

Contest corner: win a FareCard!

LAST ISSUE'S FARECARD WINNER We had 1,356 correct entries in our last contest, and **Rebekah M.** won the FareCard. The answer? The Coast Meridian Overpass.

WIN ANOTHER FREE FARECARD! It will be for 1, 2, or 3 zones, based on where the winner travels. Email thebuzzer@translink.ca with the answer to the question below, your full name, daytime phone number, and where you got the *Buzzer* (include the route number if you got it on a bus). Make sure you include everything—entries missing any of this info will not be entered to win! One entry per person, please.



Where is TransLink's AGM being held on May 11? (Hint: it's in this issue!)

Enter by **Thu May 27 at 9am**; we'll draw a name from all correct entries!

PRIVACY POLICY We use your personal info only for the contest and we delete all entries after we pick a winner. Here's the long version: Your personal information is collected, pursuant to section 26(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, solely for the purpose of administering this contest; it will be destroyed upon the determination of a contest winner. Please direct questions regarding this collection to the *Buzzer* Editor at TransLink, 1600-4720 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC V5H 4N2, or thebuzzer@translink.ca.

BACK ISSUES

The *Buzzer* has been published since June 2, 1916! So in this section we mine our back issues for nuggets of transit history. Huzzah!

1942 This month's Back Issue comes from May 1, 1942.

Things are happening to people's habits so fast that it's hard to keep pace with them. Take Saturday night for instance. A few years ago people went home at a respectable

hour, presumably to take a bath but now – zowie! They stay out until all hours, attending late shows and frequenting midnight eating places. One of our traffic men who follows trends closely says it's because people have lots of money to spend whereas a few years ago, they were out of work. At any rate, traffic on the street cars between midnight Saturday and 2 a.m. Sunday morning is phenomenal. We're having to put out special cars just for the rush!



New bus stop locations at New Westminster Station

Effective Mon., May 3 the 112 Edmonds Stn/Lougheed Stn bus stops at New Westminster Station will be temporarily relocated one block north from Columbia St to Carnarvon St. due to construction of the Plaza 88 project.



VCC/Clark closed June 4-5

In June, TransLink is hosting the 2010 American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Rail Rodeo competition. Due to event activities, VCC/Clark Station will be closed June 4-5 and bus service to VCC/Clark will be rerouted from June 1-6.

If you normally use SkyTrain at VCC/Clark Station take the 9 bus on Broadway to connect at Commercial/Broadway Station instead. The 9 provides frequent service at all hours that SkyTrain would operate. Please allow extra travel time for SkyTrain connections on these days. SkyTrain service is expected to resume at VCC/Clark with the first train departure Sunday



morning June 6.

The 84 will operate from temporary stops on East 6th Ave from June 1-6. The service will depart westbound from a temporary stop on the north side of East 6th Ave at Keith St. For customers travelling eastbound, you may be dropped off at a temporary stop on the South side of East 6th Ave, or stay onboard the bus to be dropped off at Commercial/Broadway Station. Scheduled times should not be affected by this change. Service is slated to resume to the bus loop at VCC/Clark by Monday morning, June 7.

Information on the changes will also be posted to the TransLink website.

COMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Port Moody Ecological Society's Fingerling Festival.** Help release 35,000 young chum salmon into Noons Creek to begin their journey to the ocean. Music by Bobs and Lolo; raffles for signed Robert Bateman print and more; crafts, food, and games. interactive displays showcase streamkeeper groups, naturalists and other community organizations working to preserve our natural heritage. Sat. May 1, 11am-3pm at the Noons Creek Hatchery and Port Moody Rec. Centre. Call the hatchery at 604-469-9106 for details.
- ✓ **Breastfest 2010,** benefiting the BC Cancer Foundation. Dance the night away with "Legal Limit" as they play everything from 60's hits to today's rockin' tunes. Win door prizes, 50/50 and the last chance to buy tickets in the Team iCAN raffle. May 8, 7pm at Capri Hall, 3925 Fraser Street, Vancouver. Tickets \$20. Info at www.teamican.ca/breastfest
- ✓ **21st Century Flea Market** - 175 tables of home decor, books, antiques, jewelry, kitchenware, toys, sports items, furniture and memorabilia. Sun, May 16, 10am-3pm. Croatian Cultural Centre. For more info visit www.21cpromotions.com
- ✓ **Bonsor Complex** offers recreational activities for seniors over 55:
Afternoon Tea - wear your dress hat and enjoy sandwiches, tea, and entertainment. Fri. May 7, 2-4pm. \$10.70 members, \$13.38 non-members. **Social Dances** - dance, enjoy live music and refreshments. Held every Tues. 12-3pm and Thurs. 7:30-10:30pm. \$5 members, \$6 non-members. For more details call 604-439-5510.
- ✓ **City Opera Vancouver** presents: **Sumidagawa & Curlew River.** The heartbreakingly story of a mother and the loss of her child. The telling of one story from two cultural perspectives will be a great night of theatre. May 26-30, Frederic Wood Theatre, UBC. All seats \$40.00. Visit ticketstonight.ca
- ✓ **Collingwood Days** - May 29. A fun family event where neighbours get together to celebrate our vibrant culture, history and creativity. This year's theme is alternative transportation. Bring your bikes, roller blades, boards, boats, unicycles, and wagons and join the Collingwood Days parade. 9am pancake breakfast at Joyce Station followed by 11am parade to Carleton Elementary School. Event features music, food, dance, BMX demonstrations, roving performers, artists, face-painting, community corner, international marketplace, plant sale, history display, story-telling, rides & games, raffles and more.

