

# Rider's Digest



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## The Avengers

*Film crews here cause many route changes*

Hollywood comes to Cleveland this month. That means traffic on some downtown streets will be rerouted.

Marvel Studios will film *The Avengers* in Cleveland from Aug. 1-early September. Exact dates will be determined by the weather.

*The Avengers* is a movie about a team of superheroes whose mission is to protect the Earth. Film crews are expected to generate more than \$30 million in revenue while they are here.

### How to stay plugged in

To keep you informed of changes, RTA officials are utilizing many tools.

- For daily updates and an interactive map, go to [riderta.com/avengers](http://riderta.com/avengers). There, you can also sign up for Avenger-specific Alerts, and have film-related updates sent to your personal computer or mobile device via e-mail and/or text message.
- "Like" RTA on [Facebook.com/rideRTA](https://www.facebook.com/rideRTA).
- Follow RTA on Twitter @GCRTA. RTA is using the Twitter hashtag #avengers to tag Avengers-related tweets.
- Go to [rideRTA.com/important\\_info.asp](http://rideRTA.com/important_info.asp), and sign up for the RTA e-newsletter.

*See Avengers, inside*

## RTA, Transit Police agree on new three-year contract

RTA and Transit Police have agreed on an innovative new labor contract that is effective through Feb. 28, 2014. The pact was ratified nearly unanimously by the 104 members of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP).

The contract calls for:

- A wage freeze from March 2010 to September 2011.
- A 1.75 percent wage increase in September 2011, based on RTA's actual increases in revenues from passenger fares and sales tax during 2010.

The last wage increase for FOP members was in 2009.

In 2012 and 2013, wage adjustments, if any, will be based on actual increases in RTA passenger and sales tax revenues for the previous year, with a cap of three percent. If RTA doesn't see an increase in these revenues, there will be no increase in wages.

Also included are changes to the health-care benefits, with incentives for employees who keep themselves healthy.

Negotiations continue with the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU).

## Ride RTA to Garlic Festival

The North Union Farmers Market will host the second annual Garlic Festival at Shaker Square from 1-9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, and noon-6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11.

Every RTA Blue and Green line train serves Shaker Square and the Festival.

Enjoy 25 kinds of garlic and garlic-themed food, including oysters and ice cream. Events include a celebrity chef grill off, cooking demonstrations, wine and beer tasting, interactive children's activities, a tomato toss, and the Euclid Beach Boys Rocket Ship Car.

## Browns Stadium hosts 2 high school games

Browns Stadium hosts a high school football doubleheader on Saturday, Aug. 27. RTA's Waterfront Line is ready to take you there. Here's the schedule:

- 1 p.m., Gates open.
- 2 p.m., Mayfield vs. Medina.
- 7 p.m., St. Edwards vs. Glenville.

To reach the Stadium, ride the HealthLine to Tower City, or park free at any Rapid Station, and take a train to the Tower City Station. There, board the Waterfront Line and exit at the West Third Street Station, directly across the street from Browns Stadium.

Waterfront Line service will continue to operate until the Stadium is cleared after the game.

Fans are encouraged to buy an All-Day Pass, which includes transfers and unlimited use. The pass costs \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children, age 6-12, when accompanied by a fare-paying adult.

## Expansion coming to Westlake Park-N-Ride

RTA Trustees have approved contracts with two firms to work on expanding the capacity of the Westlake Park-N-Ride lot.

Construction will cost about \$1 million, and work will add 166 parking spaces. Thanks to State funding, RTA already purchased the land needed to expand the facility.

Work is expected to start in August, and be completed late this fall.



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## Avengers, Continued from front

- See *The Plain Dealer* and Cleveland.com.
- Go to your usual bus station or shelter. Signs will direct you to the nearest stop for your route.
- Call the RTAnswerline, 216-621-9500.

### Mayor supports filming

“Movies like this are important for our image and our economy,” says Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson. “We appreciate RTA’s cooperation in accommodating the Marvel crews and ask all Clevelanders to be patient and to show Marvel the warm hospitality that we are known for.”

To accommodate filming, some streets will be closed at various times. Crews may need more of the street than just the blocks used for filming.

