

Strongsville Rib Burnoff kicks off 27th year



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The "ribbers" at this year's Strongsville Cit Club Rib Burnoff are the same as last year's, including Armadillo's Barbecue, which Phil Christie said made their way from Atlanta. "All the way from Hotlanta. We like to come up and feed y'all," he said. The Fourth of July is upon us, and in Strongsville that means fireworks.



The [Strongsville City Club's 27th annual Rib Burnoff](#) kicked off June 20 with sunny skies and the sweet and spicy smell of sizzling slabs filling the air.

The event continues at 3 p.m. June 21 and noon June 22, closing at 11 p.m. each night. Admission is \$2 for adults, and free for kids 10 and under. For more information, visit strongsvillecityclub.org.

This year's lineup of "prime ribbers" mirrors last year's: Desperado's BBQ & Rib Co., Smokin' Joe's Hog Wild Barbecue, Armadillo's Rib & BBQ Co., Sgt. Oink's, Old Carolina Barbecue Company, Texas Pit BBQ, Pigfoot BBQ Co., and Smokin' Buckeye BBQ Co.

Armadillo's Rib & BBQ Co. is returning after a clean sweep at last year's Rib Burnoff, taking home first place in the culinary division for best ribs and best sauce.

Meanwhile, the [People's Choice Award winner from last year](#), Old Carolina Barbecue Company, is still riding high from opening a sit-down restaurant in Strongsville.

Winners will be announced at 7:30 p.m. June 22, as judged by Chef Chris Olszewski and his team from Polaris Career Center, and the people's choice. Local celebrity judges will whittle down the field on June 20 and 21.