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## Lorain, Clague roadwork ahead of set schedule

By Jeff Gallatin

NORTH OLMSTED

Area residents, businesses and motorists should be getting an early holiday gift on city roadways soon.

City officials said both the multimillion dollar Lorain and Clague roads reconstruction projects are ahead of schedule and should be done before their planned completion dates. The Lorain Road work extends east to the Fairview Park border while the Clague Road work comes into town from the Interstate 480 exit. The Lorain Road work was scheduled to be done by mid-October and the Clague Road work by the end of November.

Service Director Duane Limpert said the fast progress will benefit the residents, businesses and motorists affected by the work, which has been going on throughout much of the year on one or both projects. The Clague Road work started in the spring while the Lorain Road work started this summer.

"It should make traveling around the city a lot easier," Limpert said. "We know it's been an inconvenience for all the people who live, travel or work on those roadways, but it's something that's going to make the city so much nicer for everybody involved when these projects are completed."

Limpert said good work by the project workers and nice weather have played a part in the projects moving along ahead of schedule.

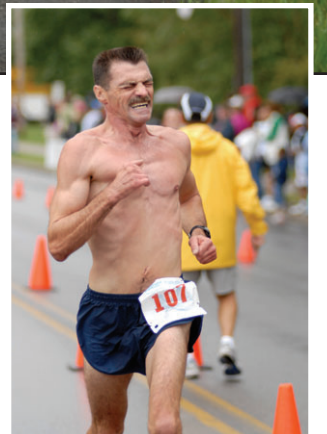
"Sometimes you can be lucky and good," Limpert said, referring to the largely good weather and work being done on the projects.

He said the first layer of pavement is done on much of the Lorain Road project. He added the workers will be doing smaller portions of the work right now.

"They will be working on the ADA (American with Disabilities) access points from the sidewalk, as well as other areas of the street like the manhole covers and what people see as the little bits of metal sticking out in the road," Limpert said.

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## Determined runners Celebrate Westlake



Over a thousand athletes participated in Saturday's Celebrate Westlake race, walk and kids' fun run. Top: Runners in the 5-mile race, including brothers Ralph and Lars Cartwright (closest to the camera), take off from the starting line. Above: Bob Thomas of Westlake pushes himself near the finish line. Left: These participants in the children's 6-and-under half-mile fun run are off to a determined start. Read more about the Celebrate Westlake race on page 2A.

## Just can't wait to get on the road again?

By Jennifer Mitchell

WESTSHORE

Labor Day may have come and gone, but that doesn't mean the road trips have to end. If you've have a day, long-time television travel reporter Neil Zurcher has a destination.

As the original host of "One Tank Trips," the Bay Village resident has logged more than a million miles, and a million memories, by automobile.

"For a quarter of a century, I had the

greatest job in television," Zurcher writes in the introduction to his latest book, "Ohio Road Trips."

Whether you are new to the state or you've lived here all of your life, it's a pretty safe bet that Zurcher, who shares more than 500 of his stops and what made them worth it, will show you something in Ohio you've never seen or heard of.

Zurcher will be at Borders Books and Music, 30121 Detroit Road in Westlake, from 7 to 8 p.m. tomorrow autographing copies of his travel guide.

Whether he's writing about the "edge of paradise" or the "birthplace of the banana split," the adventurer recalls personal experiences and anecdotes.

"Nobody paid anything to get in this book," Zurcher said. "I actually went to every one of these places."

Among his favorite Ohio stops are the Lake Erie Islands, Amish country, and historic Marietta. Though the beauty and scenery of each are major attrac-

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## Residents invited to tour new service garage

By Kevin Kelley

WESTLAKE

It takes a lot of work to run a city the size of Westlake — work that often goes unnoticed by residents. This Saturday, the city is inviting citizens to take a behind-the-scenes look at the people and equipment that keep the city running smoothly during an open house at the newly built service garage

at 741 Bassett Road from 1 to 5 p.m.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 1:30 p.m. Former city service directors and employees are expected to attend, said Service Director Don Glauner.

For Dennis Clough, who has served as mayor since 1986, the grand opening of the service garage represents a milestone in the modernization of the once rural suburb.

"This is the last municipal building

that I know of that has to be built," said Clough, who during his tenure has overseen construction of a new City Hall building and new recreation center.

The mayor said the \$6.7 million project was 20 years in the making. A new service garage was in Clough's initial five-year plan when he took office. But other projects took priority at the time.

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