

Ride RTA to these special events

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Wade Oval, University Circle

- **Oct. 13-14**, Fall for the Circle
- Park free at most rail stations. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass. Ride the Red Line to the University Circle station. Take the free Circle Link shuttle to the event site.
- universitycircle.org

At Quicken Loans Arena

(all Cavs games are pre-season)

- **Oct. 7**, Blue Man Group
- **Oct. 10**, Cavs vs. Boston
- **Oct. 14**, Cavs vs. Washington
- **Oct. 17**, Cavs vs. Tel Aviv
- **Oct. 20-29**, Ringling Brothers Circus
- **Oct. 31**, Red Hot Chili Peppers
- 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.
- theqarena.com

Wolstein Center at CSU, 2000 Prospect Ave.

- **Oct. 12**, MERCYME concert tour
- **Oct. 21**, Festival of Freedom
- **Oct. 28**, Barenaked Ladies
- Park free at most rail stations. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass, ride any rail line to Tower City, ride bus routes #8, #25B/W,
- wolsteincenter.com

At Historic Shaker Square, Cleveland

- **Oct. 21**, Lego Imagination Day, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Play Matters Toy Store
- Park free at most rail stations. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass. Ride the Blue or Green light-rail lines

Nominations being sought

The deadline to nominate RTA employees for the 2006 General Manager's Customer Service Award is Jan. 8, 2007.

Nomination forms and rules are available at the RTA Main Office, 1240 W. Sixth St.; the Customer Service Center at the Tower City Station, or at rideRTA.com.

to Shaker Square, or hop on bus routes #48/48A, #25B/W or #821.

- Shakersquare.net

At Browns Stadium

- **Oct. 22**, Denver Broncos
- **Oct. 29**, New York Jets
- Park free at most rail stations. Buy a \$3.50 All-Day Pass. Ride the Waterfront Line to the West 3rd Street Station
- www.clevelandbrowns.com

At Little Italy

- **Oct. 9**, Art Walk and Columbus Day Parade
- Ride the #9X bus
- Ride the #821 Community Circulator, which serves the University Circle station on the Red Line, and the Shaker Square Station on the Blue/Green lines

At Crocker Park, Westlake

- **Saturdays**, North Union Farmers Market
- **Oct. 8**, Fund-raiser, Race for the Cure
- Ride the #46, #822 (Mon.-Sat.)
- crockerpark.com



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Are YOU registered to vote on Nov. 7 ?

RTA and the League of Women Voters Cleveland Education Fund want to make it easier for people to register to vote on Nov. 7.

The deadline to register is 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10. About 200,000 persons use RTA on an average weekday, and about 30,000 persons go through the Tower City Station – the focus of much of the activity.

On Oct. 2-4, the League of Women Voters will staff a table at the Tower City Station, encouraging you to vote. They will be from 7:30-10 a.m. and 3:30-6:30 p.m..

RTA will also distribute 800 flyers encouraging you to vote, and registration cards will be placed in transit vehicles.

"Voting is at the very heart of our democracy," says Joe Calabrese, RTA CEO and General Manager. "We are pleased to work with the League of Women Voters to make it easier for persons to vote.

"There are two important changes in voting rules for this election. All voters must show ID and anyone can vote an absentee ballot," says Sharon McGraw, Executive Director at the League of Women Voters' Cleveland Education Fund. "We are delighted that RTA is helping us get this message to voters."

To reach the League of Women Voters, call 216-781-8375, or visit lwvcef.org.

RTA finishes two major projects on Shaker Square

RTA has completed two transit-related projects on the historic Shaker Square – one of the first and finest examples of transit-oriented development in the nation.

More than 5,000 persons use the Shaker Square Station each day. RTA spent \$750,000 to make the light-rail station ADA accessible. Federal funds paid for 80 percent of the work, which includes the installation of a powered wheelchair lift, wide wheelchair ramp, sidewalk ramps, signage and

tactile tiles.

The work is part of an ongoing effort by RTA to make more of its key passenger facilities ADA accessible. All RTA vehicles are ADA-compliant.

For the other project, the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency provided RTA with a \$360,000 grant from transit enhancement funds to upgrade and enhance landscaping on the light-rail median strip between the Shaker Square station and the Coventry station.

Euclid Corridor to receive three pieces of public art

RTA has awarded contracts for three stand-alone public artworks for the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project. The \$600,000 of public art will be displayed in East Cleveland, University Circle and Playhouse Square.

Artist Stephen Manka and the Manka Design Studio will be paid \$150,000 for an eight-foot lighted sculpture project near Playhouse Square.

Artists Scott Murase and the Murase Studio will be paid about \$250,000 for a sandstone wall and mound landscape in University Circle.

Artists Nina Yankowitz and Barry Holden of

Studio NY, LLC will be paid \$150,000 to construct four granite seating sculptures and motion-detected spheres on RTA property near the Windermere Rapid Station, the East Cleveland Public Library and the Head Start Center. Electronic sensors in the spheres will detect motion and cause poetry to be recited.

About 80 percent of the work will be paid with federal funds. Following federal guidelines, about one percent of the total construction budget has been set aside for public art.

Spanish language option added to RTA phone service

RTA's interactive voice response (IVR) phone service, part of the RTAanswerline, can now help people in two languages.

Callers can now learn about RTA services in both English and Spanish. The extra option was prompted by the growing number of Hispanic callers to 216-621-9500.

Two of the 12 operators in the Telephone Information Center are bilingual. The staff handles an average of 2,000 calls on weekdays and 900 on Saturdays.

RTA can now add important messages and service messages at the beginning of the recording. New software helps reduce the number of busy signals

and shortens the time callers are on hold.

The new software also makes it easier to find your stop number, so it is easier to get "next bus" information. For instance, the stop number for RTA's Main Office Building is 8957.

All RTA meetings are open

RTA's Board meetings are open to the public. They are held at RTA Main Office Building, 1240 W. Sixth St.

- Tuesday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m., Committee meeting.
- Tuesday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m., Regular Board meeting

West Side riders benefit from new Triskett garage

RTA's \$25 million state-of-the-art bus garage on Cleveland's West Side is marking its first anniversary.

The Triskett Garage, visible from I-90, is located at 13405 Lakewood Heights Blvd., on the Cleveland-Lakewood border near the Triskett Rapid Station.

Triskett is home to more than 500 employees. Its 205 buses serve 25 bus routes on Cleveland's West Side and Western Cuyahoga County, including popular Park-N-Ride lots in Westlake and North Olmsted

The garage features:

- A traffic signal for bus pullout on Lakewood Heights Blvd.
- Space for fueling and washing the buses inside the garage, a move made possible by the larger facility and better ventilation.
- Three bus wash machines that recycle 80 percent of the water.
- A backup electric generator.
- An elevator to the second floor offices.
- A dedicated corridor for operators to use in the bus area, thus increasing safety.
- A locker and shower area for operators
- Rubberized tile floors to increase safety, durability and maintenance
- Architecture that matches the adjacent Triskett Rapid Station.
- 225,000 square feet, up from the 150,000 square feet in the former garage.
- Enclosed parking lot for increased security.
- A unique open dispatch area.
- A larger employee lounge with an outdoor patio
- Articulated bus lifts that can handle up to 75,000 pounds.