

RTA news briefs

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Nominations sought

If you know of volunteers who are an exceptional assets to their community, why not nominate them for an award? Go to rideRTA.com, or call 216-566-5220. Nominations must be received by April 30.

Meetings open

Board meetings are open to the public. They are held at RTA Main Office Building, 1240 W. 6th St.

- **Tuesday, April 3, 9 a.m.**, Committees meet.
- **Tuesday, April 17, 9 a.m.**, full Board meets.

The 20-member volunteer Citizens Advisory Board meets at 8:30 a.m. April 12.

Merchants open for business

Despite all the construction on Public Square and along Euclid Avenue, merchants are open and ready to serve you. For more information about all that these stores have to offer, go to rideRTA.com/euclidavemerchants

Job training offered

April 13 is the deadline for persons over age 18 to apply for an eight-week training program in the union building and construction trades. You must have a high school diploma or GED. Call 216-432-7033, or visit ucipconstruction.com/asap.htm

Smoke-free

All RTA property is smoke-free. This includes all indoor and outdoor rail stations, transit centers, park & ride facilities, bus shelters, buses and trains. Transit Police enforce these rules and issue tickets when necessary.

Thanks for your comments

A message from Joe Calabrese, RTA CEO and General Manager:

In early March, RTA held public hearings to gather comments and outline proposed changes to the #15, #19, #20, #20A, #34, #35, #94.

A number of you took the time to attend these hearings, or write with thoughtful comments and suggestions.

We sincerely appreciate your input. Our Service Planning staff is now analyzing each comment, to see if changes need to be made to the original proposals.

Once the plans are finalized, the earliest they will be implemented is June. We will announce final service changes several weeks before they are implemented.

Again, many thanks for your input.

Are you registered to vote?

The primary election is May 8. If you are not yet registered to vote, your registration card must be received at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections by 4:30 p.m. on April 9. For information, call 216-443-3200, or visit Boe.cuyahogacounty.us.

Are you car-free?

Cleveland's Car-Free Group is seeking new members — people who want to learn more about a car-free lifestyle. Visit carfreeincleveland.org.

Forgetting something?

If you think you might have left an item on a bus or train, call 216-566-5272. Describe what you're missing and a RTA staffer will check for your lost item. Lost & Found is located in RTA's Tower City Station.



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RTA gets you to the Women's Final Four

On April 1-3, the top four college women's basketball teams in the nation invade the Q.

Fans are encouraged to ride the Rapid downtown and be part of the excitement. RTA offers more than 7,000 free parking spaces, and a \$3.50 All-Day Pass gives you unlimited ridership until 2 a.m.

Sold-out evening games will be played on Sunday, April 1, and Tuesday, April 3, but local fans have a number of related events to choose from.

Hoop City

The main event will be Hoop City at the Cleveland Convention Center from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 31-April 1, and noon-8 p.m. on Sunday, April 2. The ultimate "fan experience", it includes basketball clinics, prizes, autograph sessions with NCAA coaches, and surprise appearances.

RTA's B-Line trolley provides free service to both Tower City and the Convention Center.

Hoop City admission is \$7 for adults, and \$5 for college students, military, seniors and children age 3-11.

Bring your special "Final Four" All-Day Pass and receive \$1 off the price of admission. The pass has been in circulation since mid-March.

For a complete schedule of events, see inside.

Metroparks Zoo hosts Earthfest on Sunday, April 22

Earthfest, Ohio's largest environmental education event, will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

This year's theme: *Climate Change Solutions*.

Admission fees are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children age 2-11. Those age 2 and younger are free. To obtain free admission:

- Ride any RTA bus or train to Tower City, and take the free RTA shuttle from Public Square. Boarding will be on Ontario Street southbound, at Superior Avenue. At the Zoo, the shuttle will drop off and pick-up on the upper level, at the Administration Building off Fulton Parkway. The first trip leaves Public Square at 9 a.m., and the last trip leaves from the Zoo around 5:30 p.m.
- Register for the *Walk or Bike for the Earth*. Registration begins at 7 a.m. The event begins at 9 a.m.

