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## Sewer contract approved

By Danielle Toth

### ROCKY RIVER

At a special meeting of Rocky River City Council Aug. 17, council passed an ordinance spending more than \$900,000 the city was awarded in federal stimulus funds.

Council approved entering into a contract with DiGioia Suburban Excavating, LLC for the Elmwood Sanitary Sewer and Pavement Replacing project. The project is for boring and jacking a new sanitary sewer under the railroad tracks on Elmwood Road and for sanitary sewer, storm sewer and pavement replacement on Elmwood Road from the railroad tracks to Erie Road. The amount of the contract is not to exceed \$926,417.

The engineer's original estimate for the cost of the project was \$885,000, but based upon the specialized boring required to extend sewers under the railroad track and

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## Tough choices



Olivia Carroll, 2, of Rocky River, has trouble choosing a kitten to take home from the third annual Cleveland Animal Protective League Fundraiser at The Shops of Old River Saturday. (West Life photo by Larry Bennet)

## Two BOE members not returning

By Jeff Gallatin

### BAY VILLAGE

There will be changes on the school board in the new term starting in January, with two incumbents opting not to return for personal and professional reasons.

Retired educator Carol Pancoast, who will have served 29 years on the board when her current term expires in January, and Dan Sweeney, who will have served five years, both said they will not be seeking re-election and did not file petitions for the office. Amy Huntley, the third incumbent whose

current term is up this January, has filed her petitions to seek re-election. PTA official Gayatry Jacob-Mosier, who attends most board meetings, and attorney Michael G. Caputo have filed to seek board positions.

Pancoast, a retired college English instructor, has served as board president and vice president and held several PTA and other education-related positions during her 36 years of living in Bay Village, including serving on the Ohio School Board Association and Federal Legislation Network. Pancoast said much of her decision stems from the recent death of her husband, David, after a long illness.

"It's taken a lot of energy and time, and I'm still dealing with that," she said. "I appreciate the support that people gave Dave and myself through his illness."

Pancoast said she's enjoyed working with other board members and residents of Bay Village during her time on the school board and other school-related activities. She also has served as president of the Glenview PTA and Bay Village PTA Council.

Sweeney is a family physician and section head of the Department of Family Medicine at the Cleveland

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## Federal funds sought for pantry move

By Jeff Gallatin

### NORTH OLMSTED

City officials are trying to take a bite out of the problems of having an outdated location for the emergency food pantry that assists area residents.

A public hearing has been set for 6:30 p.m. tonight in City Council Chambers on a city proposal to seek federal Community Development Block Grant funds for relocating the food cupboard from the basement of Old Town

Hall to the building formerly occupied by the Senior Transportation Network on Butternut Ridge Road.

City Planning Director Kim Wenger said North Olmsted is eligible to apply for up to \$325,000 in CDBG funds, which is administered locally by Cuyahoga County.

"For many years, the CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee has discussed the need for significant improvements to the city's emergency food cupboard," she said. "The existing space is in the basement of Old Town Hall, which is

cramped and not ADA accessible. While the concerns have been discussed for a number of years, we lacked a reasonable solution until this year."

Wenger said previous sites were problematic in terms of compatibility of uses, having enough space and access as well as staffing. However, the relocation of the transportation services after their lease was up provided a new opportunity, she said.

"Grant funds would be used to make

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