Send your community events to
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Visit the *Buzzer* blog at buzzer.translink.ca

Spring bus service changes begin May 3

SURREY, DELTA, & WHITE ROCK

With Canada Line in service, Vancouver-bound customers are now leaving later for work. We are reorganizing service to reflect the higher demand later in the morning.

351 Crescent Beach/Bridgeport Station

From 7 to 8 a.m., the 351 will run every 10 minutes rather than 15 minutes.

352 Ocean Park/Bridgeport Station

354 White Rock Centre/Bridgeport Station

602 Tsawwassen Heights/Bridgeport

603 Beach Grove/Bridgeport

604 English Bluff/Bridgeport

These routes will all run more frequently between 7 and 8 a.m.

601 Bridgeport Station/South Delta/Boundary Bay

Between 6 and 8 a.m., the 601 will run every 8 to 9 minutes.

VANCOUVER

5 Robson

6 Davie

10 Downtown

Some buses that run "not in service" on Granville to reach their 5 Robson/6 Davie routes will now run as **10 Downtown** on those first trips.

15 Cambie/Downtown

Since many are now using the Canada Line to go downtown, the 15 will drop to every 12 minutes from every 10 minutes in the morning and afternoon rush hours, and to 15 minutes in midday. Resources saved can be used in future reallocations, so we can provide the greatest service with existing hours and vehicles.

NORTH SHORE

239 Park Royal/Lonsdale Quay/Phibbs Exchange/Capilano University

Mon-Fri service between Phibbs Exchange and Capilano University will be reduced to 20 minutes during peak times and 30 minutes during midday.

Please check www.translink.ca for a list of all service changes.

Trolley wires coming back to Granville Street

You might have noticed already, but the Trolley Overhead division from the Coast Mountain Bus Company has started reinstalling the trolley wire back on Granville Street. The wires had been taken down and trolley service re-routed off of Granville Street way back in 2006 for construction of the Canada Line.

The reinstallation project got underway on March 29, and is eventually slated to finish by August 30 once all the installation, testing, and commissioning is complete.



All aboard TransLink's Annual General Meeting!

Join us onboard TransLink's newest SeaBus, the Pacific Breeze, for our 2009 Annual General Meeting. The event is being held on **Tuesday, May 11** from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

You will hear an overview of TransLink's operations for 2009, and from VANOC CEO John Furlong on the role transportation played in delivering a successful Olympic Games. A question period will follow.

Please board the SeaBus at Waterfront terminal (admission is free). The SeaBus will leave at 10:15 a.m. and sail around the inlet for 75 minutes, before returning for the question period at 11:30 a.m. Space is limited to the size of the vessel.



Contact Colleen Fee at 604-453-3096 for more information.

Bike to Work Week!

Bike to Work (and School) Week is taking place May 31 - June 6. If you've ever considered commuting to work or school by bike, it's a great time to start! Get in shape, cut your greenhouse gas emissions and save money by biking to work instead of driving.



The Vancouver Cycling Coalition (VACC) offers valuable resources to get you pedalling. Register at www.biketoworkmetrovan.ca and you can track your GHG reductions, distance travelled, and calories burned using their mapping and tracking tool. Compete with yourself or against other teams to win prizes, and share mapped routes to find co-workers to ride with.

To promote cycling to school, this year the VACC has launched www.biketoschoolmetrovan.ca, which features a kid-friendly mapping tool and the ability for elementary school teachers to enter their student's rides.

During the week commuter stations will offer cyclists tasty snacks, hot beverages, prizes and mechanical tune-ups. There is a brand new bike up for grabs, along with waterproof gear, clothing, and free tune-ups!

Always wanted to bike more, but concerned about safety, rain, or clothing? Take a VACC **Streetwise Cycling** bike skills course. The four-hour class teaches beginners and seasoned riders how to determine where to ride on the road, communicate with other road users, and plan the best routes. Course dates and locations are listed on VACC's website.

And don't forget to check out www.translink.ca for cycling maps, how to take bikes on transit, and bike locker rentals. Get out on May 31 and start pedaling!



Victoria Day holiday service

On **Monday, May 24** buses, SeaBus and SkyTrain will run on a Sunday schedule. West Coast Express, like the AirCare Inspection Centres, will not be in operation. A Sunday schedule means you can ride multiple zones on a single fare ticket.



UBC Line Rapid Transit Study

Help shape rapid transit for the Broadway corridor to UBC.

Working with our stakeholders, the UBC Line Rapid Transit Study team has identified six preliminary concepts for future rapid transit service in the Broadway corridor from Commercial Drive to UBC. We want to hear from you before we start developing more detailed designs based on these concepts.

With buses arriving every two to three minutes during peak times, conventional buses are already working near capacity along the corridor. Demand is expected to continue to grow, so a new solution is needed. The study is a joint initiative from TransLink and the Province of B.C.

Join the discussion by attending a workshop in your community or visit www.bepartoftheplan.ca where you can review the options, answer the questionnaire, or participate through an online discussion board.



Workshop dates:

Thursday, April 22

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Party Room, 2nd level
Student Union Building at UBC

Tuesday, May 4

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

St. James Community Square
3214 West 10th Ave, Vancouver

Thursday, May 6

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

West Point Grey United Church
4595 West 8th Ave, Vancouver

Tuesday, May 11

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Hanger, 122-577 Great
Northern Way, Vancouver

Thursday, May 13

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Vancouver Masonic Centre
1495 West 8th Ave, Vancouver

Each session begins with an open house followed by the workshop at 6:45 p.m.

CORRECTIONS! Last month's Buzzer issue incorrectly stated the concession price for a monthly FareCard. The correct amount is \$46.50. Also, in the North Vancouver Timetable booklet effective May 3, the following routes had significant, late revisions ~ 212, 228 and 239. Visit www.translink.ca for the updated schedules.