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## Dailey Jones seeking county seat

By Jeff Gallatin

### WESTSHORE

North Olmsted Ward 3 City Councilwoman Nicole Dailey Jones is attempting to take the next step in her public service career and win the District 1 seat in the new Cuyahoga County Council being elected this fall.

"It's a natural progression," Jones, a Democrat, said. "I enjoy the legislative process and working with residents of the area on getting work done for them."

Jones, who last year was re-elected, unopposed, to her second term on city council, is seeking the new county council seat which will represent Bay Village, Fairview Park, North Olmsted, large portions of Olmsted Township, Rocky River and Westlake. She previously worked as an aide in the United States Senate, for the legislative strategy firm O'Brien Calio and the Cleveland City Schools.

A native of Parma, Jones and her husband, Daniel, moved to North Olmsted after working in Washington, D.C.

"Running for the County Council position is another opportunity to give back to the community that my family lives in," she said. "I am fully invested in the future of the county. We moved back to Cuyahoga County to raise a family

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## Paper made easy



Above: Artist Tom Balbo, founder of the Morgan Paper Conservatory, shows third-graders at Hilliard Elementary School in Westlake the process of making paper Friday afternoon. Read more about the artist's visit to the school on page 10. Right: Sarah Balazy flips newly made wet paper onto drying felt pad. (West Life photos by Larry Bennet)



## Administration, firefighters talking again

By Jeff Gallatin

### NORTH OLMSTED

City administration officials and the firefighters union are returning to the negotiating table Thursday.

"We're cautiously optimistic," Fire union president Dave Boatman said.

"We're hopeful that we can come to an agreement with the city and find something which we're all more satisfied with."

Mayor Kevin Kennedy also said the city is ready and willing to talk.

"We're glad they decided to come back," he said. "We would hope that we can get an agreement done and

avoid the conciliation process."

City officials have until the end of March to file a municipal budget with state officials. One set of proposed fire department figures based on projections using a fact-finders report is being used

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## River, Fairview can receive NOPEC funds

By Danielle Toth & Kevin Kelley

### WESTSHORE

Rocky River and Fairview Park recently received news any city would love to hear: We have money, and we'd like to give some to you.

NOPEC, the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, recently notified Rocky

River that \$228,450 in grant funds are available through its "Powering Our Communities" program. Fairview Park can receive up to \$186,480.

Both cities are members of the energy consortium and provide an opt-out plan for both electricity and gas for residents. The funding amount available for each city is calculated by NOPEC and depends upon the amount of

accounts a city has. The 7,615 accounts in Rocky River multiplied by \$30 per account equals \$228,450. Fairview Park has 6,216 accounts.

"I was thrilled to hear about the NOPEC funds," Rocky River Mayor Pam Bobst said. "The timing is very

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