



# CITIZENS for REGIONAL TRANSIT NEWS

published by Citizens Regional Transit Corporation  
P.O. Box 1186, Buffalo, NY 14231-1186  
crtc@citizenstransit.org http://citizenstransit.org/

Volume #7 Issue #4

April 2006

## Community Connections

The CRTC has a mission: we advocate for expansion of Metro Rail. To fulfill that goal, the CRTC often connects with community groups.

We find that every community group is always looking for ways to reach out to the public, in order to attract more members and to engage more people in their particular mission.

But since the CRTC is involved in transportation, we have to ask these groups:

- \* How do people reach your meetings?
- \* What features of the current transportation system help or hinder the activities of your group?
- \* What changes in the current transportation system would benefit your group?

These questions and more will be the focus of a roundtable sponsored by CRTC, the Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo, and the Center for Sustainable Communities (Daemen College).

Titled: "Just Transportation: Linking Communities," this roundtable discussion is planned for

**May 13, 2006  
8:30 AM-12:00 noon  
Daemen College, Wick Center  
4380 Main Street, Amherst**

and intended to bring together leaders of WNY religious, political, civic, academic and environmental organizations.

If you are a leader of such an organization, please accept this notice as your invitation. Registration is needed, in order to plan for your participation and refreshment.

Please **RSVP by May 5**, to the Wellness Institute: [wellness@city-buffalo.org](mailto:wellness@city-buffalo.org) FAX 851-4309

Many of us approach community service as a Lone Ranger, riding out with a trusty side-kick to take on the ills that beset our neighborhoods. And we wonder why little seems to be happening.

Leave the Lone Ranger behind, on May 13. Let's work together, so we will all succeed!

\*\*\*\*\*

## CRTC Monthly Meeting

**Tuesday, April 18  
12:00 Noon**

## "Transportation and the Quality Communities Initiative of NYS"

presented by

## Justin Booth, the Wellness Institute

Justin Booth is a Program Director for The Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo, Active Environments Director for Be Active NYS and a Board Member for the New York Bicycling Coalition. Justin holds his Graduate Degree in Health Education and for the past six years successfully coordinated activities focused on creating healthier environments.

Recent accomplishments have been the creation and passage of the City of Buffalo's Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board; awarding of a Quality Communities Grant to develop a bicycle, pedestrian and transit access plan for downtown Buffalo and founding Buffalo's Blue Bicycles.

**Join us!**

\*\*\*\*\*

**Citizens Regional Transit meets at:**

**3330 Main Street, corner NF Blvd., Buffalo**

University Presbyterian Church education wing  
Enter through the parking lot door, take elevator to "ML."

**CRTC meetings are free and open to the public.**

\*\*\*\*\*

**Niagara Frontier Chapter,  
National Railway Historical Society  
invites all:**

***Cleveland Traction 2006***  
**Ride the Greater Cleveland RTA**

**Saturday, June 10**

**8:30 AM depart Park&Ride lot, Thruway exit 49**  
**9:00 AM depart Holiday Inn, Camp Road, Hamburg**  
**9:00 PM return, Hamburg**  
**9:30 PM return, Thruway exit 49**

**Join us**, Saturday, June 10, day-long trip to Cleveland, Ohio, to ride the Regional Transportation Authority's (RTA) electric cars. The RTA operates a growing, modern, integrated transportation system. The blue/green line consists of 15 miles of one-way trackage used by 48 light rail vehicles serving 34 stations. The red line consists of 19 miles of one-way trackage used by 60 heavy rail vehicles serving 18 stations. The RTA services an area of 458 square miles including 59 municipalities and 1.4 million people.

**Reservations required! Reservation deadline, June 2, 2006.**

Only 34 seats available on lavatory-equipped motor coach. Bus tickets are \$40. adults, \$36. seniors (60+). Lunch and dinner on your own.

**Send reservations to: Richard Olday, 171 Parwood Trail, Depew, NY 14043**

**Include: name, address, phone, check made out to NFCNRHS.**

---

**Citizens Regional Transit Corporation**

P.O. Box 1186  
Buffalo, NY 14231-1186

*return service requested*

**CALENDAR**

May 3 9:30 AM  
PCC meeting of GBNRTC  
Niagara Falls, NY  
(call 856-2026 for location)

**May 13 8:30-12:00 noon**  
**"Just Transportation:  
Linking Communities"  
roundtable**  
**Wick Center, Daemen  
College**

May 16 12:00 noon  
CRTC monthly meeting  
3330 Main Street, Buffalo

June 10 Cleveland Traction 2006  
National Railway Historical Society

\*\*\*\*\*

**Citizens Regional Transit Corp.**  
aims to improve and expand bus and  
rail transit for all of WNY through  
citizen involvement and education.

Join us! Membership dues are fully  
tax-deductible:

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| corporate  | \$100.00 |
| household  | 35.00    |
| individual | 25.00    |
| student    | 5.00     |

send check to:  
**CITIZENS REGIONAL TRANSIT CORP.**  
c/o Alvin J. Schuster, treasurer  
174 Capen Blvd., Amherst, NY 14226