

Contest corner: win a FareCard!

LAST ISSUE'S FARECARD WINNER We had 1,335 correct entries in our last contest, and **Janaki P.** won the FareCard. The answer? TransLink's AGM was held on the newest SeaBus - the Pacific Breeze.

WIN A 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, 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.



I Love Transit Week will be held during which dates in July?
(Hint: it's in this issue!)

Enter by **Thu July 23 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!

1975 (Psst: this Back Issue item comes courtesy of transit enthusiast **Stefan Ewing**. Thanks Stefan!)

In the early 1970s, the transfer policy was strict—you could only transfer at designated transfer points; you couldn't get off one bus and use the transfer to get on another bus on the same route; and you couldn't use the transfer for a round trip, either.



So in the May 30, 1975 issue, as the City of Vancouver property tax deadline came up, the Buzzer announced the following: *BC Hydro will issue special transfers which permit a stopover at City Hall, effective from June 2 to July 3. This permits a break in a continuous journey. It does not allow a return trip. Ask for a transfer when you pay your fare and be sure to have it stamped at City Hall to be valid for the continued trip.*

How things have changed—today you can use a transfer on any service in any direction for 90 minutes!

LOCAL BAND SPOTLIGHT

SkyTrain... the band

A little birdie told us that three Langley kids had named their band SkyTrain, so the Buzzer tracked them down for a quick chat!

Jet Mailhot, Sean Depner, and Danny Kozlowski hail from the Langley Fine Arts School, and can be found playing acoustic music (with a hint of comedy) at the school and at open mics.



Why the name SkyTrain?

Danny: it's just a neat thing because it's relevant to our community.

Sean: We went through a whole bunch of names before we settled on SkyTrain. Originally we were called Kiddo, and our songs were really comedy based.

Jet: We were all sitting around a table coming up with new names like Blood and Thunder, and Asian Businessmen. I blurted out 'What about SkyTrain?' and everyone fell in love with it right away.

So when did you start playing together?

Jet: We played a benefit concert at the school, and just kept going.
Sean: We're all theatre majors, and we love doing shows because we totally thrive on being onstage. We do shows at the school and anything else we can find. The weirdest gig we've ever played at is this football thing. My dad is a coach and wanted us to play in the end of year ceremony. And he chose the weirdest setlist: Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen, and some songs from Juno. For football kids! I was like 'Dad, this is wrong: you have an indie rock group here!'

Thanks guys! Go online to hear SkyTrain's music at myspace.com/wearekytrain and youtube.com/skytrainband. They're working on an album, and you may see them busking around Langley this summer!

Canada Day holiday service

On **Thursday, July 1** buses, SeaBus and SkyTrain will run on a Sunday schedule. West Coast Express and AirCare Inspection Centres will not be in operation. A Sunday schedule means you can ride multiple zones on a single fare ticket. Also, if you have an Adult FareCard, West Coast Express 28-day Pass, or Annual Employer Transit Pass, you can take one adult and up to four children with you for free on Canada Day!

COMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Green Revolution: Impact of Greening and Sustainability:** art exhibit using alternative and recycled media in works about the Green Revolution. Presented by Leigh Square Community Arts Village. June 3-July 26. www.portcoquitlam.ca
- ✓ **First United Thrift Store's** one-year birthday, Wed June 30, 10-5pm, 340 East Hastings Street, Vancouver. Special sale! Info: 604-569-111.
- ✓ **B.C. Highland Games and Scottish Festival:** pipe bands, highland dancing, Celtic music, and caber tossing. June 26 at Percy Perry Stadium, Coquitlam. Visit www.bchighlandgames.com
- ✓ **Burnaby Business Women** presents Positively Ageless with Janice Manson. June 24 at 6pm. ABC Country Restaurant, 6500 E Hastings St., Burnaby. Guests \$24, members \$21, annual dues \$40. RSVP to Sharon 604-434-7221 or sharon@donndean.com
- ✓ **Writing & Book Camp at Vancouver Public Library:** young writers aged 11-13 and 14+ connect with authors and illustrators in creative workshops. Aug 9-13. Info: 604-331-4093 or visit www.vpl.ca
- ✓ **British Columbia Regiment Band** seeks additional musicians. Must read music. Free uniform. Practices Monday nights across from SkyTrain station. Info: Brian S. at 604-789-1865.
- ✓ **BC Inventors Society:** non-profit group helping inventors develop their ideas. Meetings the last Wednesday of every month at Confederation Centre, 4584 Albert Street, Burnaby, beside McGill Public Library. Info: 604-779-4635 or www.bcinventor.com

