

RTA: your ticket to local summer fun

Riding RTA can take you to all kinds of summer fun.

Scavenger Hunt: Think you know Cleveland? Put your skills to the test. Register for an RTA-sponsored scavenger hunt on July 23, part of Ohio Homecoming weekend. Go to ohiohomecoming.com

Go Tribe: Win or lose, the Tribe is always exciting. There are 32 home games left. Park for free at any Rapid Station, ride into Tower City, and take the Walkway to Progressive Field. Service home is guaranteed for 90 minutes after the game ends.

Great Lakes Science Center: Have fun with interactive exhibits, or catch a movie at the OM-NIMAX Theater. The Waterfront Line provides convenient service from Tower City every weekend.

Metroparks Zoo: Want to see tons of fun? Check out the new elephant exhibit. Ride the #20, #35 or #51 to the Zoo. Ask the driver for a courtesy pass, and show it at the Box Office for half-price admission. Each bus lets you off at Pearl Road and Wildlife Way.

Rock-N-Roll Hall of Fame: The Waterfront Line provides convenient service from Tower City every weekend.

Ride the HealthLine: RTA's state-of-the-art HealthLine offers service 24/7 along Euclid Avenue to many of the Cleveland's top attractions, such as

- The Fourth Street entertainment district and the House of Blues.
- Playhouse Square, one of the largest theater districts in the nation.
- Cleveland Play House, home to great plays and world-famous international piano competition.
- University Circle, home to many fine museums. The free Museum of Art is known throughout the world. The Museum of Natural History offers displays for the entire family. Or, go green with a walk through the Botanical Gardens.

For Your Safety

RTA is a Safe Place for youths in distress

Since May 2010, youths age 17 and under have had a rolling support network – a safe place to go when they have a crisis, thanks to RTA.

RTA is part of the first transit-focused Safe Place initiative in the nation. Partner agencies are:

- Next Step/Westhaven Youth Shelter
- Bellefaire's Homeless Youth Program

Safe Place, a national outreach initiative, offers immediate access to a network of safety and support services, such as food, shelter, and family counseling. When threatened or in crisis, youths can board an RTA bus or train and alert the operator. An RTA supervisor will then take the youth to a community safe haven for needed services.

If you need to go to a Safe Place, stop at any RTA bus or train, or go to:

Next Step/Westhaven Youth Shelter

3020 West 104th St., Cleveland, OH 44111-1840
216-941-0062 (24-hour phone)
www.lutheranmetro.org/next-step-wys-and-yrp.html

Bellefaire Homeless Youth Program

22001 Fairmount Blvd., Shaker Heights, OH 44118
216-570-8010 (24-hour phone)
www.bellefairejcb.org

For information on the organization, go to:
www.nationalsafeplace.org



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Let Innerbelt work drive you to RTA

Question: What is the best way to commute to work each day and avoid all the congestion on the Innerbelt bridge project?

Answer: RTA.

Clevelanders are witnessing one of the largest construction efforts the city has ever seen. To avoid being caught in the middle of all this work, taking RTA is your best alternative.

And, to make the change easy for new riders, RTA has unveiled an interactive map at rideRTA.com/Innerbelt.

The areas most affected by the project are the West Side of Cuyahoga County, and Medina and Lorain counties. The map divides the affected area into 8 regions. Just click on the region where you live, and learn about your transit options – Park-N-Ride, flyer buses, or the Red Line Rapid Transit.

"We tried to make this map as easy and useful as possible for new RTA riders," says Marketing Director Steve Bitto. "We know that the necessary Innerbelt work will disrupt the daily commutes of thousands of Clevelanders, and we want them to know all their options."

So beat the Innerbelt construction blues. Let RTA help you check out all your options at:

www.rideRTA.com/Innerbelt

Heading for a local farmers market this summer? Ride RTA

July is a busy month for farmers markets, and Cleveland is fortunate to have many of them.

If you are headed for a farmers market, RTA can often be an option.

Here is a listing compiled by the Food Policy Coalition of Cuyahoga County. It includes most local farmers markets that are served by an RTA bus or train. The route number is listed for each market.

