

they come up with decent public transportation, car sales will continue to dip... That is what makes New York, Chicago, D.C. so fun is that it is still a foot culture where people walk, talk, interact and use public transportation...

— ClearDog

I live in an area with TERRIBLE traffic, limited parking, and fairly decent public transportation. Almost all necessities, however, are available within a two-mile walk. I have a car, but don't use it much - and I like it that way.

— dougal

Cars are expensive. Gas is expensive. Upkeep is expensive. Few know how their cars work to be able to fix or maintain them themselves. Insurance is expensive. It's another major purchase that isn't worth what you paid for it the minute you drive it off the lot — right in there with all electronic gadgets, by the way, including your laptop, iPhone, and everything else. There is a serious lack of creativity in the design as they all pretty much look the same. The excitement that cars used to generate is gone and has been gone for decades.

— bopdocwop

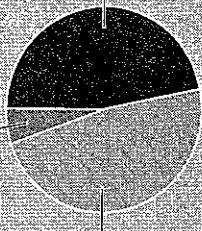
This week's question:

What's on your holiday shopping list?

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— Compiled by Plain Dealer reporter Kaye Spector

No way. I couldn't do without my wheels. I need it for my job and to go out. 47%



Yes. Cars are a money drain when you consider insurance, upkeep and gas. 48%

I'd rather spend my money on an iPhone and a new laptop. 5%

SOURCE: PollDaddy.com

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8

Northeast Ohio Export (Sen. Sherrod Brown's Export Seminar Series): 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Walsh University, Barrette Business Center, 2020 E. Maple St., North Canton. Free. RSVP by e-mail, brown_rsvp@senate.gov or call 216-522-7272.

"QuickBooks -- Balancing Tips and Workarounds": 1 to 3 p.m. at Walthall Drake & Wallace CPAs LLP. Free. Space is limited. To RSVP e-mail info@walthall.com or call 216-573-2330.

THURSDAY, DEC. 9

National Association of Women in Construction Cleveland Chapter 156, seventh annual Joint Associations Holiday Social: 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites, 5800 Rockside Woods Blvd., Independence. \$45. Bring canned food item for Hunger Network. Register by Monday. Call Mary Carrossella, 440-783-0323.

Association for Corporate Growth Cleveland, "Insights from the CFO's Office": 3 to 6 p.m. at the Ritz-Carlton, 1515 West Third St., Cleveland. \$75 for members, \$125 for nonmembers. Go to tinyurl.com/26hbnoq to register.

Employment Law Basics Roundtable, "Important (but Often Overlooked) Documents": 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Walthall Drake & Wallace, 6300 Rockside Road, Independence. Free. To RSVP, e-mail c.bade@walthall.com or call Christine Bade at 216-573-2330.

TUESDAY, DEC. 14

"Securing Our Borders" — Challenges Facing the U.S. and Ohio in the 21st Century": The Northeast Ohio International Business Network and Ohio Israel Chamber of Commerce. Go to www.neoibn.org/events.shtml to register.

Go to cleveland.com/business for more calendar listings. Send new items at least two weeks in advance to Eileen Zakareckis, Business Calendar, The Plain Dealer, 1801 Superior Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114, or e-mail her at bizlists@plained.com. Include "BizCal" in the subject line.

noon at the Gathering Place, 23300 Commerce Park, Beachwood. \$25 donation to benefit the Gathering Place. To register e-mail lspacek@northcoastrelo.com or joellen@organizing4u.com or call 216-513-6800.

THURSDAY, DEC. 2

Sales and Marketing Executives International Akron: Sales symposium 1:30 to 5 p.m. and networking/dinner/keynote 5 to 8:30 p.m. at Tangier, 532 W Market St., Akron. \$99 for symposium/dinner/keynote for members, \$149 for nonmembers; \$69 for dinner/keynote only for members, \$99 for nonmembers. Reservations are required. Go to tinyurl.com/27v5853 or e-mail, smeakron@ameritech.net or call Sue Warren, 330-945-7740.

FRIDAY, DEC. 3

Business Volunteers Unlimited, "The Role of the Board": 8 to 11:15 a.m. at the Dr. Harry E. Eastridge Professional Development Center, Building B, 5700 W. Canal Road, Valley View. \$65 for members, \$95 for nonmem-

bers. Go to tinyurl.com/3yq5zs4 to register.

SATURDAY, DEC. 4

E4S 10th anniversary and eighth annual Champions of Sustainability Awards Celebration: 6:30 to 11 p.m. at Vacon, 3142 Prospect Ave., Cleveland. \$50 for E4S members, \$75 for nonmembers. Go to www.e4s.org/events/505 to register.

MONDAY, DEC. 6

Northeast Ohio Export (Sen. Sherrod Brown's Export Seminar Series): 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lakeland Community College, Center for Learning Innovation, A2100, 7700 Clocktower Drive, Kirtland. Free. RSVP by e-mail, brown_rsvp@senate.gov or call 216-522-7272.

TUESDAY, DEC. 7

Cleveland National Association of Women Business Owners breakfast, "Personal and Corporate Wellness": 8 to