

## RTA service changes take effect on March 22

RTA will make minor schedule changes to some routes, effective March 22.

New timetables are needed for the #2, #5, #14, #19, #20A, #22, #45, #51, #52, #66 Red Line, #67 Blue and Green Lines, #70, #75, #76, #77, #83, #86, #88, #90F, #94, #135, #803, and #820.

### How to get a new timetable

- Posted on [rideRTA.com](http://rideRTA.com)
- RTA's Main Office, 1240 W. Sixth St.
- Customer Service Center at Tower City
- For information, or to receive a new timetable by mail, call the RTAnswerline, 216-621-9500

## Nominate a volunteer

April 1 is the deadline to submit nominations for the F. Robert Wiesenerger Community Volunteer award, sponsored by RTA and its Citizens Advisory Board (CAB).

The award is given in honor of the late Mr. Wiesenerger, who served on RTA's Advisory Board for more than 25 years. He was also active in the Rocky River city government, and served on committees throughout the county for more than 20 years.

### Nominees should:

- Be residents of Cuyahoga County.
- Perform volunteer work in this region.
- Have demonstrated a willingness to get involved, an unselfish giving of oneself, an ability to lead others, and a desire to enhance the quality of life in the community.

Nomination forms are available on-line at [riderta.com/CAB/cvaward.asp](http://riderta.com/CAB/cvaward.asp). They will be accepted from individuals as well as from organizations

## Ride RTA safely on St. Patrick's Day, follow these tips

RTA will add extra rail service to meet the increased demand on Tuesday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day.

Riders are encouraged to purchase a \$4.50 All-Day Pass. It is good for unlimited rides from its first use until 3 a.m. the next day.

No matter what pass or farecard you use, try to purchase it ahead of time. That will reduce the large number of people trying to purchase fare media that day.

If you plan on paying cash to board the bus or train, bring exact change.

Because of the large number of people using the Rapid, cyclists may want to consider another mode of transportation. Bicyclists will not be allowed on trains that carry full loads.

RTA offers more than 8,000 free parking places, but do not try to "squeeze in" if a lot is full. Look for an alternative station. Obey all signs. Transit Police will ticket and tow cars that block normal operations.

The parade will be on Superior Avenue, but crowds will be everywhere. Remember that new traffic patterns are in effect on Euclid Avenue. Use all crosswalks. Obey all signs.

Buses will be detoured off parade routes to nearby streets. Normal operations will resume as soon as possible.

Open beverage containers are not permitted on RTA vehicles or property. Transit Police will enforce regulations with uniformed and plainclothes officers.

For more info, use the automated trip planner at [rideRTA.com](http://rideRTA.com), or call the RTAnswerline, 216-621-9500.



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# Rider's Digest



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## Save a life March 4

Help save a life by giving blood to the American Red Cross from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the RTA Main Office Building, 1240 W. Sixth St.

The building is served by both trolley lines, so there is free transportation for anyone who works downtown. No appointments are necessary, just stop in.

For several years, RTA has coordinated a blood drive around Sept. 11. This year, RTA is adding a spring date, to underscore how critical the need is.

"The Red Cross needs to collect 900 pints a day to keep up with the demand from 57 hospitals in 19 Northern Ohio counties," says RTA General Manager Joe Calabrese.

"In January, because of poor economic conditions and bad weather, were 600 pints short of their goal. We want to work with our loyal downtown customers to help close the gap on that shortfall."

Nationally, only 3 out of every 10 eligible persons give blood, but every two seconds, someone in America needs blood.

Donors need to be at least 17 years old, and weigh 110 pounds. You can donate blood once every 8 weeks (56 days).

# Ride RTA to Rock Hall Induction Week events, event tickets now on sale

RTA is the best way to see events during the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Week 2009, March 26-April 4.

Here is the lineup for this historic week.

## Thursday, March 26

8:30 p.m. There's a Riot Going On, a vinyl tribute to Bobby Womack, at the Beachland Ballroom, 15711 Waterloo Road. Eli "Paperboy" Reed & The True Loves perform at 10 p.m. Call 216-383-1124 or go to ticketweb.com.

