

Contest corner: win a FareCard!

LAST ISSUE'S FARECARD WINNER We had 848 correct entries in our last contest, and **Madelaine H.** won the FareCard. The answer? The new Richmond route is the C94 Richmond Skating Oval/Richmond-Brighouse Station!

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.



What's the average annual cost of car ownership in 2009, according to the CAA? (*Hint: it's in this issue!*)

Enter by **Wed Nov. 4 at 9am**; we'll draw a name from all correct entries!

PRIVACY POLICY We only use your personal info for this contest and then we delete all entry emails. Here's the long version: *Your personal information is being 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 any questions regarding this collection to the Buzzer Editor at TransLink, 1600-4720 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC V5H 4N2, or thebuzzer@translink.ca.*

BACK ISSUES

Back Issues is a new section that mines past issues of *The Buzzer* for nuggets of transit history. Huzzah!

1968 The March 29, 1968 *Buzzer* talked about overloaded bus service to see champion Olympic skier Nancy Greene!



Bob Banks' 1968 *Buzzer* cartoon!

SORRY ABOUT THAT PARADE DAY

If the number of enthusiastic boys and girls was the index of success, then Nancy Greene day was a triumph. Our buses carried students free to and from the parade in downtown Vancouver. That is, we carried all who could get into our buses. If we had had every bus we own headed downtown before the parade, we still could not have carried all the students. As a consequence, some of our regular patrons were left standing at bus stops as packed buses passed them by. We want to thank all these patrons for their patience and understanding. And not a complaint from anyone!

Hope we have another local Olympic hero for a 2010 parade!

Got your GoCard photo?

Apple Photographic Services' Mobile Unit will park at the following locations in Greater Vancouver to take GoCard photographs, if you've missed your session at school.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

Lonsdale Quay Bus Exchange	9–11 a.m.
Brentwood Mall Bus Exchange (behind the bus exchange on the mall side of the chain link fence)	Noon–2 p.m.
Edmonds Station Bus Exchange	3–5 p.m.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10

South Arm United Church Parking Lot 11051 No.3 Rd. (@ Steveston) Richmond	9–11 a.m.
Ladner Bus Exchange	Noon–2 p.m.
Scottsdale Mall (Scott Road parking lot beside McDonald's, across the street from the Sikh Temple)	3–5 p.m.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17

Main Street SkyTrain (at street level)	9–11 a.m.
Vancouver Transit Centre (across from 9149 Hudson St)	Noon–2 p.m.
Lougheed Town Centre SkyTrain Station (bus exchange level)	3–5 p.m.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24

Coquitlam Centre Bus Exchange	9–11 a.m.
Scott Road SkyTrain Station (bus exchange level)	Noon–2 p.m.
Staples Business Depot Parking Lot 20055 Willowbrook Drive, Langley	3–5 p.m.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31

Edmonds Station Bus Exchange	9–11 a.m.
Brentwood Mall Bus Exchange (behind the bus exchange on the mall side of the chain link fence)	Noon–2 p.m.
22255 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge (Liquidation World parking lot)	3–5 p.m.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7

Lonsdale Quay Bus Exchange	9–11 a.m.
South Arm United Church Parking Lot 11051 No.3 Rd. (@ Steveston) Richmond	Noon–2 p.m.
Ladner Bus Exchange	3–5 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

- ✓ Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition's Great Rides program presents the BIKennale Great Ride on Oct. 4. Participants cycle city wide between Biennale sculpture installations. Info: www.greatrides.ca.
- ✓ 2009 Surrey Regional Economic Summit: Tony Blair, former UK Prime Minister discusses issues affecting Metro Vancouver's economic future. Oct. 6, Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel, Surrey. Info: www.sres2009.com.
- ✓ Citizens Pet Population Control Society presents a bazaar and tea, Sat Oct 10, 10am-3pm, Victoria Drive Community Hall, 2026 E 43rd ave, Vancouver. All proceeds to help animals.
- ✓ Vancouver Chamber Choir presents Sir John Tavener and Peter Berring. Oct. 10 at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts. 8pm, \$40 adults, \$35 seniors and students. Info: 604-738-6822
- ✓ St. Augustine's Annual Fall Fair at St. Augustine's School, 2145 West 8th Ave, Vancouver, Sun Oct 18, 10am–1:30pm. Crafts, needlework, jewellery, treasures, baking, silent auction, refreshments served. Proceeds go to missions abroad, charity, rebuilding of school.
- ✓ Prêt a Pour Tea-High Tea & High Fashion Girl's Afternoon Out, Tue Oct 20 in Queen Elizabeth Park. Funds raised for Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, BC/Yukon Region. Prizes for best hat plus a fashion show and snacks. \$125+GST; includes gift bag. Info: pretapourtea.com
- ✓ Peace Arch Hospital Auxiliary Society fall fundraiser: New to You Linens and Collectibles. Oct. 23, 10am-3pm. Oct. 24 9am-1pm. First United Church, at Buena Vista and Centre St, White Rock. Free. Info: 604-531-1681, athol@telus.net
- ✓ West Coast Women's Show: 450+ booths, celebrity speakers and one-of-a-kinds. Tradex Exhibition Centre, 1190 Cornell Str, Abbotsford, Oct 23-25. Tickets at London Drugs or www.westcoastwomen.net, adults \$10, seniors \$8, kids 6-12 \$3.
- ✓ The Canadian Alliance of British Pensioners invites those 45+ to a free info session on new pension laws, and a pension application workshop. Oct 31, 2pm, Centennial Park Hall, 14600 North Bluff Rd, White Rock. Info: britishpensions.bc.ca or 604-683-3445.
- ✓ Grandview-Woodland Community Policing Centre collects old cell phones for recycling and to fund crime prevention and safety programs in the Commercial Drive neighborhood. Program prevents old cell phones from ending up in local land fills. Drop phones off at GWPC. Info: 604 717 2932.
- ✓ **FOR THE OPERATORS AT RICHMOND TRANSIT CENTRE** Why were 3, 4 & 5 scared? Because 7 ate nine!

