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**MAYOR**



### Bay Village

- Deborah Sutherland
- Jim Scott



### North Olmsted

- Kevin Kennedy
- John Lasko



### Rocky River

- Pamela Bobst



### Westlake

- Dennis Clough

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## Sutherland takes narrow victory



Bay Village Mayor Debbie Sutherland won an apparent third term over challenger Jim Scott, a current councilman-at-large, with a victory margin of about 80 votes. Here, a group of supporters, Sutherland and her husband, Robert (on the far right of the sofa), check election night results. (West Life photo by Larry Bennet)

## Incumbent beats Scott by less than 100 votes

By Jeff Gallatin

### BAY VILLAGE

For Mayor Debbie Sutherland, an apparent close margin of victory is still something to be thankful for.

With some absentee and provisional ballots still uncounted, Sutherland had an apparent victory of slightly under 80 votes over Councilman-at-large Jim Scott in her bid to win a third term. Scott said he has sent Sutherland an e-mail congratulating her on an apparent victory, but noted

he holds out some hope of victory due to the absentee and provisional ballots still uncounted.

As of Nov. 6, Scott noted that there were 125 absentee ballots in the city uncounted as well as 138 provisional ballots. Friday is the last day votes can be counted.

Sutherland questioned whether those ballots could make a difference in the final outcome.

"Not all of them can always be counted," she said. "Some ballots are not counted because of an error such as a voter registering improperly or

doing it wrong after moving. In addition, we believe we have some support in those areas as well."

Scott said he hoped to pick up additional support in the balloting.

"We kept pretty close tabs on the absentee ballots, and there are 457 unaccounted for," he said. "We're thinking that a good number of them could be in the provisional ballots and other absentees. We worked those pretty hard, so we're seeking addition-

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## Cross leads Marinucci by 23 votes

By Kevin Kelley

### WESTLAKE

If Dan Rather was covering the Westlake Board of Education election, he might say that challenger Nate Cross' lead over incumbent Joe Marinucci is "as thin as turnip soup."

According to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections unofficial vote count, Cross leads Marinucci, 4,909 to

4,886 votes — a margin of only 23, in the race to fill the second of two seats up for election in the Nov. 3 election.

Incumbent and current school board President Andrea Rocco easily won reelection to another four-year term by receiving 5,875 votes.

The unofficial count released by the Board of Elections does not include overseas and military absentee ballots, nor provisional ballots yet to be ruled on.

According to Kimberly Bartlett, com-

munity outreach assistant at the Board of Elections, there are 282 provisional ballots to be decided on in Westlake. And 106 more absentee ballots have yet to be counted, she added.

Bartlett told West Life that an automatic recount takes place when the difference between two candidates' tallies is less than one-half of 1 percent. The

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