

## Dave's Supermarkets to offer free passes

Former TOPS customers, who for many years received free Community Circulator passes from that grocer, can now enjoy a similar promotion at Dave's Supermarkets.

Customers who ride a Community Circulator to a Dave's Supermarket and buy \$15 of groceries can receive a free two-ride pass from the cashier. The pass is good only on Circulator service.

Here are the stores and routes:

- #801 Lee-Harvard Circulator serves 6820 Harvard Ave.
- #803 St. Clair-Hough Circulator serves 3301 Payne Ave. and 2500 East 40<sup>th</sup> St.
- #805 Slavic Village Circulator serves 7422 Harvard Ave.
- #806 Euclid-Euclid Beach Circulator serves 15900 Lake Shore Blvd., 22600 East Shore Center and 22501 Shore Gate Dr.
- #807 Tremont Circulator serves 2700 Carroll Ave.
- #821 University Circle/Heights Area Circulator serves 3628 Mayfield Road.
- #823 Shaker Heights- Coventry Circulator serves 13130 Shaker Square.

## RTA news briefs

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### Nominations sought

If you know a volunteer who is an exceptional asset to their community, why not nominate them for an award? Go to [rideRTA.com](http://rideRTA.com), or call 216-566-5220.

### 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.

## Functional testing to begin for Paratransit applicants

RTA Trustees have approved a resolution to proceed with functional testing for Paratransit applicants. Testing by NovaCare Rehabilitation of Ohio is expected to start by mid-May.

"This is great news for disabled persons throughout Cuyahoga County," says Joe Calabrese, RTA's CEO and General Manager. "Functional testing will increase access to our Paratransit service, by ensuring that the service will be there for those who truly need it."

In the past, it was fairly easy to obtain a Paratransit pass. All a person had to do is have an application signed by a health-care provider.

Now, when a customer seeks to obtain a Paratransit pass, RTA will have the option of sending that person in for functional testing, to determine if there is truly a need. If a person demonstrates the mental and physical ability to use public transit, they will be directed to use RTA bus and Rapid service.

RTA estimates that only about 40 percent of new applicants will be tested. During the next three years, some persons coming in for renewals will also be tested. Each renewal is good for three years.

Functional testing has been used extensively in other major cities. Agencies found functional testing to be a valuable tool in assessing the needs of their customers.

"By better assessing the abilities of prospective Paratransit customers, we can more appropriately distribute our resources," Calabrese says. "Demand for Paratransit is rising every year, and RTA needs to ensure the service will continue to operate efficiently."



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## Public hearings set on proposed changes

RTA will hold four public hearings to receive input on service changes proposed to begin in June.

- **6 p.m. March 6** at the MetroHealth South Campus (formerly Deaconess Hospital), Room T-60, 4229 Pearl Road, Cleveland, for proposed changes to the #20, #20A and #35. The site is served by routes #20, #20A, #35, #50, #51 and #79.
- **6 p.m. March 7** at the Parmatown Transit Center, 8555 Day Dr., Parma, for proposed changes to the #20, #20A and #35. The site is served by routes #20A, #23, #45, #68, #79A and #145.
- **6 p.m. March 12** at the Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Road, Richmond Heights, for proposed changes to the #94. The site is served by the #94.
- **6:30 p.m. March 13** at the Warrensville Branch, Cuyahoga County Library, 22035 Clarkwood Parkway, Warrensville Heights, for proposed changes to the #15, #19, #34 and #94. The site is served by the #15, #15F and #34.

All meeting sites are accessible to persons with mobility impairments. Services for hearing-impaired persons will be available.

To be part of the official record, comments must be received by March 27. Send them to: RTA Marketing and Communications, 1240 W. Sixth St., Cleveland, OH 44113, [public-comment@gcrta.org](mailto:public-comment@gcrta.org)

For more details, go to [rideRTA.com/hearings/](http://rideRTA.com/hearings/), call 216-781-4299 or 216-781-4271 (TDD).

## Euclid Ave. merchants: Open for business

Despite ongoing construction on many sections of Euclid Avenue, merchants there are open for business.

Construction work on RTA's new Silver Line will continue through 2008. RTA urges you to endorse these quality merchants who are eager to serve you, despite the necessary construction disruptions.

