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## READY, SET, JUMP



Third- and fourth-graders from St. Angela Merici School in Fairview Park recently took turns jumping rope to help raise funds for the American Heart Association. Their efforts generated more than \$2,000. Among the participating students were Patrick English, left, Riley Baumbick, Cameron Robatin, Jack Koch and Jared Becker with fourth grade teacher Mrs. Leshner. In the background is Angela Isabella.

## Brossard tapped for Ward 1 seat



Brossard

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**NORTH OLMSTED** — Louis Brossard recently attended his first City Council meeting not as a concerned audience member, but as the replacement for Daniel Ryan, the former Ward 1 councilman.

Ryan abruptly resigned in February, attributing his leave to a conflict of interest between his work as an attorney and his position in public office.

Council members voted unanimously on March 3 for Brossard to fill Ryan's seat.

"I am anxious to get to work," Brossard said. "I realize I am jumping in mid-stream, and I am excitedly nervous."

Brossard, a sales professional in the plastic materials industry, has been a resident for 15 years.

He served as a member of the Charter Review Commission, president of the Sandy Ridge Homeowners' Association and is a volunteer coach with the Hot Stove baseball and softball teams including CYO basketball.

City Council had one month to fill the empty Ward 1 seat

after Ryan left, and picked Brossard as the lone candidate in the municipal office pool for the November election.

"I just feel like the city needs to start feeling good about itself again," Brossard said. "A lot of that begins with a fresh council and attitude."

Topping his agenda are retail vacancies and cooperatively working with administration.

"I am excited to be a part of it," Brossard said of city government. "We are at a crossroads, and I see some positive change on the horizon."

## Mayoral candidates get ready for battle

By Sara Macho  
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**NORTH OLMSTED** — Nearly every candidate running in the May 5 primary election has given mention to being the most qualified for the post.

While each candidate for mayor, law director and presi-

dent of council bring something slightly different to the voting booth, it will ultimately come down to who makes the strongest connection with residents.

The filing deadline was Feb. 19, and now, with less than eight weeks until residents flood their voting loca-

tions, the battle has begun.

There are four candidates running for mayor, including Council President Kevin Kennedy, school board member John Lasko Jr., incumbent Thomas O'Grady and resident Timothy Smith.

The top two winners in the May primary will face off in

the Nov. 3 general election.

"I've devoted my entire time to community service, and to me, this is the pinnacle of community service," Lasko said.

Lasko, 56, is a second-term school board member, and formally declared his mayoral

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## Nelson Russ Park can go greener with building gone

By Kate Gluck  
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**FAIRVIEW PARK** — The former recreation department building at Nelson Russ Park is history, making way for some green space.

City Council authorized Mayor Eileen Patton to enter a contract with Affordable Demolition & Hauling, Inc. to demolish the building, which has over the years served as the Parkview service garage, a polling station for voters, the home of Safety Town and offices for the city recreation department.

Certain portions of asphalt and concrete will also be removed.

Patton thanked council for the passage.

"As you know," she said, "there is no need for this building anymore for city purposes. It's costing us money for water, electricity and heat. This also now allows our recreation department to plan for the future, which, of course, will include additional green space for recreational programs."

Recreation Director Tim Pinchek agreed that the building was old and outdated and really could not be used for anything else. He mentioned that its demolition will provide the city with a unique opportunity.

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## 90 YEARS YOUNG



Tony Colnar celebrated his 90th birthday Feb. 22 at North Olmsted Party Center with a party that drew friends and relatives from across the country. This photo from the event was submitted by Dan Pavella.

## Getting around

Meeting focus is transportation

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**NORTH OLMSTED** — Officials are working to develop a plan to improve and analyze transportation routes enclosing the mixed-use shopping district.

The Great Northern Multi-Modal Transportation Plan includes sections of Brookpark, Columbia, Butternut Ridge and Lorain roads.

In January 2008, the city administration began looking at transportation issues, including available transit systems, bicycle links and pedestrian traffic.

At 6:30 p.m. March 19 at the North Olmsted Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library, 27403 Lorain Road, residents will have the chance to view a presentation and voice comments on proposed

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## SUN HERALD 'PERSON OF THE WEEK'



Mary "Midge" Gannon

St. Patrick's Day is a special time for the Gannon family of Fairview Park.

The day begins with Mass at St. Patrick Church in Cleveland's West Park neighborhood. Members of the St. Patrick Drill Team will march into the church, followed by volunteer coaches and chaperones who will accompany them to the parade downtown later in the day.

Among those coaches is

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