

Celebrating the Broadway and Commercial Community Come join us for a Neighbourhood Get-Together at Broadway SkyTrain Station, Sat, Sept 11, 11 to 3 pm

The Collingwood Community Policing Centre (CCPC), Grandview-Woodland Community Policing Centre (GWPC) and My Own Back Yard Community Group (MOBY) together with support from TransLink, the City of Vancouver, and the City of Vancouver Police Department, have teamed up to beautify the Broadway/Commercial Drive area and focus on community safety. To celebrate these partnerships, and the beginning of a number of initiatives, CCPC, GWPC and MOBY would like to invite you to their first community-wide celebration.

Enjoy total family fun with:

- Live music and refreshments
- Activities for kids and adults.
- Displays and information
- Police demos
- Volunteer info

Call (604) 717-2935 (Collingwood Community Policing) for more details

Communities and Safety - Together

Concession fares for Grades 8 to 12 students with GoCards

Who is eligible for a GoCard?

High school students who:

- live within the school service area
- are 14 to 19 years old (inclusive) or are in Grade 8 at the start of the school year.
- attend classes full time in a public or private school, from Grade 8 to 12 (inclusive)

GoCards entitle eligible students to Concession fares on TransLink. The student must carry and be able to show his/her GoCard or pay an adult fare.

Getting a GoCard

A GoCard strip transforms an ordinary student I.D. card into a GoCard. The necessary photograph will be taken at an in-school photography session and the card will be issued approximately two weeks later. There is no charge for GoCards issued as a result of these in-school sessions - so make sure you don't miss yours.

In the meantime...

students with 2003/2004 GoCards who are still attending secondary schools can use them until October 31, 2004. If a GoCard has been lost over the Summer it should be replaced immediately by calling the school.

New Grade 8 students can pay a Concession fare

without a valid GoCard until October 31, 2004. These students should inform the driver of their age, grade and school when boarding. If they encounter any problem, they are advised to pay the adult fare, note the time of travel and the bus number, and call Customer Relations at 604-953-3040.

If you miss the school photo session...

you will pay a fee to have a GoCard produced*. You may go to the Artona Group Inc., 353 West 7th Ave, Vancouver. Phone 604-872-7272, or to Mountain West Studios, 1073 Roosevelt Crescent, North Vancouver, Phone 604-980-8551.

The Artona Group hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Saturday. Mountain West Studio hours are 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

GoCard photography sessions will also be provided by Apple Services, October-November in a mobile unit that travels to locations throughout Greater Vancouver. Watch for details of dates and places.

**Students going to Artona Group, Mountain West Studios, or Apple Photographic Services must have a GoCard application form (Available at school offices) signed by a school official, proof of age (birth certificate, passport or Care Card) and a \$10 fee. A GoCard will be issued immediately.*