Two businesses on the south side of Euclid Avenue, near the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Public Square, offer pleasures for your taste buds.

**Susy's Soups**, 138 Public Square, features homemade soup and chili, and fresh salads and wraps. Service is open from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call 216-771-7792.

**Sushi 86**, 144 Public Square, offers food to go, and catering is available seven days a week. Service is open from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. "We deliver in the downtown area." Call 216-621-8686.

Near Playhouse Square, **Johnnie's Deli & Restaurant**, 1840 Euclid Ave., offers breakfast and lunch specials, with reubens, corned beef, soups and other items. Open 5 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. 216-241-1818.

There is a lot to be said for longevity, and **Brothers Printing** offers more than 90 years of experience as general commercial printers at 2000 Euclid Ave.

Owners say their goal is to "turn your ideas into reality. If it's legal, we print it."

The store offers typesetting and layout services, as well as color, self-serve copying and promotional work. Copies start as low as 4.5 cents. Free parking is available in a nearby indoor garage.

Brothers Printing is open from 6 a.m.-5:15 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. Call 216-621-6050, or send e-mail to [brosprint@aol.com](mailto:brosprint@aol.com).

## Some timetables change on Sunday, March 18

A number of RTA timetables change on Sunday, March 18.

New timetables are being posted on [rideRTA.com](http://rideRTA.com). They are also be available at:

- RTA's Main Office, 1240 W. Sixth St.
- Customer Service Center at Tower City

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

New timetables are needed for: #4, #9X, #14, #15, #19, #20A, #22, #35, #39X/BX, #45Y/R, #46, #51X, #51F/251/451, #57, #79A/B, #135, #246, #326, #804.

### Significant Changes

On the #35 Broadway-Quincy, trips to Ken Mar Industrial Parkway will no longer operate on Market Place.

On the #39X/BX, the 2:22 p.m. and 3:22 p.m. trips from downtown will operate to the Euclid Park-n-Ride lot. This will provide additional opportunities to return to the lot before the #239 begins service for the afternoon rush hour.

The #57 Tower City/Tri-C route will be discontinued. Ridership has dropped off sharply since the E-Line trolley began service. Riders between Tri-C and Tower City can use the #14, #15, #25B/W, #33 or #35.

On the #804 Lakewood Community Circulator, all trips will use West 115<sup>th</sup> Street instead of West 117<sup>th</sup> Street, between Lake Avenue and Clifton Boulevard. Evening and early morning trips between Winton Place and the West 117<sup>th</sup> Street Rapid Station will also follow the new daytime routing.

## Ride RTA, see International Film Festival at a discount

Persons who ride RTA can receive \$1 off a ticket purchase for the Cleveland International Film Festival March 15-25 at Tower City Cinemas

If you buy tickets in advance:

- Use the code "RTA" when purchasing tickets at [clevelandfilm.org](http://clevelandfilm.org), or when calling the Festival store at 866.865.FILM.
- Present your RTA pass at the Cleveland International Film Festival Store in the lobby of Tower City Cinemas.

If you buy tickets on the day of the show, present your RTA pass at the Cinemas box office. This coupon is good for any Festival film except special events. Additional restrictions may apply.

Advance tickets are available March 2-14 at the Festival Store in the lobby of Tower City Cinemas, 230 W. Huron Road, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

For details, visit [clevelandfilm.org](http://clevelandfilm.org).

## Going green, ride RTA

If you are heading downtown on March 17 to watch the St. Patrick's Day parade, leave the driving to RTA. Some things to remember:

- The parade will be on Superior Avenue.
- RTA will operate extra rail service to meet the increased demand.
- You are encouraged to buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass, which provides unlimited rides until 3 a.m. Remember, exact change only.
- Open beverage containers are not permitted on RTA vehicles or property. Transit Police will enforce regulations.
- RTA offers more than 7,000 free parking spaces at rail stations. Obey all signs. Cars that block normal operations will be towed at your expense.
- Buses will be detoured off parade routes. Normal operations will resume as soon as possible.
- For info, visit [rideRTA.com](http://rideRTA.com), or call 216-621-9500.