

RTA news briefs

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Memorial Day service

On Monday, May 28, RTA will operate Sunday/holiday service. For more information, log on to the automated trip planner at rideRTA.com, or call the RTAanswerline, 216-621-9500.

Meetings open

Board meetings are open to the public. They are held at RTA Main Office Building, 1240 W. 6th St.

- **Tuesday, May 1**, 9 a.m., Committees meet.
- **Tuesday, May 15**, 9 a.m., full Board meets.

The 20-member volunteer Citizens Advisory Board meets at 8:30 a.m. May 10.

Vote!

Many cities and suburbs will hold a primary election on Tuesday, May 8. The ballot will include important issues and candidates. Please learn as much as you can, then be sure to vote on May 8.

Watch for the new RTV

A prototype of the new 60-foot Rapid Transit Vehicle (RTV) will be in Cleveland for two months of testing, starting in mid-May. The Silver Line vehicle is articulated, with a state-of-the-art design. There will be several opportunities for public viewing.

Smoke-free

All RTA property is smoke-free. This includes all indoor and outdoor rail stations, transit centers, Park-N-Ride facilities, bus shelters, buses and trains. Transit Police enforce these rules and issue tickets when necessary.

Remember rules for RTA's 'rack and roll'

Spring is here, and that means bicyclists will again depend on RTA to help them reach their destination.

More than 12,000 bicycle trips were taken on RTA buses and trains last summer, and even more trips are expected this summer.

Buses:

All RTA buses, except trolleys and Paratransit vehicles, are equipped with racks that hold two bikes each, with access 24/7.

Rail:

Bicycles can be taken on all RTA trains, except during certain rush hours (7-8 a.m. and 4:30-5:30 weekdays), and during some special events, when the crowded train conditions do not permit safe boarding.

New this year:

RTA is partnering with the City of Cleveland, as part of its "City Racks/City Seats" program, and some 60 bike racks are being installed at Rapid Transit stations and bus loops in Cleveland.

Check the Web:

All rules and guidelines for using RTA's "Rack-n-Roll" program are available at rideRTA.com. To review these rules, go to: RideRTA.com > Riding Options > Bike

Forgetting something?

If you think you might have left an item on a bus or train, call **216-566-5272**. Describe what you're missing and a RTA staffer will check for your lost item. This includes bicycles left on buses as part of the "Rack-N-Roll" program.

Lost & Found is located in RTA's Tower City Station.



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Happy birthday! Downtown trolleys finish great first year

Q: What is green, popular, fun and free?

A: RTA's downtown trolleys. They celebrated their first birthday in April.

Trolley ridership is approaching 4,000 daily. Only 700 riders a day used the former loop buses.

Trolley rides remain "free with a smile," thanks to the generous support of the Corner Alley and the 4th Street Bar & Grill, which has underwritten all passenger cash fares since December.

The trolleys have attracted national attention within the transit industry. RTA General Manager Joe Calabrese calls them "a transit success story," and notes, "they are showing people that transit can be fun and easy-to-use."

E-Line trolley

- E= Entertainment, Education and Euclid Avenue
- 7 a.m.-11 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Serves the Warehouse District, Public Square and Euclid Avenue to CSU

B-Line trolley

- B= Business route
- 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Operates on West Sixth Street, Superior Avenue, East 12th Street and Lakeside Avenue
- Serves City Hall, the Federal Building and other offices

Ride RTA to these Cleveland-area events

For service info, visit rideRTA.com and use the automated trip planner. For more details, call the RTA Answerline, 216-621-9500.

At Jacobs Field

- **May 1-3, 15-17, 18-19, 31**, 7 p.m.
- **May 20**, 1 p.m.

Park free at most rail stations. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass. Ride any rail line to Tower City and take the Walkway to Gateway.
<http://cleveland.indians.com/>

At Quicken Loans Arena

- **May 19**, 8 p.m., Andre Rieu concert

Park free at most rail stations. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass. Ride any rail line to Tower City and take the Walkway to Gateway.
thearena.com

In downtown Cleveland

- **May 18-19**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., and 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Marathon Expo, Convention Center.
- **May 20**, 7 a.m., Rite Aid Marathon, starts at East 13th Street and St. Clair Avenue,
- **May 25-29**, Tops Great American Rib Cook Off, Tower City Amphitheater

Park free at most rail stations. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass. Ride any rail line to Tower City. Ride free on the B-Line trolley weekdays to the Convention Center.
clevelandmarathon.com
cleveland.com/rib/

At Historic Shaker Square, Cleveland

- **Saturdays**, 8 a.m.-noon, Farmers Market

Park free at most rail stations. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass. Ride the Blue or Green light-rail lines to Shaker Square, or hop on bus routes #48/48A, #25B/W or #823.
Shakersquare.net

At Crocker Park, Westlake

- **Saturdays**, Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **May 6**, noon- 4 p.m., blood drive, Borders

Ride the #46 or #822 (Mon.-Sat.)

crockerpark.com/events

Wolstein Center at CSU, 2000 Prospect Ave.

- **May 5**, 8 p.m., Comedy tour

Park free at most rail stations. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass, ride any rail line to Tower City. Ride bus routes #8, #25, #55X
wolsteincenter.com

At Great Lakes Science Center, 601 Erieside Ave.

- **Through Sept. 3**, Baseball as America

Park free at most rail stations. 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 East Ninth Street
greatscience.com

University Circle

- **May 24-28**, Flower Show, Botanical Garden

Park free at most rail stations. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass. Ride the Red Line to the University Circle station, then hop on #38 or take the free Circle Link shuttle.
universitycircle.org

At the House of Blues, 308 Euclid Ave.

- **Concerts held nightly**

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

Euclid Avenue: Open for business

Despite the construction, merchants along Euclid Avenue are open for business.

They offer some unique goods and services, and all are easily accessible by the E-Line trolley.

Selah Salon & Spa bills itself as a place to “pause, meditate, celebrate.” Soft music, pleasant surroundings and fine furniture help set the mood for you to relax and unwind. The professional staff invites you to come in for a free tour and discuss your needs.

The full-service, customer-oriented spa includes care for your nails, hair and face, massages, body treatments and tanning.

Details: Statler Arms Building, 1127 Euclid Ave., 216-830-0000. Open noon-7 p.m. Monday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Other times by appointment.

Sacred Path Books & Art offers religious-oriented, inspirational and meditation books, artwork by local artists, and necklaces, jewelry and Bibles. These items “speak to the celebration of life and faith,” owners say.

Details: 2242 Euclid Ave., in Trinity Commons, across from CSU, between Café Ah Roma and Ten Thousand Villages. 216-774-0470. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday.

A high-performance car needs high-octane fuel, and a high-performance person needs high-octane food. That is the reason the **Octane Café** provides “fuel for life.”

The café promises quick, tasty, healthy meals and drinks for persons who seek good nutrition to support an active lifestyle. The cafe offers nutritionally balanced sandwich wraps, salads, soups, snacks, premium smoothies, blended coffees and nutritional supplements in a refreshing atmosphere.

Details: 528 Euclid Ave., at the entrance to the Colonial Marketplace. 216-621-8282, octanecafe.com. Open 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.