- East Ninth Street, from Prospect to Walnut.
- Walnut Avenue
- Euclid Avenue, from Ontario to East 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- In front of the old Cuyahoga County Courthouse, at Lakeside Avenue and Ontario Street.
- Public Square’s Southwest Quadrant, in front of Tower City. On the actual days of filming, the entire Public Square will be blocked off.
- The Detroit-Superior Bridge.

Some downtown parking lots and on-street parking will not be available to the public.

### Many routes affected

“Traffic detours are a fact of life whenever Hollywood comes to town,” says RTA CEO and General Manager Joe Calabrese. “We urge our customers to follow the updates on our Web site, plan their trips ahead of time, allow extra time for travel, and be patient. We value your understanding.”

These bus routes are expected to be re-routed, on select days. The exact schedule will be announced. Stay tuned for updates.

- HealthLine, E-Line trolley, B-Line trolley.
- #1, #3, #8, #9, #11, #14, #15, #19, #20, #20A, #21, #22, #26, #35, #38, #39, #45, #45A, #47, #51, #55/55F, #76, #77, #79A/B, #81, #90F, #135, #239, #246, #251, #263, #451.

## New timetables set for routes Aug. 21

Fall service changes take effect on Sunday, Aug. 21. New timetables will be needed for some routes.

All changes are minor ones.

Bus riders need to pick up new timetables for the #1, #2, #3, #7, #9, #10, #15, #16, #20, #26, #34, #35, #37, #43, #51, #55, #55F, #75, #77, #79, #90F, #94, #135, #251/451, #263, #751, #752, #761.

In many cases, running times are being adjusted, and school trips are being added. Three routes that carry mostly school children -- #751, #752 and #761 – are being placed back into operation.

There are also minor changes to the timetables for the #65 HealthLine, the #66 Red Line and the #67 Blue/Green lines.

Southbound trips on the #16 will now enter the new East 55th Street Rapid Station. All trips will now operate on East 71st Street between Broadway and Fleet Avenue, no longer directly serving the intersection of Broadway and Fleet.

### Where to obtain new timetables

- Go to the Maps and Schedules Page at [rideRTA.com/schedules](http://rideRTA.com/schedules). New timetables are posted as they become available.
- Google Transit info will be updated later this month.
- Stop by RTA’s Main Office, 1240 W. Sixth St.
- Visit RTA’s Customer Service Center at the Tower City Station. Printed timetables should be ready by Aug. 15, one week before the changes begin.

For more information, or to receive a new timetable by mail, call the RTAnswerline, 216-621-9500.

## Ride RTA to the Dawg Pound

### Are you ready for some football?

Football season is scheduled to open this month. RTA offers extra rail service to all Browns home games. Buy an All-Day Pass for \$5 for free transfers and unlimited rides until 3 a.m. the following day.

To reach the Waterfront Line, ride the HealthLine down Euclid Avenue to Tower City. Or, park free at any rail station on the Red, Blue and Green lines, and ride the train into Tower City.

At Tower City, transfer to the Waterfront Line and exit at the West Third Street Station, directly across the street from Browns Stadium.

RTA will again join the tailgating fun at the Municipal (Muni) Parking Lot. At all regular-season Browns home games, RTA riders will be treated to entertainment, hot dogs and soft drinks at the South Harbor Station of the Waterfront Line. The event starts at 10 a.m. each Sunday – three hours before the 1 p.m. kickoff.

“If you want to be fired up about the Browns, join us on Sundays,” says RTA’s “chief dawg” – CEO and General Manager Joe Calabrese. “It’s easy and fun. Ride RTA, tailgate with us and be in your seat for the 1 p.m. kickoff.”

### Here is the Browns home schedule:

#### Pre-season

Aug. 13	Green Bay Packers	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 19	Detroit Lions	7:30 p.m.

#### Regular season

Sept. 11	Cincinnati Bengals	1 p.m.
Sept. 25	Miami Dolphins	1 p.m.
Oct. 2	Tennessee Titans	1 p.m.
Oct. 23	Seattle Seahawks	1 p.m.
Nov. 13	St. Louis Rams	1 p.m.
Nov. 20	Jacksonville Jaguars	1 p.m.
Dec. 4	Baltimore Ravens	1 p.m.
Jan. 1	Pittsburgh Steelers	1 p.m.