CANADA DAY EVENTS

- ✓ **65th Anniversary of the End of World War II Concert** from Grace United Symphonic Band from Toronto. July 1, 2:30pm, Centennial Theatre, North Vancouver. Call 604-984-4484 for free tickets. Presented by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 44.
- ✓ **North Vancouver celebrations at Waterfront Park:** info at northvancouvercanadaday.com.
- ✓ **Canada Day at Canada Place 2010:** July 1, 10am - 6pm, followed by a parade at 7pm and the Burrard Inlet Fireworks Show at 10:30pm. Info: www.canadaday.canadaplace.ca

Send your community events to thebuzzer@translink.ca



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THE NEXT BUZZER WILL BE OUT IN AUGUST Owing to cost savings, this June 18 issue serves as our Buzzer for both June and July. Look for the next Buzzer on **Friday, August 6!**



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THE BUZZER

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June bus service changes (and more!)

In this issue...

- » Get ready for I Love Transit Week 2010!
- » Take a bus to reach the games at Empire Fields

Visit the Buzzer blog at buzzer.translink.ca

Bus service changes begin June 21

VANCOUVER, BURNABY, RICHMOND

19 Metrotown Station/Stanley Park

Summer service will start for the 19, which takes passengers from Pender and Cambie to Stanley Park Bus Loop. The service will run 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Mon-Fri and 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on weekends.

401 Garden City/One Road

The last eastbound trip (leaving Chatham & 2nd Ave. at 1:26 a.m.) will terminate at No. 5 Road and Steveston Highway, eliminating a duplication on a stretch of Steveston Highway shared with the 403 Bridgeport Station/Three Road. Customers going to that portion of Steveston Highway on the 401 will have to transfer to the 403.

NightBus Downtown Terminus bus bays

Owing to the new Dunsmuir bike lane, several stops have moved. The N24 will stop on Howe St instead of Dunsmuir St. The N8 will now stop at Pender and Howe instead of Dunsmuir St as well.

TRI-CITIES

C26 Buntzen Lake Special/Coquitlam Station Special

Starting June 26, the summer C26 Community Shuttle will operate between Buntzen Lake and Coquitlam Station every hour on weekends and holidays. The first bus leaves Coquitlam Station at 9:30 a.m.; the last bus leaves Buntzen Lake at 9:05 p.m.

Coquitlam Station Bus Bay 6/7 Change

Bay 6 will serve the 97 B-Line Lougheed Station, N9 Downtown Bay 7 will serve the 160 Vancouver and 179 Johnson, as well as the 190 Vancouver in the AM peak hours only.

NORTH SHORE

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

The 6:17 a.m. service from Lonsdale Quay will start at 3rd St and Ridgeway. The 6:09 a.m. departure from that stop to Marine and Capilano will be cancelled.

Ride the Downtown Historic Railway in summer!

As of press time, we've heard the **Downtown Historic Railway** will be running by the end of June, if not sooner. Check online at trams.caldhr for the latest opening information!

Come be a part of I Love Transit Week!

You're invited to join the Buzzer in celebrating **I Love Transit Week** from **July 12-16, 2010!**

The week is our yearly chance to celebrate transit with some fun and games—because while we know there are certainly things people don't like about transit, there's still a lot that people do like!

