

Disability Awareness Day Oct. 20 at Tri-C East

RTA is a sponsor of the Ninth Annual Disability Awareness Day, from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at Cuyahoga Community College. The theme is "Workers with Disabilities: Ready for Tomorrow's Jobs, Today!". Cost is \$25. Call 216-987-2034.

Ride RTA to see the Browns

The Browns host the Bears Oct. 9, and Detroit Lions Oct. 23. Both games start at 1 p.m.

For each game, RTA offers extra rail service starting at 11 a.m. Waterfront Line trains drop off riders at the West Third Street Station, across the street from the Browns Stadium. A \$3 All-Day Pass, which includes unlimited ridership, is available from every farebox.

RTA offers more than 7,000 free parking spaces at rail stations and park-and-ride lots. Flyer buses at four sites leave at 11:30 a.m.; buses at Solon leave at 11:15 a.m. After the game, fans board buses on the north side of Lakeside Ave., near Mall C, and return home. The service leaves from these sites.

Solon Square lot, Rt. 43 at Solon Blvd.

Strongsville Park-N-Ride lot on Pearl Road.

Brecksville Municipal Parking lot, Rt. 21.

North Olmsted Park-N-Ride lot, I-480 and Great Northern Blvd.

Westlake Park-N-Ride lot, on Sperry Road.

For service information, go to www.rideRTA.com.

Thanks for giving

RTA thanks its employees and customers for helping in the Sept. 6-7 blood drive. We had many first-time donors and collected a total of 54 pints of blood. Because one pint of blood can be separated to save the lives of up to three people, we touched the lives of 162 patients and their family and friends.

Poets sought for bus project

RTA and the Poets' & Writers' League of Greater Cleveland (PWLGC) are looking for poets to display their work on buses for *Moving Minds: Verse and Vision Project*.

Twelve entries will be selected and displayed on cards designed by the American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA).

Each writer can submit 4-6 pieces of up to 8 lines each, legibly typed on standard 8-1/2" x 11" white paper.

No e-mail submissions will be accepted. Each entry should include the author's name, address, phone number and e-mail address on each page.

If the submission has been previously published, please indicate where. Work will not be returned.

Entries must be received by Nov. 15. Mail the entries to RTA Bus Card Project, c/o Poets' & Writers' League, 12200 Fairhill Road, Townhouse #3A, Cleveland, OH 44120.

Send questions to pwlgc@yahoo.com, or call 216-421-0403. The project was initiated by RTA's Citizen Advisory Board.

Smell that clean air!

RTA reached an important milestone last month. All 839 vehicles now operate on environmentally friendly fuel.

108 rail cars operate on electricity, 160 buses operate on compressed natural gas (CNG), 494 big buses and 77 Paratransit vehicles operate on ultra-low-sulfur diesel fuel.

RTA began using CNG in 1990. It began using clean diesel fuel as a pilot project on May 1, 2002, and its use has grown steadily since then.

RTA buses are fueled at four large garages—Hayden in East Cleveland, Paratransit and Triskett in Cleveland, and Harvard in Cuyahoga Heights.



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"We apologize"

Aug. 28 should have been our finest day – but it wasn't.

On that date, RTA initiated major changes to improve service in several parts of the county, especially the Northwest suburbs. On the West Side of Cleveland, we also began using the new state-of-the-art Triskett garage, which is probably the largest such facility in several states.

The bottom line – too many changes were made at once, and for several weeks, we stumbled. Service suffered. You suffered. We apologize. We **can** do better, and we **will** do better.

RTA exists to serve you. No matter what other projects are on our plate, serving the customer with safe, reliable public transportation is always our core business.

We sincerely appreciate your on-going support and feedback. Thank you for letting us know how we are doing, and for keeping us on our toes. We need to keep hearing from you on a regular basis.

When all the bugs are worked out, I know you will enjoy the service enhancements that we have introduced.

Thank you for your patience.

Joe Calabrese
CEO & General Manager

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

For service information, visit www.rideRTA.com. For personalized scheduling, call the RTAanswerline, 216-621-9500.

