

The Strongsville City Club's Rib Burnoff showcases world-famous ribs next weekend

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The 25th Annual Strongsville City Club's Rib Burnoff takes place Thursday through Saturday, June 23 to 25, at Strongsville Commons at Pearl Road and Route 82. Annually, the event draws world-famous rib vendors who compete for the title of "Best Ribs" in Strongsville.

The entrants serve up thousands of slabs of ribs to a crowd of over 20,000 hungry attendees. In addition to the ribs, there'll be a variety of festival foods and drinks. As always, the entertainment is free.



Tell me about the ribbers.

Gary Mundson, Strongsville City Club: We have 10 ribbers and they include Armadillo's, Cowboys Barbecue & Ribs, Desperado's, BBQ and Rib Co., Smokin' Joe's Hog Wild BBQ, Smokin' "T"'s BBQ, Texas Pit, Sgt. Oink's, and Jack on the Bone. They come from all over the country to our event.

Will the ribs be judged?

Gary: Winners will be selected for the "Best Ribs," "Best Sauce," and the "People's Choice" award. Ballots for the People's Choice award will be available at all gates.

You can be a judge and help determine who has the "Best Ribs!" Register Thursday or Friday evening at the Ticket Booth. The Rib Burnoff Committee will select new judges each night to share their thoughts. The winners from the Thursday and Friday night judging will compete for the "Best Ribs" in Strongsville on Saturday.

The final judging will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Judges' Tent next to the Gazebo. The judges for the finale will be from the Culinary Institute and will be led by Chef O. The First Place, Runners' Up, Best Ribs, Best Sauce, and People's Choice winners will be announced at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Will there be any other activities?

Gary: There will be inflatables for the kids, as well as a supervised kids' area. There'll also be live entertainment from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. each night at the Gazebo. Enjoy Midnight Groove on Thursday,

Funkology on Friday, and Under the Radar on Saturday. People comment every year that it's just a great family atmosphere.

Is there an entry fee?

Gary: The cost is \$2. Children 10 and under are free, as well as all active members of the military with proper credentials. There will be a coupon in this Thursday's Sun News for free admission on Thursday. Take advantage of the Rib Cookoff Stimulus Package and enjoy free admission from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday. The Commons will be fenced off for the event, and there will be three entry gates.

What are the hours?

Gary: The Rib Burnoff is open from 4 to 11 p.m. on Thursday, 3 to 11 p.m. on Friday, and noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday.

Where can guests park?

Gary: There will be free parking and shuttle service from the Ehrenfelt Recreation Center.

Tell me about the Strongsville City Club.

Gary: The Strongsville City Club has been active in the city since 1968 and was organized for the purpose of promoting civic interest. Over the years, the City Club has supported numerous projects and is the very proud sponsor of those extraordinary athletes who are involved in the year-round competitive Special Olympics Program.

Each year, we hold events for the Olympians and help out with their basketball and swimming tournaments. We've started a golf league for the Olympians and do a Breakfast with Santa at the Recreation Center in December.

Have you supported any other initiatives?

Gary: The group built the Clock Tower at The Commons, we contributed to Pat Catan's Stadium, we refurbished the wrought-iron fence around the city cemetery, and more.

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