COMING EVENTS

SpaceFest Vancouver - The Place for Space, October 4-8, as a major gathering of top space experts, scientists, astronauts, agencies, and industry make Vancouver their space port at the 55th Annual International Astronautical Congress. Throughout the week at the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre enjoy a variety of fun-filled and informative activities. For more information, visit www.iaac2004.ca ✓ Burnaby Lake Antiques & Collectibles Fair, with over 300 tables and booths under one roof. Sat & Sun, Sept 11 & 12 from 10 am to 5 pm at Bill Copeland Burnaby Lake Sports Centre, 3676 Kensington Ave at Sprott St, Burnaby. Close to Sperling SkyTrain Station. Adm \$5. Children 12 & under free with adult ✓ Does public speaking stress you out? Positive Thinkers Toastmasters can help you master the art with opportunities to practice, learn and have fun. 876-3452 ✓ Thrift Sale at St. Faith's Church, West 57th Ave & Cypress St (Arbutus bus route). Friday, Oct 1, 6 to 8 pm and Sat, Oct 2, 10 to noon. ✓ The old Hastings Mill Store Museum, 1575 Alma at Point Grey Road, occupies the oldest building in Vancouver, is open Tuesdays to Sundays 11 am to 4 pm during the summer and has a wide selection of articles from Vancouver's history ✓ Volunteers needed for social-recreational program for adults with physical disabilities. Group meets Wednesdays, 3 to 7 pm at Douglas Park, 801 West 22nd Ave, Vancouver ✓ Large Sidewalk Sale at Branch #16 Legion, September 11, 9 pm, 727 East 49th Ave, Vancouver ✓ Thrift Shop Sale, South Burnaby United, Rumble & Gray, 10 am to 2 pm. Clothing, housewares, books, toys, etc ✓ A two-year Recreation Diploma Program at Langara College will allow graduates to work in leading recreation programs, manage recreation facilities, organize special events, run a small recreation business, contract services or related activities. Four stream options include: Leadership, Facilities, Service Delivers, and Enterprise. Recruitment for September now underway. Info: Vince Kreiser, Phone (604) 323-5276, or www.langara.bc.ca/hprec ✓ Over 25 of the world's top Jewish authors are participating in the 20th anniversary of the Vancouver Jewish Book Festival, November 2-25. Info: 604-257-5111 ✓ Louise Rose sings Jazz and Gospel, Canadian Memorial United Church, 1806 West 15th Ave at Burrard, Sept 26, 2 pm. Fundraiser for South African Townships Micro-lending Project. Tx Advance sales \$18/13. 604-263-3920. At the door, \$20/15. ✓ Confederation Centre Workshops: Photography for Beginners. Learn how to get the most out of your camera investment. Learn about camera function, film types, depth of field, lenses and flash, as well composition. Thursdays, Sept 9 to Oct 14, 10 am to noon. Barcode #63936. 6 sessions \$37.45. ✓ Fitness classes. Confederation Centre offers a variety of classes. Call the Centre for details and schedules. 604-299-3161 ✓ West Point Grey United Church Annual Book Sale, Sept 9 & 10, 3 pm to 7 pm. Annual Thrift Sale, Sat, Sept 11, 10 am to 2 pm. 4595 West 8th Ave at Tolmie, Vancouver. Phone 224-4388 ✓ Polish Heritage Days "Dozynki" Sept 8-12. Festivities include Outdoor Music Festival, Polish Food & Beer Garden, Children's Activities. Sept 8: Polish Cinema. Sept 9: Art Exhibition. Sept 10: Jazz Concert, Sat & Sun: Int. Folk Music & Food Fair, 4015 Fraser St. Free adm info: 604-874-8620 ✓ 21st Century Flea Market, Sept 26, 10 am to 3 pm, Croatian Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Drive at 16th. General Adm \$2. Children 12 and under free. ✓ Peace Arch Hospital Aux Society Fund Raising sale of Linens, featuring vintage linens, doilies, scarves, placemats, fancy hankies and Christmas linens. Off the main lobby on Oct 29.

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INSIDE

New Services for Fall

Multilingual Transit Guides Let's Bus It™

Multilingual Transit Guides were introduced to transit riders in Greater Vancouver in late August. The guides, effective September 6, 2004, contain all the current routes and schedules for the seven regions in the TransLink system.

This unique timetable is published in six languages: English, Spanish, Punjabi, Japanese, Chinese and Korean.

It will assist many Greater Vancouver residents to travel around the region on public transportation. **Let's Bus It** is available at most TransLink distribution locations in addition to major shopping centres, libraries and many post-secondary educational institutions.

Advertisers wishing to inquire about **Let's Bus It** as an advertising medium should call 1-866-369-3723.

TransLink is rolling out a range of new services this Fall that will make transit a more accessible and user-friendly travel option for commuters throughout the Greater Vancouver area.

Service improvements include a major new bus route, the #301, offering a direct link between Surrey, North Delta and Richmond, including Airport Station; new and expanded Community Shuttle services in North Surrey and a major expansion of NightBus service.

“The new and improved services we’ve brought in over the past five years have helped generate major increases in transit ridership. The board is pleased to see that trend continue,” said TransLink Chairman Doug McCallum. “The #301 route, in particular, will provide a direct inter-regional connection between Richmond, North Delta and Surrey, saving transit customers significant travel time.”

