

Save gas \$\$, let RTA take you to these events

At Browns' Stadium

- **Nov. 13**, 8:30 p.m., Browns vs. Pittsburgh, ESPN
- **Nov. 27**, 1 p.m., Browns vs. Minnesota, CBS
- Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3 All-Day Pass, ride any rail line to Tower City and take the Waterfront Line to the Stadium. Or, park free at five sites, and ride flyer buses to the Stadium

At Quicken Loans Arena

- **Nov. 1, 6, 12, 17, 19**, 7:05 p.m., Barons games
- **Nov. 2, 9, 15, 18, 22, 30**, 7 p.m., Cavaliers
- **Nov. 3**, 7:30 p.m., Keith Urban concert
- **Nov. 8**, 7:30 p.m., Bon Jovi concert
- **Nov. 10**, 8 p.m., Celtic Tiger concert
- **Nov. 11, 26**, 7:30 p.m., Cavaliers games
- **Nov. 13, 27**, 5:05 p.m., Barons games
- **Nov. 26**, 1:05 p.m., Barons vs. Manitoba
- Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3 All-Day Pass. Ride any rail line to Tower City and take the Walkway to Gateway.

Downtown events

- **Nov. 26**, 10 a.m., Holiday parade. 6 p.m., Holiday lighting ceremony, Public Square.
- Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3 All-Day Pass. Ride any rail line to Tower City and Public Square.

At Wolstein Center, 2000 Prospect Ave.

- **Nov. 7, 14, 23**, 7 p.m., Women's basketball, CSU
- **Nov. 11-12**, 7:30 p.m., National Professional Rodeo Association Broncs & Bulls World Challenge
- **Nov. 19, 26**, 5:30 p.m., Men's basketball, CSU
- **Nov. 27**, 3 p.m., Women's basketball, vs. Hillsdale
- **Nov. 30**, 7 p.m., Men's basketball, vs. Central MI
- Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3 All-Day Pass, ride any rail line to Tower City. Ride bus routes #8, #14, #25, #33, #32X, #247 Loop

Love at the Q? Williams sisters here

At 8 p.m. on Dec. 1, RTA will provide transit service to a first-time event. The McDonald's® Williams Sisters Tour, presented by FirstMerit Bank, will feature a tennis match between world superstars Venus and Serena Williams and a performance by world-renowned jazz saxophonist Mike Phillips.

The show will benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities®, in conjunction with McDonald's World Children's Day®

Phillips' album, *Uncommon Denominator*, is in stores now. Additional entertainment will be announced.

Prior to the show, Venus and Serena will participate in local community activities, helping to raise money and awareness for local organizations.

Call Ticketmaster, 216-241-2121.

CMA @ RTA on Nov. 8

The world-famous Cleveland Museum of Art is closing from January to June 2006 for a \$258 million renovation and expansion, but the artwork in its permanent collection will still be on display – at RTA.

About 43 posters, with images of works of art from the Museum's permanent collection, will on display at Red Line Rapid Stations after Nov. 8.

The promotion, called CMA @ RTA, begins that day with a noon ceremony at Tower City.

The posters will be visible as passengers wait on the platform for the next train. They will remain on display until the Museum re-opens next summer.

The Museum's landmark building is at 11150 East Blvd. For more info, visit www.cma.org.

Rider's Digest



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Ride RTA to shop, view holiday events

East Side, West Side and Downtown – RTA is your ticket to holiday fun in November.

On Nov. 19, both Crocker Park and Shaker Square host lighting ceremonies with visits from Santa. In Westlake, the event starts at 7:30 p.m. Use the #46 bus.

The 6 p.m. Shaker Square event includes a holiday lighting and pyrotechnic display, a 55-foot tree, Singing Angels, Santa Claus and special gifts for 500 people in the crowd. Ride any light-rail train to Shaker Square, or hop on bus routes #48, #25 or the #821 Community Circulator.

Nov. 26 will be busy downtown. RTA will operate extra rail service to accommodate the crowds.

Because of construction, the route for the traditional morning holiday parade will switch to Superior Ave. this year. The exact time will be announced.

