

West Life

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AVON LAKE

New districts could protect city's shoreline

By TOM CORRIGAN

A different approach to zoning — so vital when trying to maintain the feel of a community while simultaneously promoting growth — is being considered by city officials.

Council members have recently begun discussing overlay zoning, a practice of creating multiple zoning in one area. Examples include: an economic district that encourages growth in targeted spots such as in the area of Lear and Avon Belden roads; special-improvement districts to alleviate erosion along the city's valued Lake Erie shoreline; historical district zoning to protect city landmarks; and special-use zoning that would create new land-use districts to encourage specific uses while keeping current zoning.

Overlay zoning "could be used in many different ways," said Ward 3 Councilwoman Jennifer Fenderbosch when she introduced the idea at the Feb. 20 City Council meeting.

"This has been a long time coming," said

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FAIRVIEW PARK

Summerfest and Fleafest are still in 2021 plans

By CHRIS VOLOSCHUK

The city's popular Fleafest event has two dates picked for this year and is on track to fulfill them. The 29th annual Summerfest, on the other hand, is still a toss-up.

No matter the outcomes for two of Fairview Park's most popular outdoor events, organizers have been pushing ahead with their plans as though the COVID-19 pandemic won't impact them.

In the case of Summerfest, which normally takes place over four days at the end of July at Bohlken Park, 3885 W. 210th St., the Fairview Park Municipal Foundation has followed its usual timeline despite the pandemic looming over every proceeding.

"We just don't know what to expect," said Kathy Yarian, foundation vice president and Summerfest Committee chair. "We've put a lot of time and effort into something that may not come to fruition. We're going to try and keep things as they were in the past, with just

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Close shave



Photos courtesy Bay Village City Schools

Bay High School's Team Overcome placed second in the Students of the Year competition hosted by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. They raised \$125,000 for the competition with an initial goal of \$100,000. Freshman Kayla Martin shaved her father's (Bay High School Principal Jason Martin) beard during the school's "Shave it or Save it" campaign to raise money for the Students of the Year competition hosted by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The campaign involved students and families donating money to either save Martin's beard or shave it.

West Life wins top state awards

West Life took home 13 awards, including the top Newspaper of the Year honor, in the Ohio News Media Association's annual competition for non-daily newspapers in Ohio. The awards were announced in a virtual ceremony on Friday. The competition covered Aug. 1, 2019, through July 31, 2020.

West Life covers a dozen communities in Cuyahoga and Lorain counties.

Newspapers throughout the state competed in

the 2021 Osman C. Hooper Newspaper Awards. Hooper was a 19th- and 20th-century leader in Ohio journalism. The awards are named for Hooper, who spent 58 years at The Columbus Dispatch, became a journalism professor at The Ohio State University, wrote a book in 1933, "The History of Ohio Journalism," and for many years conducted the annual "Ohio Newspaper

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