

Thousands enjoy “rack and roll”

Summer is here. With RTA’s popular “rack and roll” program, several thousand persons each month are taking their bicycle on public transit.

Here are some rules you should know before combining these two environmentally friendly forms of transportation.

Bikes on buses:

- Every RTA bus has a rack in the front that can carry two bikes.
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop. Then, signal to the operator that you need to load your bike.
- Load your bike securely, unfolding the rack if necessary. Then, board the bus as usual.
- As you approach your stop, remind the operator that you are getting off and need to unload your bike.
- Once you get off, be sure it’s safe before unloading your bike.
- After your bike is unloaded, fold the bike rack back into its upright position. You are on your way.

Riding the Rapid:

- Just carry your bike right on the train with you. It’s easy, it’s safe and there is no extra charge.
- Once your train arrives, wait for all riders to get on and off. When it’s clear, carry your bike onto the train.
- After you board the train, situate your bike so it doesn’t block aisles or doorways.
- When it is time to leave the train, signal the operator in advance, and safely carry your bike off the train.
- Bicyclists under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Mopeds, tricycles, tandems, segways and recumbents are not permitted.
- Bikes are welcome on Rapid Trains at all times except weekdays from 7- 8 a.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Come to July 11 hearing To discuss #821 Circulator

RTA will hold a public hearing on July 11 to describe changes and receive comments on a proposed reconfiguration of the #821 University Circle/ Heights Area Community Circulator.

The complete reconfiguration would include changes to the:

- Route.
- Schedule (frequency of service).
- Days of operation.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on July 11 at the Community Center, One Monticello Blvd., Cleveland Heights. That site is:

- Served by RTA bus routes #7, #9 and #40.
- Wheelchair accessible.

Interpretive services for the hearing impaired will be available.

If you cannot attend:

- Mail written comments to the RTA Marketing and Communications Department, 1240 W. Sixth St., Cleveland, Ohio 44113.
- Send e-mail comments to public-comment@gcrtc.org.
- Comments received by July 25 will be part of the official record.

The Circulator began service June 30, 2003.



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Riding RTA: *Grrrreat summer fun, Low-cost transportation*

Summer fun kicks into high gear in July – Tribe games at Jacobs Field, Tall Ships at North Coast Harbor, the Ingenuity Festival downtown, concerts everywhere, special service to the Zoo and Geauga Lake Park – it doesn’t get any better than this in Cleveland.

As gas costs hover near the \$3 per gallon mark, RTA remains your most cost-effective transportation alternative.

Whenever you want to go, let RTA take you there. And remember, bikes are welcome on all RTA buses and trains, except for limited times and certain special events

For service information, visit the automated trip planner at riderta.com. If you need more details, call the RTAanswerline, 216-621-9500.

Here’s your lineup of summer fun:

At North Coast Harbor

- July 12-16, Tall Ships at Cleveland Harborfest, one of the biggest events of the year
- Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass. Ride any rail line to Tower City and take the Waterfront Line to the North Coast Station on E. Ninth St. RTA will operate extra rail service.
- clevelandharborfest.com

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Downtown

- July 7, Cleveland Orchestra, free concert on Public Square, 9 p.m.
- July 13-16, Second annual Ingenuity Festival of Art and Technology, centered at Prospect Avenue and East Fourth Street
- Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass. Ride any rail line to Tower City, and walk to the event site. RTA will operate increased service for these events.
- 216-589-9444, ingenuitycleveland.org
- clevelandorchestra.com

Quicken Loans Arena

- July 14-15, 7 p.m., Conference, Cleveland Women of Faith
- July 24, 8 p.m., Pro wrestling
- Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass. Ride any rail line to Tower City and take the Walkway to Gateway.
- theqarena.com

Jacobs Field

- July 21-23, Minnesota Twins
- July 24-26, Detroit Tigers
- July 28-30, Seattle Mariners
- Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass. Ride any rail line to Tower City and take the Walkway to Gateway.
- <http://cleveland.indians.mlb.com>

The Great Lakes Science Center, 601 Erieside Ave.

- Through Sept. 3, see Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees
- Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass, ride any rail line to Tower City, and ride the Waterfront Line to the North Coast Harbor Station on E. Ninth St.
- greatscience.com

Historic Shaker Square, Cleveland

- July 15, 22, 29, 8 a.m.-noon, North Union Farmer's Market
- Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass. Ride the Blue or Green light-rail lines to Shaker Square, or hop on bus routes #48, #25 or #821.

Wade Oval, University Circle

- Every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Music and fun
- Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass. Ride the Red Line to the University Circle station. Take the free Circle Link shuttle to the event site.
- universitycircle.org

Crocker Park, Westlake

- Fridays & Saturdays, Concerts, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., North Union Farmer's Market
- July 20, Radio Disney Kidz Club Party, 4-5 p.m., Borders Books
- Ride the #46, #55F, #808 or #822
- crockerpark.com/events

Wolstein Center at CSU, 2000 Prospect Ave.

- July 14-15, 8 p.m., Professional bull riders
- July 19, 7 p.m., American Idols Live
- July 24, 7:30 p.m., And I Mixtape Tour
- Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass, ride any rail line to Tower City. Ride bus routes #8, #14, #25, #33, #32X, #47
- wolsteincenter.com

The House of Blues, 308 Euclid Ave.

- Concerts held nightly
- Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass, ride any rail line to Tower City, and walk east on Euclid Ave. for two blocks
- www.hob.com/venues/clubvenues/cleveland

Ride RTA to Zoo, Geauga Lake Park

In July, RTA continues special service to the Metroparks Zoo and Geauga Lake Park and Wildwater Kingdom.

Passengers can catch the #20C on Public Square, on Superior Avenue at West Roadway, every hour, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The bus departs the Metroparks Zoo approximately every hour from 10 a.m. until 5:05 p.m.

Zoo summer hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and July 4.

A valid pass or proof of payment from the Zoo Bus allows passengers half-price admission to both the Zoo and RainForest. Riders must surrender their transfer or passes to the Zoo box office to receive the discount.

Route # 441 operates between Geauga Lake and the Warrensville-Van Aken rail station at the east end of the Blue Line, and stops at Randall Park Mall, Solon Square Shopping Center and the Marketplace at Four Corners.

RTA service mirrors park hours. The first bus arrives at Geauga Lake almost two hours before the park opens, and the last bus leaves about two hours after the park closes.

Innovative RTA program celebrates 5th anniversary

RTA's innovative *Ride Happy or Ride Free* program recently celebrated its fifth anniversary. Some facts:

Total postcards returned: 16,400

Average return rate: 1 postcard for every 16,846 riders

Common topics: schedule adherence, service and vehicle operations

Follow-up: Several employees in Customer Service read each card and determine if other action is warranted.