More than 135 exhibitors, including RTA, will participate in Earthfest. The event includes:

- Clean fuel vehicles
- Green home improvement
- Local and organic foods
- Children's activities near the Primate, Cat & Aquatics Building on the upper level
- Environmental science
- Live music and entertainment at the Zoo Amphitheater

For more information:

- Go to earthdaycoalition.org, or call 216-281-6468
 - Visit clemetzoo.com, or call 216-661-6500
 - Go to rideRTA.com, or call 216-621-9500
- Earth Day has been celebrated nationally since 1970. The local event, sponsored by the Earth Day Coalition, began in 1990.

Q, Jacobs Field draw crowds

Pro sports action hits high gear in April. The Cavaliers season ends with four home games, and the Tribe season begins with 15 home games.

On April 12-14, there will be events each night at both the Q and Jacobs Field.

RTA offers sports fans more than 7,000 free parking places, with direct rail service to Tower City on the Red, Blue and Green lines. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass for the trip, and take the Walkway to Gateway to either the Q or Jacobs Field. No traffic mess, no parking fees.

Before each game, RTA operates extra rail service as needed. The train ride home is guaranteed for 90 minutes after the game ends.

For more information, go to:

- www.nba.com/cavaliers
- cleveland.indians.mlb.com
- www.theqarena.com
- www.riderta.org



Events at Quicken Loans Arena

- April 5, 7 p.m., Miami
- April 12, 8 p.m., New Jersey
- April 13, 8 p.m. Billy Joel in Concert
- April 14, 7:30 p.m., Atlanta
- April 18, 7 p.m., Milwaukee



Tribe at Jacobs Field

- April 6, 4 p.m., Home opener vs. Seattle
- April 7, 7 p.m., Seattle
- April 8, 1 p.m. Seattle
- April 9, 7 p.m., Seattle
- April 10, 7 p.m., LA Angels
- April 11, noon, LA Angels
- April 12, 7 p.m., LA Angels
- April 13-14, 7 p.m., White Sox
- April 15, 1 p.m., White Sox
- April 25, 7 p.m., Texas
- April 26, noon, Texas
- April 27-28, 7 p.m., Baltimore
- April 29, 1 p.m., Baltimore

NCAA Women's Final Four: Schedule of events

Friday, March 30

- **Noon**, Billie Jean King speaks at the Wolstein Center at CSU. Friday Forum, City Club of Cleveland.
- **8 p.m.**, Title IX Hoopla, "A Celebration of Women's Sports," with Billie Jean King and USA Today's Christine Brennan. Tower City Center.

Saturday, March 31

- **8 a.m.-noon**, YES (Youth Education through Sports) Clinics, for ages 10-18. JCU, CWRU, BWC and the Convention Center.
- **10 a.m.-6 p.m.**, Hoop City. Show your special "Final Four" RTA All-Day Pass and receive \$1 off the price of admission. The Convention Center.
- **10 a.m.**, 2,000 youths will bounce basketballs from the Galleria at Erieview, 1301 E. Ninth St., to Mall C on Lakeside Avenue.
- **11 a.m.-4 p.m.**, Team practices and poster autograph sessions. Your only chance to meet the players and coaches. Quicken Loans Arena.
- **4:30 p.m.**, High School All-America Game, organized by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. Woodling Gym, CSU.

Sunday, April 1

- **10 a.m.-6 p.m.**, Hoop City. Convention Center.
- **7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.**, Semi-final games, Quicken Loans Arena.

Monday, April 2

- **Noon-8 p.m.**, Hoop City. Convention Center.
- **6 p.m.**, Diet Coke Fest, nationally known musicians. Tower City Amphitheater.
- **8 p.m.**, Comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer performs. Hilarities Fourth Street Theatre, Pickwick & Frolic.

Tuesday, April 3

- **8:30 p.m.**, Championship Game, Quicken Loans Arena.