Events on Public Square start at 5 p.m. with a pre-show, and end at 6:50 p.m. with fireworks and a laser display. In between, people will be treated to popular singer Tom Jones as the master of ceremonies, a candlelight parade of horse-drawn carriages, and a visit by Santa to light up the Square.

There will also be singing groups in the BP atrium, and at Tower City. A Cavaliers game starts at 7 p.m.

Many downtown streets will be closed, and driving may be difficult. RTA bus service will be interrupted on many routes. For details, visit rideRTA.com or call 216-621-9500.



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
www.rideRTA.com

Rail schedules change

All RTA rail schedules changed on Oct. 30.

The new schedules are part of RTA's on-going efforts to improve reliability and on-time performance. The new schedules will help to handle increased rail ridership.

The hours of service operation will not change. Frequency will continue to be 7-15 minutes during rush hour and 15-30 minutes during off-peak times.

To obtain a new schedule, go to:

- RTA's Customer Service Center at the Tower City Station. Representatives will be there from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and the timetable display is open at all hours.
- RTA's Main Office, 1240 W. Sixth St.
- www.rideRTA.com

To receive a timetable by mail, call the RTAnswerline, 216-621-9500, from 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday.

CAB position open

RTA is seeking applicants to fill a volunteer position on the Citizens Advisory Board, a 20-member group that meets monthly to advise RTA on service and related issues.

Applicants should have an interest in public transit and RTA, care about serving the community, and be able to volunteer 4-6 hours a month.

If you are interested, call 216-566-5220. For background on the Board, go to www.rideRTA.com. Select "More About RTA", and then "Citizens Advisory Board."

New rail station opens

RTA's new Red Line rail station at E. 105th St. and Quincy Ave. is scheduled to open at 10 a.m. on Nov. 4th. If this station affects your commute, go to www.rideRTA.com, or call the RTAnswerline, 216-621-9500.

RTA seeks part-time bus operators

Applications for part-time bus operators will be available at a Job Fair from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Nov. 3 on the first floor of the Main Office Building, 1240 W. Sixth St.

Other positions may be available.

For more information, visit www.rideRTA.com, or call 216-566-5284.

Bring these items with you:

- Official driving record from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles
- Current original county criminal history report, from the Sheriff's Department, third floor, Justice Center, open from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Permanent or temporary Commercial Drivers License (Class A or B).

W. 117th St. Station construction begins

RTA has started a \$4.7 million reconstruction of an historic rail station at W. 117th St., on the Cleveland-Lakewood border.

The station will remain open during the 24-month construction period. Federal funds will pay for 80 percent of the work.

When it opened in 1955, the station represented the western end of the Red Line. The new station will be called Highland Square at W. 117th St., a reference to a neighborhood name used in the 1800s.

The station will be reconstructed, and renovations will be made to the passenger tunnel, bus loop and parking lot.

The red brick exterior will complement earlier period architecture that has since been reconditioned, renovated and reused. The design reflects nearby manufacturing plants, and keeps the flavor of the neighborhood. The station will resemble an early rail powerhouse.

A large mural depicting various scenes from the station's past will be located in the tunnel.

The new ADA-compliant station will feature:

- A more open and spacious tunnel.
- The floor will radiate heat, minimize maintenance and save taxpayer money.
- 170 parking spaces
- A large elevator with glass panels

- A bus loop entrance 250 feet away from the intersection, increasing safety.
- A bus drop-off point right in front of the station.
- New canopies for passengers who need to walk from the station to waiting buses.
- An energy-efficient LED neon light, with the RTA graphic, on top of the station.
- A heated waiting area for up to 50 persons on the platform level.

"Our community had a great experience in working with RTA on the design of this new station. Where riders had a dark and unwelcoming experience in the past, the new design is highly visible, attractive and easy to access. With the relocated entry for vehicles, the intersection of Madison and West 117th will be greatly improved, safety-wise, for vehicles and pedestrians," says Anita Brindza, Director of Cudell Improvement Inc.

As construction progresses, the parking area will be reduced, and some customers may want to use nearby stations at W. 98th St. and W. 65th St.

The station entrance will shift to a stairwell on the west side of the W. 117th St.

Design work is progressing on new Red Line rail stations at Brookpark, Puritas and E. 55th St. Construction of a new light-rail station has also begun at Shaker Square.