## Friday, March 27

B.B. King performs at 9 p.m. at the House of Blues, 308 Euclid Ave. Go to ticketmaster.com. Park free at many RTA rail stations, ride any Rapid Line into Tower City. The concert is a short walk from Tower City. It can also be reached on the HealthLine, which operates 24/7.

## Saturday, March 28

The popular Magic 105.7 Moondog Coronation Ball will be held at Quicken Loans Arena.

See live performances by Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee Little Richard, along with Three

Tickets are available to the public at all Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com or by calling 216-241-5555. Tickets are also be available at the Quicken Loans Arena box office during regular operating hours and the night of the show.

You can park free at many RTA rail stations, ride any Rapid Line into Tower City, and take the Walkway to the Q. Stay warm, safe and dry, and save money on parking and gas.

The original Moondog Coronation Ball was started by Cleveland disc jockey Alan Freed in 1952.

## Sunday, March 29

A free community gospel concert will honor Pastor Shirley Caesar, at a site to be announced. RTA provides convenient transportation to all major music venues in Cleveland. Caesar has recorded more than 40 albums. She will perform, and various choirs will honor her through music.

## Wednesday, April 1

The Rock Hall will open the world's first exhibit devoted to the life and music of Bruce Springsteen. The Waterfront Line provides convenient access to the Rock Hall seven days a week.

## Thursday, April 2

A free community concert will be held in the Wolstein Center, 2121 Prospect Ave., with performances by past Hall of Fame inductees. Several RTA bus routes serve the site, and it a short walk from the HealthLine on Euclid Avenue.

At 8 p.m., Wanda Jackson will perform at the Agora, 5000 Euclid Ave., The site is served 24/7 by RTA's HealthLine. For tickets, go to ticketmaster.com or call 216-881-6700.

## Friday, April 3

A special engagement with Little Anthony and the Imperials at the Agora, 5000 Euclid Ave., The site is served 24/7 by RTA's HealthLine. For tickets, go to ticketmaster.com or call 216-881-6700. The time will be announced.

## Saturday, April 4

The Rock Hall will be open free all day. RTA will operate extra service on the Waterfront Line.

The 24th annual Induction Ceremony will be held at Public Hall. It will be broadcast live to a national TV audience and streamed live to audiences around the world. This event has been SOLD OUT.

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## RTA: the best way to see college hoops or movie hits

Two major events will dominate downtown this month - the Mid-American Conference (MAC) basketball championships at Quicken Loans Arena, and the 33rd annual Cleveland International Film Festival at Tower City Cinemas.

For each event, RTA Rapid Transit offers free parking and direct Rapid service to Tower City. From there, basketball fans can use the convenient walkway to reach the Q.

### MAC basketball, March 10-15

Each of the 12 MAC colleges will send a men's and women's team to battle for the MAC Championship and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The event is celebrating its 10th anniversary in Cleveland.

Here is the MAC schedule:

#### Men's Basketball

- Tuesday, March 10: Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m.
- Thursday, March 13: Noon, 2:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

- Friday, March 13: 7:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 14: (final) 7 p.m.

#### Women's Basketball

- Wednesday, March 11: Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m.
- Friday, March 13: 9 a.m., and three other games
- Saturday, March 14: Noon and 2 p.m.
- Sunday, March 15: (final), 1 p.m.

## Rock hall overflow from column 1

Dog Night, Tommy James & the Shondells, and Herman's Hermits, starring Peter Noone and Jerry Butler perform.

## MAC - Movie Fest Overflow

For details, visit [www.mac-sports.com](http://www.mac-sports.com).

Film Festival, March 19-29

Festival officials have doubled the discount offered in previous years. RTA customers who show their Monthly Pass will now receive a \$2 discount on all tickets purchased. Ticket prices are \$10 for Film Festival members, students and seniors, and \$12 for non-members.

Use the code "RTA" when ordering tickets at [clevelandfilm.org](http://clevelandfilm.org), at 874-304-3456, or at the festival store.

More than 310 films will be shown. The event attracts more than 50,000 persons each year, and generates more than \$3.1 million of economic impact. It is the largest film event between New York and Chicago.