

Just a reminder... West Life does not publish an issue on the last Wednesday of the year, Dec. 28. We will begin publishing again Jan. 4.
Have A Happy Holiday!

West LIFE

December 21, 2005 - Vol. 66, No. 11

The Award-Winning Westshore Weekly 75¢

Council extends Bradley Bay deadline

By Jeff Gallatin

BAY VILLAGE

As the clock nears the end of this year, city council has given more time for consideration of the \$7 million Bradley Bay Health Center expansion proposal.

On Dec. 12, council unanimously approved the 60-day extension sought by the planning commission for further consideration of the project sought by Bradley Bay owner John O'Neill Jr. If council had not approved the extension, the time period for consideration of the proposal would have expired, meaning council could have no longer considered it and city law would have deemed it approved.

"It's something the commission had to have for further consideration of the issue since the planning commission and the board of zoning appeals are both having to look at it," said Ward 4 Councilman Brian Cruse, who is also city council president-elect beginning in 2006.

Currently the proposal, which would expand the existing home on Bradley Road, has a series of possible zoning variances set to go before the board. The planning commission sent the proposal to the board in September to consider the multiple variances. Included in the expansion plans are 32-independent living suites and beds for 56 Alzheimer's patients. The zoning variances would cover different aspects of the work which would be needed for

See **BRADLEY BAY**, p. 21



Song and dance for the holidays

The Fairview Funsters, a senior citizen entertainment troupe, returned to the Fairview Senior Center Dec. 13 for a program entitled "Christmas in Song." Left: Margaret Sadler sings Christmas carols. Below: Joan Turner and Lisle Moorhead share the holiday spirit with a dance. (Photos by Larry Bennet)



Practice pays off for Fairview High violinist

By Kevin Kelley

FAIRVIEW PARK

"How do you get to Carnegie Hall?" The punchline to that old vaudeville joke is "practice."

But for Fairview High senior Jessica Waddell, it's no joke. She'll be playing the violin next month at the famed New York City concert hall, which opened in 1891.

Waddell, who has been playing the violin for the past eight years, will take

the stage at Carnegie Hall Jan. 16 as a member of the National Festival Orchestra. Now in its 10th year, the orchestra was founded with the mission of identifying talented music students from across the country and providing them with an intensive orchestral training opportunity in New York.

Participants are selected through taped auditions and represent the finest music programs in the country. National Festival Orchestra performers have come from every state in America

and have gone on to attend prestigious music schools and perform as professionals.

Fairview High School orchestra members have performed with the National Festival Orchestra in previous years, and director Julie Maskow informs students of the competition each year. Waddell played a selection from Mozart for her audition tape,

See **VIOLINIST**, p. 21

Schools to discuss another levy with focus groups

By Jeff Gallatin

NORTH OLMSTED

School district officials plan to take their case for passing a levy to the community again in January.

Superintendent Kurt Stanic said the district is setting up both community meetings between school officials and the public as well as focus groups in which education officials won't be involved.

"We're taking more than one

approach in trying to learn what the people want for the schools and the community," Stanic said. "We need to see how people perceive the system and what they think it needs in order to proceed with trying to pass a levy."

School board members have said it's likely they will place some kind of levy on the ballot in May. They also indicated it hasn't been decided yet if it will be a combined capital improvement and operating levy like the ones voters rejected in November, if they will sepa-

rate the two proposals or just place a single issue on the ballot.

Stanic said the community meetings between school officials and the public serve as good give-and-take sessions between the district and city residents if done right.

"Ideally, we can talk about issues, ideas or concerns people have about the district," Stanic said. "Those certainly

See **SCHOOLS**, p. 21

