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METRO SERVICE CHANGES

Summer schedules take effect Sunday, June 27. There are minor time changes to routes throughout the region, each aimed at making Metro more efficient. Please consult your individual route timetables or visit nfta.com for complete and up-to-date information.

METRO'S SUMMER YOUTH PASS



Metro's Summer Youth Pass lets you ride Metro Bus or Metro Rail as much as you want (except Darien Lake service) from June 25 to September 8. The SYP is only \$52.50 and is available at participating Tops, Wilson Farms, Budwey's, Parkside Pharmacy and Dash's Markets. It's for people 17 and under only. Every SYP also comes with so many discounts at area restaurants, shops and attractions the pass almost pays for itself. On sale now.

METRO MADE EASY

While Metro bus operators don't make change, your transit system as a whole is getting ready for a pretty big one. Metro has spent the last two years studying bus and rail service across Erie and Niagara Counties and have come up with several ways to make public transportation more seamless, easier to use and easier on your wallet.

Henry M. Sloma, Acting Chairman, Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority said, "The service and fare analysis is one of the most significant projects Metro has undertaken. Our goal is to increase ridership and improve operational efficiency, resulting in a more economically sustainable Metro system."

Metro held six public hearings in May to let everyone in on the proposed changes. All of the comments, suggestions and opinions collected are now being worked into a final plan.

The first idea is to change Metro's fare structure September 1, right around the time of the next schedule change, when school starts up again. The proposal: No more zones. No more transfer fees. Metro will have one fare, one kind of Metro Monthly Pass and a Day Pass. People will be able to ride from downtown Buffalo to downtown Niagara Falls for just \$1.75, ride all day for \$4 or all month for \$64. Metro will keep free transfers between Metro Rail and Metro Bus, wherever they connect. Metro will also continue free transfers to Metro Route 8 Main in downtown Buffalo.

The second idea involves changing the lengths and times of many Metro routes. Metro wants to reschedule so that routes run at set intervals. Every 15 minutes, for example. Or every 30 minutes on weekends. To do this, Metro is



adjusting route lengths. Buses will run more frequently over the most popular parts of the route, and less frequently over the least popular parts. In many cases, this means shorter times between buses the closer you are to downtown Buffalo or Niagara Falls. Metro will also extend rail service on Sundays.

Metro expects to begin route changes October 31. Adjusting all of Metro's routes could take several years, because the changes never really stop. Metro is already considering suggestions from riders, and the community, and tailoring service to best meet everyone's needs. Metro plans to change, and continue to change, always trying to improve. For more details, or to add your opinion on changes, visit nfta.com/metro.

**YOU ARE HERE - ALLEN / MEDICAL
CAMPUS STATION**

Metro and the Buffalo-Niagara Medical Campus have worked together to install a neighborhood map at Metro's Allen / Medical Campus Station. The extra-large map shows off the area around the rail station, highlighting the Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo General Hospital and other facilities comprising the medical corridor. It is a great way to get acquainted with the surroundings if you live, work or visit that neighborhood.



GOING SOMEWHERE?

The best way to enjoy Buffalo Niagara? Skip the driving and parking. Let Metro take you where you want to go. Like . . .

Thursday at the Square - Every Thursday from now through Aug. 12

Buffalo Zoo

Wines in the Wild - July 28

Downtown Country Market (Main St. between Court and Church Streets) - Every Tuesday and Thursday now through October 28

Shakespeare in the Park (Delaware Park, near the Rose Garden. Shows run Tuesday-Sunday at 7:30 p.m.):

“Much Ado About Nothing” - now through July 11

“Macbeth” (All female cast) - July 22-August 15

Buffalo Homecoming 2010 - June 24-27

Gus Macker - (Delaware Ave. and Niagara Square) - June 26-27

Taste of Buffalo (Delaware Ave. and Niagara Square) - July 10-11

Vans Warped Tour - Darien Lake Theme Park - July 14

Italian Festival (Hertel Ave.) - July 15-18

Queen City Jazz Festival (Colored Musicians Club, 145 Broadway) - July 31

Erie County Fair (Hamburg Fair Grounds)- August 11-22



Elmwood Festival of Arts (Elmwood Ave. from Lafayette Ave. to West Ferry St.) - August 28-29

National Buffalo Chicken Wing Festival (Coca Cola Field) - September 4-5

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ERIE COUNTY FAIR

This year's Fair runs from August 11 through 22 at the Hamburg Fair Grounds. The Fair is a great place to make memories that will last a lifetime. There will be over \$500,000 in entertainment acts booked for your enjoyment, with some all new ones, as well as returning Fair favorites. If you like music, you won't want to miss the variety available. Five stages will feature some of the best in local entertainment, plus motor events and parades. But the appeal of the Fair goes far beyond the acts. The food, midway attractions, games and shows make it fun for everyone in Western New York.

The Erie County Fair is served by Metro Bus routes 14, 36 and 216, with extra trips and extended hours. See nfta.com for details.

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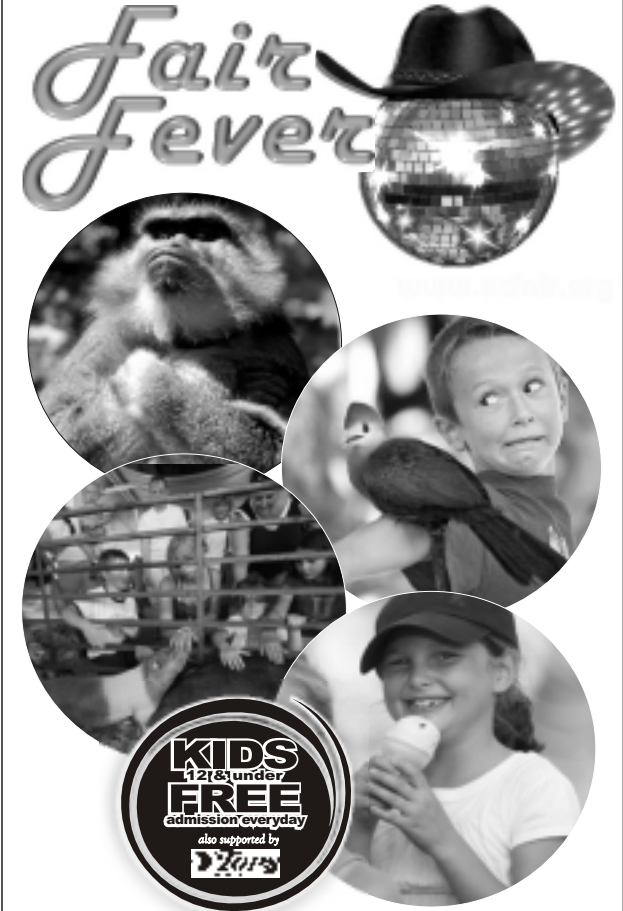
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