

IngenuityFest coming September 24-26

This year's IngenuityFest will be held Friday-Sunday, Sept. 24-26, on the lower level of the Veterans Memorial Bridge. The Subway level was used for streetcars until 1954. It has several entrances, and RTA can take you to them.

One entrance is on the Flats East Bank, on an extension of Superior Avenue just north of the Veterans Memorial Bridge. The road connects West Ninth Street with Old River Road, and is close to the Settler's Landing Station on the Waterfront Line. The Waterfront Line operates from 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Two other entrances are on the west side of the bridge, near the intersection of West 25th Street and Detroit Avenue. One is at the Bridge Garage of the County Engineer's Office, 2433 Superior Viaduct. The other is inside Massimo da Milano Restaurant, 1400 West 25th St.

Routes that provide service to those two entrances are #20, #22, #26, #35, #45, #79 & #81.

IngenuityFest hours are:

- Friday, 4 p.m.-1 a.m.
- Saturday, noon-1 a.m.
- Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

Admission is free. For more info, visit <http://ingenuitycleveland.com>.

RTA adds three bike shelters to rail stations

RTA has added new covered bike shelters to three rail stations, helping even more customers to want to both bike and ride on their daily commute.

Each shelter holds six bikes. They are at the Triskett, West 117th and Shaker Square Stations.

For more info, visit www.riderta.com/ro_bike.asp or call the RTAanswerline at 216-621-9500.

For your safety

Emergency procedures on the Red Line trains

All Red Line riders should take time to read these emergency evacuation procedures posted inside every rail vehicle.

- Listen for instructions from the operator, and follow them.
- Whenever possible, use the front door to exit the train.
- If evacuation through the front door of the train is not possible, exit the train using the four marked side doors – two in the front of the train and two at the back.
- Side door exit instructions, written in red, are located on a panel above the door at both ends of the car.

To open the side doors:

- Turn both release knobs counterclockwise on the panel over the door. They are clearly marked by red arrows.
- Pull down on the panel handle.
- Slide the doors open, and step out.

If you are not at a station platform when you step out:

- Be aware of a 4-foot drop to the track bed.
- Be aware of trains operating on nearby tracks, and stay clear of them.
- Be especially cautious if the train is on a bridge or other elevated structure.

Remember, do **not** use the train car's middle doors. They are clearly marked "*not an emergency exit.*"

Emergency procedures for Blue and Green line trains are slightly different, and will be published next month.



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ATU members reject tentative agreement

RTA officials are disappointed that the tentative labor agreement was not ratified by the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) membership.

The ATU represents approximately 1,700 bus operators, mechanics and related employees at RTA.

The 3-year contract would have frozen wages at current levels for the initial 18 months, and thereafter tied wage increases to increases in revenues.

The tentative agreement would have also increased employee contribution levels for health care 2 percent, from 12 percent to 14 percent.

RTA officials believe that given the national and local economic realities, the proposed agreement was fair, as it would have helped avoid cuts in service and employee layoffs in the near future.

Contract negotiations have been underway for 13 months.

In March, ATU members voted to not accept the recommendations of the state-appointed fact finder, which led to continued negotiations.

At this time, all the terms and conditions of the former contract continue until a new agreement is reached.

Garlic Festival's here Bring your own breath mints

RTA's Blue and Green lines are the best ways to get to Shaker Square – home of a Saturday morning farmers market and a Garlic Festival on Sept. 11-12. Both lines run through the center of Shaker Square, with service every 15 minutes.

The Green Line runs from Tower City to Green Road in Shaker Heights. The Blue Line extends from Tower City to the Warrensville-Van Aken intersection in Shaker Heights, near Beachwood.

