

Ride the Waterfront Line to boating & fishing fun

If you're looking for summer fun on June 7-8, ride RTA's Waterfront Line to the North Coast Station, walk 10 minutes to Voinovich Park, and attend the annual North Coast Harbor Boating & Fishing Fest.

Voinovich Park is at the north end of East Ninth Street. The free event runs from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Sunday. There is no charge for powerboat rides, sailboat rides and fishing trips. In each event, safety will be stressed.

Capt'n Willie, the Great Lakes Pirate, will be on hand to entertain and educate children. Other booths will be set up at the park. Hundreds of children's life jackets and fishing sets will be given away.

B-About Sail Ministries will also offer rides on its 65-foot schooner Journey.

For details, visit boatingfest.com.

Sponsors include:

- Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Divisions of Watercraft and Natural Resources
- Greater Cleveland Safety Council
- The National Water Safety Congress
- The Greater Cleveland Boating Association
- Cleveland Treatment Center
- North Coast Black Bass Anglers Association
- Samsel Marine Supply
- U.S. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Lake Erie Marine Trades Association
- Spirit of America Foundation
- U.S. Power Squadrons.

Grand opening set

The grand opening for the Euclid Corridor Project is set for Oct. 25. Already, the area on or near the Project has seen more than \$2 billion in new and planned construction.

Trolleys begin third year

On April 9, RTA's downtown trolleys began their third year of free service. Ridership growth continues.

During the first quarter of 2008, more than 240,000 rides were taken, a 53 percent increase over the first quarter of 2007.

In March, the average daily ridership increased 4.2 percent. Ridership on some days approached 4,000 customers.

Shaker Square concerts set

RTA's Blue and Green lines are the best way to reach free concerts this summer on the south lawn of Shaker Square.

Bring your own lawn chair or blankets. The concerts begin with blues music on May 24, from 6-8 p.m., and continue on May 31, with post-bop jazz music from 6-9 p.m. Concerts continue until Aug. 29.

The concerts have been arranged by the Coral Company, owners of the landmark historical area.

A Courteous reminder

All RTA vehicles and facilities are smoke-free. This includes all buses and trains, all transit centers and rail stations. It also includes outside areas, such as rail station platforms, bus waiting areas or just outside the rail station doors at the street level. This is state law, Board policy, and a common courtesy. Sometimes, the no-smoking signs aren't there, but the rules are always in effect.



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Section of Euclid Ave. now open to traffic

A huge section of Euclid Avenue, from East 55th to East 85th Street, was re-opened to traffic in late April. Coupled with the opening of an earlier section last November, Euclid Avenue is free from orange barrels from East 17th to East 85th Street. Work is also completed in East Cleveland, and city officials are celebrating that with a special ceremony this month.

"Although the roadway looks great, this is far from our finished product," says General Manager & CEO Joe Calabrese. "We have not yet installed many of the amenities this project offers. We are opening the road now for the convenience of our customers."

You will see new pavement, transit-only lanes, special crosswalks, landscaping, and boardings from new stations in the center median strip.

In the new section, standard RTA buses will provide service on the #6 routes. Drivers and pedestrians must learn to traverse new traffic patterns, so RTA is stressing safety along the route. Please read and obey all posted signs.

The 63-foot articulated Rapid Transit Vehicle (RTV) is now being produced at the New Flyer production plant in Minnesota. RTA has ordered 21 hybrid-electric RTVs, and some have already been delivered.

Fare collection question: Do I dip, or do I swipe?

Every time you use an RTA fare card, you must ask yourself – do I dip, or do I swipe?

All-Day Pass

If you purchased the All-Day Pass on-board, it has already been activated. Use the swipe reader each time you use it.

If you purchased the All-Day Pass **off-board** (at an RTA vendor or Customer Service Center), dip the pass into the “trim” slot to activate it and print the expiration date and time.

After the first use, swipe.

7-Day Pass

On the first use, dip the 7-Day Pass into the “trim” slot to activate it and print the expiration date and time. After the first use, swipe.

Multi-trip farecards

Dip the farecard into the “trim” slot on the first ride of each trip. If you transfer within the allowed time, use the swipe reader for your transfer ride(s).

Monthly Pass

On all uses, swipe.

Thousands enjoy “rack and roll”

Each day, more and more bicyclists are turning to RTA for part of their trip. Last year, more than 50,000 persons hopped aboard buses and trains with their bikes – a 40 percent increase over the previous year.

May 12-17 is Cleveland Bicycle Week, when people are being encouraged to bike to work. 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 for 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, 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:

- Once your train arrives, wait for all riders to get on and off. When it's clear, carry your bike onto the train. There is no extra charge.
- 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 all trains except when the vehicle is full, such as before a Browns game. Permission is at the operator's discretion.

Ride RTA's Red Line to see *Vatican Splendors* exhibit

A world-class exhibit, *Vatican Splendors*, opens May 31 at the Western Reserve Historical Society for a limited, exclusive regional engagement and RTA can take you there.

To reach the exhibit, park for free at many locations along the rail system, and ride the Red Line to the University Circle Rapid Station. From there, ride the free Circle Link to the Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Blvd., 44106.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$14 for age 6-12. Advance tickets are on sale in person at the Western Reserve Historical Society box office, and at Ticketmaster on-line and in-person locations.

To get a discount on adult admission, ride RTA to the exhibit. Purchase your ticket at the WRHS box office, show your All-Day Pass, and receive a \$4 discount on adult admission.

The exhibit, which runs through Sept. 7, includes more than 200 historical items, including art and object from St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican museums, and the Swiss Guard.

It is one of the largest collections of art, documents and historically significant objects from the Vatican ever to tour North America, and officials say this may be its final appearance in the United States. Cleveland is one of only three cities to host the event.

Vatican Splendors hours:

- Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Last entry is at 7 p.m.
- Thursday- Sunday, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Last entry is at 5 p.m.

For more information, go to wrhs.org or vaticansplendors.com