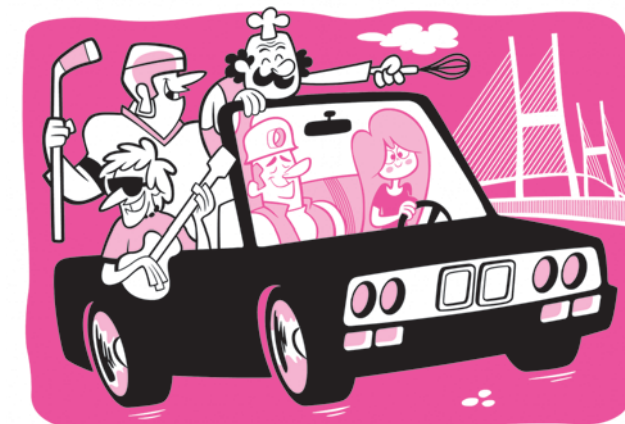
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Win prizes with TransLink Ride-Share Week!

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Visit the Buzzer blog at buzzer.translink.ca

TransLink Ride-Share Week urges you to share a ride!

Win gas coupons and ferry passes by filling the empty seats of your car during TransLink Ride-Share Week, Oct. 5-9!

Part of a national ridesharing awareness campaign, the week encourages you to share car trips whenever possible.

Just sign up at ride-share.com, a free online ride-matching database, where you can organize a regular carpool or a casual rideshare a few times a week. At the end of TransLink Ride-Share Week, you'll be entered to win gas coupons and ferry passes! (Current ridesharers will also be entered!)

The site is a service from Jack Bell Ride-Share, a non-profit group providing rideshare services in B.C. And there are benefits galore for registering with them.

The more people that register, the greater the pool for rideshare matches. Plus, you can save time, money and help the environment. Try ridesharing now: it'll help reduce traffic and is a great option for travel during the Winter Olympic Games.

Check out the Buzzer blog (buzzer.translink.ca) for more TransLink Ride-Share Week stories in the first week of October!

What's ride-sharing all about?

Ridesharing is when two or more people commute together in the same vehicle, essentially "sharing the ride." This shouldn't be confused with car-sharing, where drivers book individual time with shared vehicles on an hourly or daily basis.



Ridesharing can be a pretty affordable arrangement when you realize that average annual car ownership costs are \$6,516 in 2009, according to the Canadian Automobile Association. Split among many, costs can be far more manageable.

Jack Bell Ride-Share, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing B.C. rideshare services, currently offers several kinds of ridesharing on its website, ride-share.com. **Formal and casual ridesharing** are two options, as well as **company-branded websites** for company-specific ridesharing. In the future, the site will also offer **one-time trip** ridesharing.

Regular vanpooling

A vanpool is a more structured rideshare arrangement. It's best for those who have a fixed Monday to Friday work schedule and travel more than 15 km to get to work.

In a regular vanpool, you ride in a van from the Jack Bell Ride-Share fleet, and you pay a monthly fare based on how many kilometres the vehicle travels. There's no long-term contract to sign, and if your situation changes, you just give 30 days notice that you are leaving the rideshare.

If you're interested, visit ride-share.com to see a list of existing formal rideshares with available seats. If you sign up and enter specifics about your commute, the website can do a better job of matching you with rideshares.

