

# Transportation Matters

## Centro Reopens Wegmans Park-N-Ride in Liverpool



Centro has reopened its Park-N-Ride located at Wegmans Plaza on Route 57 in Liverpool. A new Centro bus shelter has been installed along the entranceway and buses are once again pulling into the plaza to serve Park-N-Ride customers.

The Park-N-Ride had been moved to Bayberry Plaza for nearly two years while the Wegmans store underwent renovations. With the resumption of the Park-N-Ride service into Wegmans Plaza, Centro buses will no longer pull into Bayberry Plaza.

Centro operates direct *Express* and *Local* service between Wegmans and downtown Syracuse each weekday on its 46 & 146 Liverpool routes. Customers should call Centro Information, 442-3400 for exact times.

## Centro Reaches Out to Local Employers



Centro representatives recently met with employees at Upstate Medical University and Excellus to answer questions about bus service to their respective employers. Both companies are dealing with a reduction of parking spaces for workers and are trying to encourage employees to use Centro to commute to/from work.

More than 200 employees of Upstate Medical University met with Centro representatives to learn how Centro bus service fits their transportation needs. Since the information sessions in May, Centro has seen a substantial increase in ridership on routes serving the hospital.

If your organization is interested in having a Centro information session, contact Centro at 442-3400.

## New Information Center Opens in Utica



Centro has opened a new Information Center in Utica. The new location is still in the same building, the Radisson Hotel on Genesee Street, but it's moved to a room adjacent to the former Information Center. The hours of operation remain the same; 8:30am- 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

Centro customers can get route information and find schedules at the Information Center. All types of bus fare media can be purchased there, and customers can now use credit cards to make their purchases. You can contact the Information Center by calling 797-7803.

## Midland Avenue Detour Ends

Centro is no longer detouring its 54, 154 and 254 Midland Avenue buses around a construction project that closed sections of Tallman Street and Midland Avenue for nearly two years. Those streets have now reopened and as of July 9th Centro buses resumed the original routes of the affected bus lines.

Midland Avenue buses now travel:

**Inbound to Downtown:** Midland Ave., Right on Tallman St., Left on Cortland Ave.

**Outbound from Downtown:** Cortland Ave., Right on Tallman St., Left on Midland Ave.

# Getting the Word Out on Hybrid Technology



Centro's new fleet of hybrid buses has been a hit. The diesel-electric buses have been on display for people to get a closer look.

The buses were recently displayed at the Accelerate 2007 Technology Showcase in Syracuse (left) and on the Oswego St. campus (right).



## Four Bus Operators Advance to State Competition



*More than 30 Bus Operators participated in Centro's 25th Annual Bus Roadeo this year.*

Four Bus Operators will represent Centro at the New York State Bus Roadeo Competition in New York City in September. The four were the top qualified finishers at Centro's Annual Local Roadeo held at the New York State Fairgrounds June 10th. The four are: Federico Justiniano and Steve Wehner of CNY Centro (Syracuse), Martin Davis of Centro of Oneida (Utica) and David Nadeau of Centro of Oneida (Rome).

The roadeo competition challenges drivers on a timed obstacle course where bus operators have to maneuver a 40-foot bus through a series of skills tests. Competitors are also judged on their appearance and safety procedures.

This year's top finisher was Centro Mechanic John Boylan. However, Boylan is not a full-time Bus Operator and therefore cannot advance to the state roadeo competition.

## Centro Will Operate Park-N-Ride Shuttles to State Fair

Centro will once again operate its popular Park-N-Ride services to the 2007 New York State Fair. Daily shuttles will run from locations in Onondaga, Oswego and Cayuga counties straight to the Main Gate of the fair.

Shuttles will operate all 12 days of the fair from the following locations:

### **Onondaga County:**

*Shoppingtown Mall, Seneca Mall, Fairmount Fair, Regional Market, Downtown*

### **Cayuga County:**

*Fingerlakes Mall, Port Byron Village Office, Weedsport Jreck Subs, Elbridge Fire Department*

### **Oswego County:**

*Oswego P&C Parking Lot, Fulton Towpath Towers, Phoenix Island*

Discounts are available for Seniors, Disabled and Children 6-9. Call 442-3400 or [www.centro.org](http://www.centro.org) for fare information & exact times.



*More than 200,000 thousand people rode a Centro bus to the State Fair in 2006*