

Viaduct (Continued from front)

Plan your trip accordingly. Give yourself enough time to reach your destination. Bus service will be frequent, but it will depend on traffic along the route.

You may want to consider OhioRideShare, a carpool service sponsored by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), or other RTA bus routes that serve the area between West 25th Street and downtown.

More information will be announced. You can also go to rideRTA.com or call 216-621-9500.

RTA now offers QR codes

RTA now offers Quick Response (QR) codes at Red, Blue and Green line Rapid Transit stations, all Park-N-Rides and Transit Centers, as well as HealthLine stations.

A QR code is a two-dimensional barcode, made of small black squares and rectangles, arranged in a square on a white background that typically leads to text, a URL or other information. In RTA's case, QR codes lead to a specific map and/or route information.

To read a QR code, point a smart phone with a downloadable QR reader app at the QR code and scan or snap a picture. The QR reader quickly directs you to that route and schedule information on www.riderta.com.

"This adds to ways we can help customers," said Joe Calabrese, CEO and General Manager. "We already offer a Web site, Commuter Alerts for rail passengers, scheduled departure signs at Rapid Transit Stations and HealthLine stations, and customer service help at the RTAanswerline, 216-621-9500. The QR Codes are another way we keep the lines of communications open for our customers."

Disability celebration set for Oct. 13 at CCC

RTA and other vendors will be at Cuyahoga Community College on Oct. 13 for the annual celebration of disability awareness. October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This year's theme: Profit by Investing in Workers with Disabilities.

The event runs from 9 a.m.–noon in the Performing Arts Center at CCC's Eastern Campus, 4250 Richmond Road, Highland Hills.

This year's program features presentations by:

- Jeff Moyer, a commentator for National Public Radio and a disability rights advocate.
- Mary Verdi-Fletcher and the group, Dancing Wheels.

The event is free and open to the public. Reservations are encouraged. To RSVP, call Judy Karpowicz, CCC, 216-987-4772.

Special Needs Fair Oct. 15

Learning Differently, a special needs awareness fair, will be held from 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Wolstein Center, 2000 Prospect Ave., Cleveland State University.

The event includes entertainment, refreshments, giveaways, and information on local services, academics and behavioral issues.

A guest speaker will provide updates on disabilities and the academic transformation plan.

The event is aimed at any care-giver or child in special education in the Cleveland schools.

For details, call 216-592-7265, or send e-mail to sefamilst@aol.com.



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Repairs to close Viaduct for 5 days

RTA routinely replaces track on its 37 miles of rail. When that track is on top of the viaduct over the Cuyahoga River, the work is far from routine.

RTA is using three low ridership days during the Columbus Day weekend to anchor a 5-day viaduct shutdown on Oct. 8-12. Crews from the nationally-recognized firm of Delta Railroad in Ashtabula will replace track and a crossover in a section of the viaduct.

"This location makes the work very unique," says Michel Schipper, Deputy General Manager of Engineering and Project Development. "Some of the track is hard to access, and we cannot use single-tracking. This rehab work will help us ensure the quality and integrity of the line."

During the shutdown, replacement buses will operate between the West 25th Street Rapid Station, 2350 Lorain Ave., and Tower City – a distance of about 1.5 miles. The bus schedule will mirror the Red Line operating times.

Buses will not pick up passengers enroute. At Tower City, buses will stop on the north side of West Prospect Avenue, close to the Rotunda escalator and elevator that serve the Tower City Station.

Service will be maintained between the West 25th Street Station and Hopkins Airport and on the East Side.

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Plenty of sports action on October calendar

October has much to offer Cleveland sports fans – 2 football games, 6 ice hockey matches, 3 basketball games and 1 women’s football contest. RTA is the best way to reach all this sports action.

