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Group opposes fare hikes

A group opposing proposed RTA fare hikes will meet today in Room 218 of the Louis Stokes Wing of the Cleveland Public Library, 525 Superior Ave. At the 5 p.m. session, which is open to the public, organizers plan to discuss alternatives to raising fares. RTA is considering increases that could include 25- to 50-cent boosts for cash fares, and increases of up to 50 percent for ticket packages, passes and paratransit service.

HUDSON

City manager resigns

City Manager Doug Elliott announced Friday that he will resign effective June 30, the city reported in a news release. Deputy City Manager Tony Bales will serve as interim city manager while City Council finds Elliott's successor. Elliott worked for Hudson for nearly two years, having previously worked as city manager in Somersworth, N.H. His salary is \$115,000.

GATES MILLS

New library to open

The old Gates Mills branch library will close today, and the new one is to open April 23, at 1491 Chagrin River Road. Opening-day tours and events will be from 2 to 4 p.m. In the meantime, patrons can use other branches of the Cuyahoga County Public Library. They may also return borrowed items to a drop box in front of the Southwick House near the old library, 7580 Old Mill Road.

NORTHEAST OHIO

Legal Aid adds staff

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland has hired eight attorneys, increasing its staff by 23 percent, to better assist low-income residents of Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Geauga and Ashtabula counties. Tomar Brown will represent children needing special education. Lucas Caldwell-McMillan will be an advocate for children with health problems that require special housing, education or public assistance. Howard Strain will coordinate volunteer attorneys in Cleveland neighborhoods. Daniel Schlanger and Natasha Wilson will work out of the downtown Cleveland office. Angela Wu will join the Legal Aid office in Elyria. Stephen Antwine will work out of the Jefferson office. Abigail Staudt will work in Painesville. Contact the society at 216-687-1900 or www.lasclev.org.

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