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## HOLLY JOLLY TROLLEY

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it is to ride...

### December 2014

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### Streetcar-related utility work continues at Government Square

Metro bus boarding areas A, B and C at Government Square are still closed for streetcar utility-related construction.

Government Square's



### Metro winter service change begins Dec. 7

Metro's regular winter service changes will go into effect on Sunday, Dec. 7. The following routes will have new schedules with changes. All are minor adjustments unless indicated below:

- [Rt. 3X](#) Montgomery Road
- [Rt. 14X](#) Forest Park Express
- [Rt. 17](#) Seven Hills/Mt. Healthy/Mt. Airy/Northgate
- [Rt. 19](#) Colerain Avenue-Northgate
- [Rt. 21](#) Harrison Avenue
- [Rt. 23X](#) Tri-County Express
- [Rt. 27](#) Northside-Casey
- [Rt. 30X](#) Beechmont Express
- [Rt. 31](#) West End-Evanston Crosstown
- [Rt. 33](#) Western Hills-Glenway
- [Rt. 38X](#) Glenway Crossing-Uptown Express
- [Rt. 40X](#) Montana Express
- [Rt. 43](#) Bond Hill
- [Rt. 43](#) Reading
- [Rt. 43](#) Winton Hills

peripheral boarding areas D, E, F, G and H on Walnut, Fifth and Main will remain open. Riders will still be able to access Metro's ticket vending machine and information booth. Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK) and Clermont Transit Connection (CTC) buses will not change boarding areas.

Visit Metro's [website](#) for more information.

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**Regional Stored-Value cards coming Dec. 15**



Metro and TANK will make it easier to transfer with NEW Regional Stored Value Cards, starting December 15. Available in prepaid amounts of \$10, \$20 and \$30, Regional Stored Value Cards provide greater flexibility and convenience for bus riders by allowing riders to

- [Rt. 49](#) Fairmount-English Woods
- [Rt. 51](#) Glenway Crossing-Hyde Park Crosstown
- [Rt. 64](#) Glenway Crossing-Westwood
- [Rt. 71X](#) Kings Island Express/Job Connection
- [Rt. 85](#) Riverfront Parking
- [Rt. 90](#) Metro\*Plus

**Rt. 31 route adjustment:** Metro's Rt. 31 West End-Evanston Crosstown will have a minor route adjustment that will move the Eastbound time point from Woodburn Avenue at Hewitt to Fairfax Avenue at Woodburn. From Woodburn Avenue the route will turn right on Fairfax Avenue, left on Fairfield Avenue and right on Hewitt back to regular routing. Westbound service will remain unchanged. Minor changes will cause a time adjustment on weekday and weekend service.

**Schedule change for Rt. 33:** At the request of riders, the first inbound trip on Metro's Rt. 33 Western Hills-Glenway will leave 15 minutes earlier to allow for connections to TANK Express routes.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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**Santa's coming to town... on a Metro trolley**

Santa Claus is coming to town... on a specially decorated Metro Holly Jolly Trolley in several city neighborhoods.

Thanks to Metro's partnership with the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, families can meet Santa and his elves during one of Metro's five Santa Trolley events at library branches in Avondale, Bond Hill, College Hill and Price Hill, as well as the LeBlond Boys and Girls Club in Over-the-Rhine.

Children can come aboard Metro's winter wonderland-themed trolley to get their photo taken with Santa and take home a

pay their fares on both systems using one card. No need to worry about exact change anymore.

Visit our [website](#) for more information coming soon.

## December Holidays

Metro will be on holiday schedule for Christmas Day Thursday, Dec. 26. Metro administrative offices and the Customer Service department will be closed. Visit [www.go-metro.com](http://www.go-metro.com) for more information.



## Metro hosts Economic Inclusion Vendor Fair

Hundreds of local business representatives attended the City of Cincinnati and Metro's free Economic Inclusion Vendor Fair on Oct. 29.

Joe Allen, General Manager, GE Global Operations, delivered the keynote presentation.

The fair included ample time for networking with

holiday stocking filled with cheerful goodies. Additional festive activities are planned at several branches, including a holiday-themed story time.

Stop by one of the Santa Trolley events below for a jolly good time:

- **Bond Hill Library (1740 Langdon Farm Rd.)**  
Tuesday, Dec. 2, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- **College Hill Library (1400 W. North Bend Rd.)**  
Thursday, Dec. 4, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- **LeBlond Boys & Girls Club OTR (1621 Logan St.)**  
Tuesday, Dec. 9, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- **Price Hill (3215 Warsaw Ave)**  
Wednesday, Dec. 17, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- **Avondale Library (3566 Reading Rd.)**  
Thursday, Dec. 18, 4:00 - 5 p.m.



## Winter Weather

Winter is back in Cincinnati and Metro is ready. Metro buses cannot stop safely on snowy or icy hills. Customers should board at the top or bottom of hills. The latest snow detours will be posted at [www.twitter.com/cincinnati-metro](http://www.twitter.com/cincinnati-metro).

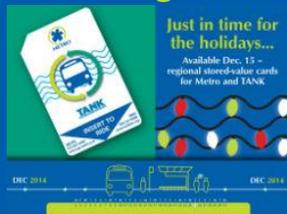
If conditions change, updated service information will be provided through the following outlets:

- Metro snow detour information on [Twitter](#) and on [Facebook](#).
- Metro's Detour Hotline at 632-7538 provides a recorded message, updated continuously from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. on severe winter weather days to give the most current bus detour information.

dozens of regional companies and organizations. Click [here](#) to view the presentation.

*Pictured above:  
City of Cincinnati council member Wendell Young*

## 2014 Calendar Images



December calendar images available [here](#).



**Reminder:  
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a free Metro Pass**

On the first weekday of each month, we'll draw 5 lucky winners out of the hopper located in the

- Metro's [website](#) also provides bus detour information and bus schedules.
- Metro's call center at 621-4455 is open weekdays 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for complete bus-riding information.

Visit Metro's [website](#) for more information.



## Holly Jolly Trolley

Metro's FREE Holly Jolly Trolley showcases the seasonal magic of downtown Cincinnati through the windows of an old-style trolley.

Board Metro's Holly Jolly Trolley at Government Square Area E, your connection point to routes all over greater Cincinnati. From here the route travels along 5th St. with a stop at Sycamore in front of the Taft Theater. The route continues down 5th with its next stop just past Sycamore St.

The trolley then turns right on Pike St in front of the Taft Museum of Art and continues down Lytle to its next stop at Lytle Park. The route then travels down 4th St. making a stop at Christ Church Cathedral on 4th St. at Sycamore St. Continuing down 4th St., the Trolley stops at the Federal Reserve between Main and Walnut Sts., then stops at Mabley Place at Race St. as well as the Pogue's Garage at Elm St.

The trolley then turns on Elm St. and back onto 5th St. making its next stop at Carew Tower on 5th and Vine Sts. Continuing on 5th St., the last trolley stop is in front of the Westin between Vine and Walnut Sts. Stop here for some holiday cheer on Fountain Square, or continue on the trolley loop again to your favorite stops.

Two decorated trolleys provide shuttle service in the heart of downtown. The FREE rides are available on Saturdays through Dec. 20, from noon - 5 p.m. with trolleys arriving every about 5

Metro Sales Office and they'll win a duplicate of whatever they dropped in. For more information and a complete list of rules click [here](#).

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