RTA is a sponsor of the Garlic Festival, which celebrates "all things garlic," from 1-10 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, and noon-8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 12. The event includes:

- Garlic-themed food, from ice cream to oysters
- The Rocket Car from Euclid Beach
- Live music from local bands
- Children's activities

Promoters say that, because of the soil, Ohio garlic has special qualities. It is both healthy and delicious, and is considered by some to be the best garlic in the world.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for children age 3-12. For discount tickets, visit www.cleveland-garlicfestival.org.

You'll flip over this deal

The United Way of Greater Cleveland sponsors a pancake flip on Public Square from 7-10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2. They are offering RTA customers a deal that is sweeter than maple syrup.

Just present a valid RTA pass and get \$1 off the regular \$5 price for pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. Only one breakfast per pass. The \$4 you pay is a donation to the United Way and goes to help families in need.

The event is on the Southwest Quadrant, right outside Tower City. Cleveland VIPs and celebrities will flip and serve the pancakes. At 8 a.m., officials will kickoff this year's campaign.

Summer ends with a Labor Day weekend full of fun

• Cleveland Browns

At 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2, the Browns host the Chicago Bears. The Waterfront Line train serves the West Third Street Station next to Browns Stadium. That night, it will operate from 5 p.m. until midnight.

Riders can transfer to the Waterfront Line at Tower City, with service every 13 minutes. To reach the Waterfront Line at Tower City, you can:

- Hop on the HealthLine, ride to Tower City, and transfer to the Waterfront Line.
- Ride any bus heading downtown, and transfer to the Waterfront Line at Tower City.
- Park for free at many rail stations along the Red, Blue and Green lines. Ride to Tower City and transfer to the Waterfront Line.

Buy a \$5 All-Day Pass, especially if you need to transfer from the Red Line to the Waterfront Line. All-Day Passes offer unlimited ridership until 3 a.m. the following day.

• Cleveland National Air Show

The Cleveland National Air Show runs Saturday-Monday, Sept. 4-6, at Burke Lakefront Airport, 1501 North Marginal Road. Each day, gates open at 9 a.m. Show times are 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

From Tower City, ride RTA's Waterfront Line to the North Coast Station, 1180 East Ninth St., and walk about 20 minutes to Burke. Service on the Waterfront Line is every 30 minutes, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

To buy advance tickets at a discount, visit www.clevelandairshow.com, or call 216-781-0747.

RTA news in brief

LABOR DAY: On Monday, Sept. 6, RTA will operate a Sunday/holiday schedule. The Waterfront Line will operate, but the downtown trolleys will not. All offices and the RTAanswerline will be closed.

• Taste of Cleveland

The Taste of Cleveland festival runs Friday-Monday, Sept. 3-6, at the Time-Warner Cable Amphitheater at Tower City, 1887 West Third St. Hours are 11 a.m.-11 p.m. on Friday, noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and noon-8 p.m. on Monday. The event features food from than 30 restaurants, and musical entertainment. To reach the Taste of Cleveland:

- * Hop on the HealthLine and ride to Tower City.
- * Park for free at many rail stations on the Red, Blue and Green lines. Ride to Tower City.

The amphitheater is about a 20-minute walk south of Tower City. To obtain advance discount tickets, visit www.cleveland.com/tasteofcleveland, or call 440-247-2722.

• BODIES exhibit

To reach the educational, eye-catching BODIES exhibit:

- * Ride any Rapid line (Red, Blue or Green) to Tower City.
- * From there, walk five minutes to 340 Euclid Ave., next to the House of Blues.

* Or ride the state-of-the-art HealthLine, which operates 24/7 along Euclid Avenue.

Exhibit's hours through January are:

- * Sunday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
- * Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Tickets are \$22 for persons age 13 and older, with discounts for children, seniors, students, the military, school groups and private groups. For more info, go to www.BodiesCleveland.com.

RACK-N-ROLL: More than 4,700 persons took bicycles on buses and trains in July. Year-to-date bike-related trips total more than 20,700.

DING, DING: More than 82,000 persons rode the downtown trolleys in July.