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Testimony ends in dog park trial

By Danielle Toth

WESTSHORE

Following 11 days of testimony in the Lakewood Dog Park barking case, all evidence has been received and all witnesses have testified.

The trial is now in a "heard and submitted" stage, said Mike O'Shea, Rocky River's prosecutor and assistant law director. Judge Carolyn Friedland will now receive briefings from both Rocky River and Lakewood in the next 30 days and will make a decision afterward, he said.

"Each side reviews transcripts and evidence," O'Shea said. "It's like a long closing statement that takes a month, and it's all on paper."

Rocky River had several witnesses testify, including Rocky River Mayor Pam Bobst, Lakewood Mayor Ed FitzGerald and residents of High Parkway, the Rocky River street directly up the hill from the Lakewood Dog Park.

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New proposal could derail current cupola project

By Jeff Gallatin

BAY VILLAGE

A proposal from the Cleveland Restoration Society to do a report on renovation of the current Bay Community House entirely in 1930s style appears to be at odds with the Bay Historical Society proposal to redo the structure's cupola as one of the showcase events of this year's Bay Village Bicentennial activities.

Officials from the Cleveland Restoration Society last week sent city officials an outline for developing a modified Historic Structures Report which if implemented would help bring the historic structure back to a 1930s-style design. The original building was redone in the 1930s as part of the federal Works for

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David Lockwood of Bay Village plays with his dogs Bailey and Cody near the Bay Boat Clu. (West Life photo by Larry Bennet)

Council overrides Clough's vetoes

By Kevin Kelley

WESTLAKE

At a special meeting Monday morning, City Council voted unanimously to override Mayor Denis Clough's vetoes of three proposed Charter Amendments. Council's vote means voters will decide the fate of the proposals, along with six others the legislative body approved, at its July 15 meeting.

The vetoes were further evidence of a rift that has developed over the past year between Clough and Council. Council's determination to override was never in question.

Clough told West Life he hoped the vetoes didn't further widen the rift and that Council would respect his opinion.

The mayor vetoed a proposal to change the line of succession if the mayor's position becomes vacant. Currently, the Charter states the service director, then

the finance director would become acting mayor in case of a vacancy. In a recommendation to the Charter Review Committee, which met throughout 2009, Clough said the finance director should come first in the line of succession. The committee agreed with the mayor and forwarded that proposal to Council.

During its review of the committee's proposals, Council members decided instead that an elected official should be first in line to serve as acting mayor. Under the proposal they have forwarded to voters, the Council president, then the law director, then an administrative department head selected by Council would become acting mayor.

In his memo to Council explaining his veto, Clough noted administrative directors have always been first in the line of succession since the city's Charter was established in 1956.

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