mezzanine . . . . . **\$37.95** each

Child Mezzanine . . . . . **\$28.95** each

Enter at Tribe Tailgate Tent located on Carnegie Avenue.

For more information, or to obtain a Ticket Order Form, call the Chamber office at 440.238.3366.

### MEMBER BENEFIT

#### Enjoy The Country Club Life

The Strongsville Chamber and Columbia Hills Country Club have entered into an agreement that will allow Chamber members to use the amenities at Columbia Hills, one of the finest private clubs in Northeast Ohio.

On a limited basis, members of the Chamber can play golf, use the pool, and enjoy the dining room on a "pay-as-you-go" plan. Members can use the dining room five times per year for breakfast, lunch, or dinner and can visit the golf course and pool twice a year. There are some restrictions on days and times that club facilities can be used by Chamber members.

"We are very pleased that we've been able to work out this plan for our members", commented Gordy Glissman, Chamber president. "It's really a win-win. Our members can experience the quality of Columbia Hills Country Club for no additional

investment in the Chamber. Columbia Hills will be able to introduce what they have to offer to persons who may be thinking about joining a country club."

For more information, please call the Chamber office at 440.238.3366.







## From the desk of Mayor Perciak

Dear Chamber Trustees:

Thank you very much for your generous support of Strongsville's 12th annual fireworks celebration!

The spirit of America is alive in our city as our friends and neighbors gathered 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.

Again, thank you very much.

Mayor Thomas P. Perciak



# Chamber Awards 12 Scholarships

The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce has donated \$24,000 this year to 12 deserving students from Strongsville High School. The source of funds for these scholarships is the Holiday Dance sponsored by the Chamber on the first Friday of each December.

This year's event is scheduled for Friday, December 4.

The Strongsville Chamber has donated scholarships for more than 40 years. For the past several years, the Chamber has contributed the highest number of scholarships, with the highest dollar value, of any local organization. "We're very proud of our ability to be so generous and we thank all of you who have attended our dance over the years so that we can support our students in this way," commented Gordy Glissman, Chamber president.

Because we are the Chamber of Commerce, we wish to reward and recognize students whose performance reflects the mission and values of our organization, namely those who plan to pursue a career in a business-related field and those who have established a record of service to the community.



## Congratulations to the following students . . .

**ZAK BITTINGER** is a National Merit Finalist who will study Biomedical Engineering at the Ohio State University.

**AUSTIN BUIT** has been a member of the National Honor Society and the football team. He plans to study business at Carnegie-Mellon University.

**NIKOLAS CUKON** will attend Case-Western Reserve to study finance. He is a member of Mu Alpha Theta Math Honorary and has been a DARE Role Model.

**ISLAM DAYEM**, a graduate of the Connections program, will study court reporting and broadcasting at Cuyahoga Community College.

**LINDSEY GALLAGHER** has been a member of the varsity soccer team and the National Honor Society. She will study criminal justice at Tiffin University.

**JENNIFER EVANS**, a member of Marching Band, National Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta Math Honorary, will attend Mount Union to pursue a career in pre-medicine or education.

**NICOLE LIPOVITS** will attend Cuyahoga Community College and will study occupational therapy. She has been a member of National Honor Society, Marching Band, and Key Club.

**ANNAMARIE MORINO** has participated in cheerleading, Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, and National Honor Society. She plans to attend Allegheny College to study English.

**GABRIELLE PATSEY** will attend Xavier University and plans a career in business and finance. She has been a member of Student Council, Dance Team, and the school newspaper.



**ELIZABETH PAVLUK** has been a member of Student Council, National Honor Society, and Cantorum. She will attend Indiana University to study marketing and International Business.

**ADAM WINDNAGEL** plans to attend the Ohio State University to study finance and economics. He has been a member of Student Council, National Honor Society, and the varsity football team.

**KELLY YARBER** has been a member of National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honorary, and Thespians. She will study molecular genetics at the Ohio State University.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Chamber is pleased to welcome the following new members since the publication of the last newsletter:

Albert's Furs	Midpoint Campus Center
Albert's Menswear	Mount Royal Villa
American Safety Surface, Inc.	MP Management #5, LLC
Bilo's Bar and Grill	National City Bank, a Part of PNC
C.J.Y. Construction Group	Nortrax – GL
Camp Bow Wow	Panini's Bar and Grill
Carbone, Jim	Pearl Vision
Cavalier Business	Perkins Janitorial
CKS & Associates, LLC	Power Sports of Cleveland, Inc.
Critical Power Solutions	QUEST Consulting
DanceExcel	Robeks
Designer Showcases, Inc.	RP Gatta, Inc.
DSV Air & Sea	Sala, Lou
Duman's Lock and Safe	Sextons & Associates
Edward Jones – Pamela Glowski	SGL Carbon Technics, LLC
Eli's Landscaping and Design, Inc.	Shale Creek Golf Club
Fish Furniture	Super 8 Motel
Fitness Together	Sweet Mango Restaurant
Floral Concepts, Inc.	The Erie Landscaping Co.
Gerspacher Real Estate Group	The Hoffman Group
Harbro, LLC	The Levinson Law Group
JK Seamless Aluminum Gutters	Ultraviolet Resources International
Lioness Enterprises LLC	Yard Smart Services, Inc.
Lyon Design, Inc.	Cleveland Dance Academy
Madden Brothers	KinderCare
Debi's Personal Training Boot Camp	Route 94, Inc.
Play It Again Sports	SK Consulting Association
TrustPoint Technologies	

As always, the Strongsville Chamber supports local business, and especially advocates for those who are members of the Chamber. Please contact other Chamber members when looking for referrals, goods, or services.

Call the Chamber office at 440.238.3366 for contact information of the new members listed above.

Thanks for your support.

## 8 Great Reasons to be Glad you Joined the Chamber!

- 1. New business contacts** – networking and new business contacts help your business grow. With more than 500 members, representing hundreds of area businesses, there's no place else you can go to meet as many potential customers.
- 2. Credibility** – belonging to the chamber makes a statement that you are committed to the future of the Strongsville area.
- 3. Commitment to the Community** – being a chamber member gives you the opportunity to improve the quality of life for everyone in Strongsville.
- 4. Referrals** – the chamber office refers new residents and businesses to chamber members for goods and services.
- 5. Publicity and Exposure** – through chamber events and publications you will get heightened visibility and brand recognition so customers know who you are.
- 6. Marketing and Advertising** – highly affordable advertising opportunities are available in chamber publications, the website, and at chamber events.
- 7. A Healthy Local Economy** – the chamber helps to create a strong local economy that will keep business momentum going.
- 8. A Voice in Government Issues** – the chamber is your representative on the local, regional, state, and national levels to be sure your voice is heard on issues that will affect your business.

## SAVE THE DATE: GOLF OUTING IS PLANNED

The Chamber's annual Golf Outing will be held on Monday, September 21 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 will be great opportunity for golfers of all ability levels", commented Gordy Glissman, Chamber president.

Look for more information in the August newsletter, but we wanted to get the date to you as soon as possible.