At Jacob's Field, Tribe games

- **Oct. 1**, 7:05 p.m., vs. Chicago White Sox
- **Oct. 2**, 1:05 p.m., vs. Chicago White Sox
- Post-season games have not yet been scheduled.
- Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3 All-Day Pass, ride any rail line to Tower City and go to the Walkway to Gateway, www.indians.com

At Browns' Stadium

- **Oct. 9**, 1 p.m., Browns vs. Chicago Bears
- **Oct. 23**, 1 p.m., Brown vs. Detroit Lions
- 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 www.clevelandbrowns.com

At Gund Arena

- **Oct. 8**, 7:05 p.m., Barons vs. Rochester
- **Oct. 9**, 8 p.m. Nine Inch Nails concert
- **Oct. 12**, 7:05 p.m., Barons vs. Grand Rapids
- **Oct. 14**, 7:30 p.m., Cavaliers vs. Philadelphia
- **Oct. 15**, 7:05 p.m., Barons vs. Milwaukee
- **Oct. 19**, 7 p.m., Barons vs. Memphis
- **Oct. 21-30**, Ringling Brothers Circus
- Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3 All-Day Pass, and ride any rail line to Tower City and the Walkway to Gateway, www.gundarena.com

Community events

- **Oct. 8**, 6:30 a.m.-noon, Race for the Cure, Voinovich Park, North Coast Harbor. Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3 All-Day Pass, and ride any rail line to Tower City, transfer to the Waterfront Line, and exit at the North Coast Harbor Station on E. Ninth St., www.komenneohio.org

RTA offers Oct. 1 fun on West Side, East Side

WestFest at Zone Recreation Center

The Fairview/Lutheran Foundation and 20+ community partners present *WestFest* from 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Michael J. Zone Recreation Center, W. 65th St. & Lorain Ave.

To get there, park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3 All-Day Pass. Ride the Red Line to the EcoVillage Rapid Station at W. 65th St. and walk across Lorain Ave. Or, ride the #22 bus down Lorain Ave.

Admission is free. This family event includes food, music, dance, health information and fun. It will showcase the rich cultural landscape and history of local neighborhoods.

An Artists Village will display arts, crafts, and antiques.

Music and dance will be performed by Native Americans, Arab-Americans, Hispanics, Vietnamese, Eastern European, East Asians and African Americans.

There will be special areas for children's events, ethnic foods, and health-related information and free screenings. Local musicians will perform.

- **Oct. 14-16**, Fall for the Circle, University Circle. Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3 All-Day Pass. Ride the Red Line to the University Circle station, and transfer to either a Circle Link or the #821 Community Circulator. www.universitycircle.org.

At Historic Shaker Square, Cleveland

- **Oct. 1**, Noon-5 p.m., *Fallfest at the Square*
- **Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**, 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, North Union Farmers Market
- Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3 All-Day Pass. Ride the Blue or Green light-rail lines to Shaker Square, or hop on bus routes #48, #25 or the #821 Community Circulator.

Shaker Square hosts Fallfest

A fun-filled family event, *Fallfest at the Square*, runs 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1, on Shaker Square.

Park free at any rail station. Buy a \$3 All-Day Pass. Ride the Blue or Green light-rail lines to Shaker Square, or hop on bus routes #48, #25 or the #821 Community Circulator.

Shaker Square will be decorated with pumpkins, corn stalks, and a live scarecrow. Tents on the north and south lawns will house live entertainment, children's activities, and food and beverage samples from the Square's eateries.

Guests can sit on bales of hay to watch live entertainment, including folk songs and stories, bluegrass music, Passport Project's Global Dance and Music Collective, African drumming and dancing, storytelling by Baba Jubal Harris and more.

Other events: a children's fall craft project, pumpkin carving and painting, scavenger hunt, a roaming scarecrow handing out goodies, horse-drawn hayrides and a sidewalk sale.

At CSU's Wolstein Center, 2000 Prospect Ave.

- **Oct. 5**, 4-7 p.m., Business After Hours, display and networking event
- **Oct. 6**, 7 p.m., International Boxing
- **Oct. 8**, 7:30 p.m., Foo Fighters and Weezer
- Ride bus routes #8, #14, #25, #33, #32X, #247 Outer Loop, www.wolsteincenter.com

At Crocker Park, Westlake

- **Oct. 5, 8, 15, 22, 29**, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturdays, North Union Farmer's Market
- **Oct. 20**, 2-3 p.m., Radio Disney Kidz Party
- Ride the #46, #55F, or the #808, #822 community circulators