How to reach Browns Stadium

The Browns play home games at 1 p.m. Oct. 2 and 23. RTA hosts a tailgate party at 10 a.m. before each game at the South Harbor Station on the Waterfront Line. Ride the HealthLine to Tower City, or park for free at a rail station, and take any rail line into Tower City. From there, ride the Waterfront Line to the South Harbor Station, enjoy free hot dogs, soft drinks and sports talk on ESPN radio, 850 AM, WKNR. Then, go to the 1 p.m. game.

How to reach Quicken Loans Arena

Quicken Loans Arena is the home of the Lake Erie Monsters of the American Hockey League (AHL), the Cleveland Cavaliers of the National Basketball Association (NBA), and the Cleveland Crush of the Lingerie Football League (LFL).

To reach the Arena, ride the HealthLine to Public Square, and walk south on Ontario Street.

OR, park for free at a rail station, and take any rail line into the Tower City Station. From there, walk through Tower City and the Walkway to Gateway, into your Arena seat. No matter what the weather, you’ll stay warm and dry.

Service home is guaranteed for 90 minutes after the event ends.

The schedules

BROWNS: 1 p.m. Oct. 2 and 1 p.m. Oct. 23

MONSTERS: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 7; 6 p.m. Oct. 8; 7:30 p.m. Oct. 14; 7 p.m. Oct. 26; 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28; 2 p.m. Oct. 30.

CAVALIERS: 7 p.m. Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 15, 7 p.m. Oct. 27, all pre-season games.

CRUSH: 8 p.m., season opener.

Downtown offers family entertainment

The center of downtown Cleveland – Quicken Loans Arena and the Terminal Tower – offers 15 days of quality family entertainment and attractions this month with the circus, Disney on Ice, and viewing at the Terminal Tower Observation Deck.

Hop on the HealthLine

To reach the Arena, ride the HealthLine to Public Square, and walk two blocks south on Ontario Street.

To reach the Terminal Tower, just step off the HealthLine and walk right in to Cleveland’s icon. HealthLine service operates 24/7.

Riding the rail

Park for free at a rail station, and take any rail line into the Tower City Station. From there, walk through Tower City and the Walkway to Gateway, into your Arena seat. No matter what the weather, you’ll stay warm and dry.

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The shows

Disney on Ice show times are 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Oct. 1, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Oct. 2. The Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus runs from Oct. 19-23. Weekday shows are at 7:30 p.m., with performances at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Terminal Tower Observation Deck

For the best view of downtown, visit the Terminal Tower Observation Deck weekends through Dec. 18. Most tickets will be sold online, with only a few available at the door. Tickets cost \$5 each. To purchase tickets online:

- For noon-5 p.m. Saturdays, go to <http://terminaltowerdeck.eventbrite.com>
- For noon-4 p.m. Sundays, go to <http://terminaltowerdecksun.eventbrite.com>

Register to vote by Oct. 11

In order to vote in the Nov. 8 general election, you must be registered. The deadline to register to vote is 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11. To register, you must:

- Be a US citizen
- Be age 18 or older on Election Day
- Reside in the county for at least 30 days

You can register at many sites throughout the county -- city halls, libraries, high schools, boards of education, and social service agencies.

To download a voter registration card, go to <http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us> and click on “voter registration card” in the blue panel near the middle of the page. Questions? call 216-443-3298.

Voting by mail

The deadline to apply to vote by mail is Nov. 5. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 7.

Voting in person

On Oct. 4 or 18, voting in person begins at the County Board of Elections, 2925 Euclid Ave. The exact date has not yet been set.

On Nov. 8, polls are open 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

HealthLine race set in Midtown on Oct. 15

The annual MidTown Cleveland HealthLine Classic 10k/5k Race will be held Saturday, Oct. 15, on Euclid and Prospect avenues.

The race begins and ends in the heart of MidTown, at Prospect Avenue and Prospect Road. The course runs along Euclid Avenue, showcasing the HealthLine and historic Prospect Avenue.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. at MidTown Cleveland, 3634 Euclid Ave. The race starts at 8:30 a.m.

You can register on-line by Oct. 14 at www.hermescleveland.com. For details, go to www.midtowncleveland.org/events or call 216-623-9933.