Casual ridesharing

Casual ridesharing is more flexible. Through ride-share.com, drivers offer spare seats in their cars for up to five journeys, and the website matches them with passengers who travel similar routes. Unlike formal ridesharing, riders can commute from one to five days a week—there's no set schedule that must be committed to, and costs are simply negotiated between the driver and passengers.



One-time trips

Jack Bell also offers a **one-time trip** option, helping people find and offer rides to singular events like concerts, training sessions, or even destinations like the Interior.

Imagine needing a ride to a concert at B.C. Place, the fireworks in English Bay, or a conference in downtown Surrey. You'd go to ride-share.com, find your event, and the website would match you with people travelling to the same place. Pretty cool!

OUR MISTAKE! Apologies to **Jane Koo**, illustrator of the September Buzzer cover. We mistakenly said the illustration was by Michael Gilbert, who drew the October cover. Sorry for the mix up!



Bus Stop Hop showcases accessible transit

On Aug. 29, the BC Paraplegic Association, Aquabus and TransLink partnered for the 8th time on the Annual Bus Stop Hop!

Teams with a mix of wheelchair and able-bodied racers explored the access challenges of transit travel in Metro Vancouver, riding the bus, SeaBus, SkyTrain and Aquabus.

They also completed tasks like brain teasers and a wheelchair obstacle course.

The day wrapped up with munchies and prizes at Granville Island.

One participant said, "This is the best thing I've done since having my injury. I had a blast! What an excellent way to connect with others!" For others, it was their first time on transit and they were surprised how accessible it really is.

For more info or to participate next year, visit www.bcpara.org.



The Langley Lions won the Bus Stop Hop!

Kids ride free for Walk to School Week

TransLink supports International Walk to School Week, Oct. 5-9! Elementary students and high school students with a GoCard can ride free on transit for that time, except for West Coast Express. We've provided free rides for the week for many years, to help show the next generation that transit is a practical way to get around.



Thanksgiving transit service

All transit services will run on a Sunday/Holiday schedule for **Thanksgiving, Monday, October 12**.

Remember, on a holiday, you only need a single-zone fare to travel in all zones all day.

As well, on a Sunday or holiday, those with an adult FareCard, West Coast Express 28-Day Pass, or Annual Employer Transit Pass can take five children or one adult and four children on transit with them for free.



Watch for late night work in SkyTrain's Dunsmuir Tunnel

From October to December, SkyTrain will work five nights a week on the Dunsmuir Tunnel under downtown Vancouver, fixing water issues in the 77-year old structure. (It's a continuation of work started in July.)

The lower level of the tunnel will close early to allow work crews in at 10 p.m. **So the following service changes are in effect Monday to Friday, starting Tue. Oct 13 through mid-December, from about 9:45 p.m. to the end of the service day:**

All trains from the east will terminate at Stadium. A single train shuttle will run every 12 minutes between Stadium and Waterfront, stopping at Granville and Burrard in both directions.

Everyone must change trains at Stadium. Expect a two to 10 minute wait at Stadium, depending on arrival time and travel direction.

EXCEPTIONS There's no work planned for Wed Oct 28, owing to the U2 concert at B.C. Place. As well, no work will be done on Wed, Nov 11, Remembrance Day.

On Fri Nov 6, maintenance will start 90 minutes later due to the B.C. Lions game. Lions fans will have extra SkyTrains service, as usual; shuttle operation will start at 11:15 p.m.

SkyTrain staff will be on hand at affected stations for assistance. Thanks for your patience as we keep our system in good repair!

Bus bay changes at Richmond-Brighouse Station

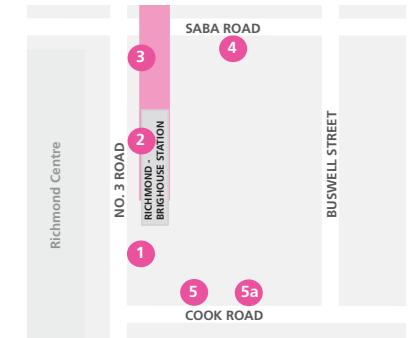
To address concerns about buses stopping by Saba Road and Buswell Street, bus bays will be moved and buses reassigned at the Richmond-Brighouse loop on **Oct. 12**. Here's the new layout.

Bay 1
301 Newton Exchange
430 Metrotown Station
480 UBC
C96 East Cambie

Bay 2
401 One Road
403 Bridgeport Station
405 Cambie
407 Gilbert
410 22nd Street Station
N10 Downtown

Bay 3
C94 Richmond Oval
Unloading Only
301, 402, 404, 430

Bay 4
401 Garden City
405 Five Road
407 Bridgeport
Unloading Only
480, C96, N10



Bay 5
402 Two Road

Bay 5A
403 Three Road
404 Ladner Exchange
410 Railway