An asterisk (*) means that the market offers an EBT Incentive, and can be used by those who have an Ohio Direction Card. Shoppers who use their card and spend at least \$5, they will receive an additional \$5 to spend at the market.

Cleveland

- Tremont, Lincoln Park, W. 14th St., 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, # 81, 216-403-9436*
- CSU, 2100 Euclid Ave., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays, HealthLine, 216-751-7656*
- Farm, W. 168th St. & Albers Ave., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, #49, #75, 216-252-6559, ext. 1400*
- 900 E. 72nd St., 4-7 p.m. Thursdays, #1, 216-373-9461
- 6852 Broadway at Baxter, 4-7 p.m. Mondays, #16, #19, #76, 216-429-1182, ext. 119*
- Famicos Foundation, E. 105th St. at Ashbury St., 3-7 p.m. Fridays, #10, 216-375-3757
- 11305 Woodland Ave., noon-4 p.m. Tuesdays, #58, Blue & Green lines, 216-707-2832*
- 5406 Fleet Ave, 1:30-5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, #16, 216-707-2832*

No July 4 concert in 2011

The Cleveland Orchestra's Annual Public Square concert that takes place around the 4th of July has been moved. This year, the free concert will take place on Sunday, Sept. 11 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9-11.

- E 79th St. at Amos Ave., 2-6 p.m. Wednesdays, #2, #11, Red Line, 216-707-2832*
- 2511 E. 46th St., 8 a.m.-1 p.m.-Tuesdays-Fridays, #11, 216-707-2832*
- 1945 E. 66th St., 8 a.m.-1 p.m.-Tuesdays-Fridays, # 38, HealthLine, 216-707-2832*
- Public Square, Ontario St. at Superior Ave., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays, HealthLine, all rail lines*
- 6415 W. Clinton Ave., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays, #26, #45, Red Line, 216-233-8300*
- Voinovich Park, 825 E. 9th St., 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Thursdays, #14, #15, #19, B-Line trolley, 216-265-6131
- Cleveland Clinic, Euclid Ave. at E. 100th St., 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, #48/48A, #58, HealthLine, 216-751-7656*
- Shaker Square, 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, #11, Blue & Green lines, #48, 216-751-7656*
- W. 24th St. at Bridge Ave., noon-2 p.m., #20, #22, #35, #79, Red Line, 216-781-3222, ext. 108
- Wade Oval, 10820 East Blvd., 6-9 p.m., Wednesdays, #9, #38, HealthLine, Red Line, 216-707-5035

East Cleveland

- Coit Road, 15000 Woodworth Ave., 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesdays, #37, 216-249-5455*

Euclid

- 291 E. 222nd St., 4-8 p.m. Fridays, #28 until 7 p.m., #30, #39, # 39F, 440-941-1309

May ridership up 8.3 percent over 2010

With sky-high gas prices, more and more commuters are turning to RTA as their best alternative.

In May, RTA total system ridership climbed 8.3 percent. This included gains of 19.3 percent on the heavy rail, 7.4 percent on the bus, 5 percent on

Lakewood

- 15425 Detroit Ave., 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, #26, #83, 216-367-2834
- Municipal Parking Lot at City Center Park, Detroit Ave. at Warren Rd., 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, #26, #83, 216-256-7793*
- Near Kaufman Park, Detroit Ave. at Arthur Ave., 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesdays, #26, 216-751-7656*

Parma

- Stearns Farm, 6975 Ridge Rd., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, #20, 440-882-6234

Shaker Heights

- First Baptist Church, 3630 Fairmount Blvd., 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays, Blue & Green lines, #37, 216-932-7480

South Euclid

- Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1534 South Green Rd., 2-7 p.m. Thursdays, #9, #34, 440-263-1792

Strongsville

- 13213 Pearl Rd., 3-7 p.m. Thursdays, after Aug. 1, #51, 440-580-3275

Westlake

- Crocker Park, Crocker Rd. at Market St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, #49, 216-751-7656*

the HealthLine, and 17 percent on the downtown trolleys.

Average weekday ridership rose 6.4 percent, and average daily trolley ridership was 4,000 – a 7 percent gain over last year.