I Love Transit Week was held for the first time in February 2009, and this year's celebration will hopefully be bigger and better. Everyone's welcome to join in: from those who just like riding a bus, to those who know every bus and train number in our fleet!



Send us your stories, photos, and more

Share why you like transit, and we'll put your contributions on the Buzzer blog (buzzer.translink.ca) during I Love Transit Week, as well as in the August 6 Buzzer!

Feel free to be creative with form and content: we'd love to showcase essays, photos, podcasts, short anecdotes, poetry, songs, and whatever else you can think of.

Send your submissions to thebuzzer@translink.ca by **Thursday, July 8**. And feel free to e-mail if you just have a vague idea: we can work together to make something great!

Come out to I Love Transit Night!

Like last year, we'll hold **I Love Transit Night** this year. It's a live event with food, transit games, buttons, cutouts, and more!

It will be held on the evening of **Thursday, July 15**—please RSVP to thebuzzer@translink.ca if you plan to attend. All ages and levels of transit interest are invited: it should be fun for everyone!

We're working on the details, so check the Buzzer blog for the event info on **Thursday, July 8**.

So far, we may charter a bus! And we'll definitely do games like last year: we've done a transit spelling bee, pinning names on a blank SkyTrain map, and more! See you there!

Take a bus to the games at Empire Fields

Work is underway on a new BC Place roof, so the **BC Lions** and the **Vancouver Whitecaps** have a temporary new home at Empire Fields for the 2010 season. It's an outdoor field at the site of the former Empire Stadium, near the PNE Fairgrounds, and a great spot to take in a game!



You can hop on many buses to reach Empire Fields. For example, try:

- » #10 from downtown or Kootenay Loop
- » #135 from Burrard Station or Burnaby
- » #28 from Phibbs Exchange in North Vancouver, or from Gilmore SkyTrain Station
- » #16 from downtown or 29th Ave. SkyTrain Station to Hastings Renfrew

Additional "special event" trips will be provided as required, and shuttle buses will operate after each game to 29th Ave. Station. Remember, you can plan trips online at tripplanning.translink.ca!



Operations competitors in uniform!

1 Craig and Melanie from Canada Line 2 Jose from L.A. Metro 3 Robert from RTD in Denver 4 Karl from New York City 5 Ven from SkyTrain's team!

Results from the APTA rail rodeo!

In June, TransLink hosted the American Public Transportation Association's Rail Conference, and its International Rail Rodeo! **L.A. Metro** took top prize in the maintenance competition and **RTD (Denver)** won the operations competition. For the full results and more on the conference, visit the Buzzer blog at buzzer.translink.ca and search for "APTA Rail 2010".

Service for Caribbean Days and the Celebration of Light

We're planning extra service for Caribbean Days and the Celebration of Light fireworks festival, but as of press time, we do not have the exact details!

Please make sure you check translink.ca and click on Alerts for the latest news closer to the event dates. You can also check our blog at buzzer.translink.ca, or call our information line at 604-953-3333.

SeaBus usually runs extra service for the Caribbean Days Festival in North Vancouver's Waterfront Park on the **July 24-25** weekend.

Buses, SkyTrain, and SeaBus will all run extra service for the enormously popular Celebration of Light. The event dates for the festival are **Wed July 21, Sat July 24, Wed July 28, and Sat July 31**.



Golden Ears Bridge and Central Valley Greenway turn one!

Two big projects are celebrating their first anniversaries this June!

The **Golden Ears Bridge**, which connects Surrey, Langley, Pitt Meadows, and Maple Ridge, turns one on June 14. The bridge is the first in Western Canada



to use fully-electronic tolling, and over three million vehicles have crossed the bridge since its opening!

The **Central Valley Greenway** also celebrates its first birthday on June 27. The 24-kilometre bicycle and pedestrian pathway connects downtown Vancouver, Burnaby, and New Westminster. Over 600,000 people have used the Greenway in its first year!

You can find out more about both these projects at translink.ca.