Surrey - North Delta - Richmond/Airport Service

Starting Sept 6, Coast Mountain Bus Company will begin operating the new #301 route between Airport Station and Newton Exchange via Richmond Centre and North Delta. It will now be easier and quicker for people in Surrey and North Delta to travel by bus to Vancouver International Airport. The service will also provide a direct connection between Surrey and Richmond Campuses of Kwantlen College, making public transit a more attractive alternative for students and college staff.

On September 6, Monday to Friday, buses will begin operating 6 am to 7:30 pm, Mon to Fri, and 7 am to 7:30 pm, Sat. on the new route between Airport Station and Newton Exchange via Richmond Centre and North Delta. Buses will run every 30 minutes during peak periods and every hour during non-peak times. Effective September 6, minibuses on three new shuttle routes will replace standard-size buses and travel to more places, more often. The service will also run longer hours.

The new C71 Surrey Central Station/Scott Road Station replaces existing route #317. It connects Bridgeview and Bolivar Heights neighbourhood and

links to Scott Road, Gateway and Surrey Central SkyTrain stations.

The new C73 Guildford/Surrey Central Station replaces existing routes #328 and sections of the #317. It connects the Grosvenor and Invergarry Park neighbourhoods with Guildford and links to Scott Road, Gateway and Surrey Central SkyTrain stations.

The new C74 Fraser Heights/Guildford/Surrey replaces existing route #337. It connects to Guildford Town Centre and provides a direct peak connection from Fraser heights to Surrey Central SkyTrain Station. The Community Shuttle service in North Surrey runs seven days a week, every 30 minutes in peak periods. Every 60 minutes on weekends and Holidays.

Langley Community Shuttle

In addition, starting Sept 12, Sunday service will be introduced on the Community Shuttle route C64 between Langley Centre and Willowbrook. TransLink is also introducing four new Community Shuttle services in Maple Ridge.

NightBus

TransLink is also expanding NightBus service to Richmond and North Surrey to serve people who work late hours as well as those who need a safe and reliable way home from entertainment centres.

Effective September 6, Coast Mountain Bus Company will begin operating the N10. The N10 will run on Granville Street and extend to Richmond Centre via the Vancouver International Airport in both directions. In addition, the N19, which operates via Kingsway to Burnaby and New Westminster, is being extended to Surrey Central Station in North Surrey.

TransLink is also launching the N8 on Fraser Street; the N15 on Cambie St, and the N20 on Commercial Drive to Victoria Drive. NightBus service also operates three other major routes: the N6 serving the West End, the N17 serving West Broadway and 10th Ave to UBC; and the N35 serving Hastings to Simon Fraser University.

All NightBus routes will operate approximately every 30 minutes from Monday through Saturday to 3:10 am.

Bus Loops

Students commuting to SFU will notice a new bus loop at the Production Way-University SkyTrain station in Burnaby. The new loop features bus shelters and an easier connection for passengers transferring to and from the Millennium Line, particularly the #145 service to SFU. At UBC, two temporary bus loops will handle UBC bus routes while work begins on a new, high-capacity, below-ground terminal.

For complete information on all the new routes and services, passengers can visit TransLink's website at www.translink.bc.ca or call TransLink

Golden Ears Bridge receives EAO certification

The Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority (TransLink) has been given the green light to move forward with the Golden Ears Bridge, until recently known as the new Fraser River Crossing.

The environmental assessment certificate for the project was approved recently by the Minister of Sustainable Resource Management, the Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, and the Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection.

“The new Golden Ears Bridge will have a strong positive impact on the economy of British Columbia and each of the communities it brings together,” said TransLink Board of Directors Chair Doug McCallum. “It will result in significant savings in travel times and generate important opportunities and economic activity.”

Over the estimated three years of construction, it is anticipated the new crossing will create an average of 2200 jobs per year as well as 2300 jobs in industries supplying the construction effort.

That equates to \$312 million in total wages and salaries over the construction period.

Expected to open in 2008, the new bridge will improve the movement of goods and people between the north and south sides of the Fraser River. It will provide a vital link between Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows and Surrey /Langley and reduce travel times across the river by 20 to 30 minutes or more.

Are high gas prices causing you to reconsider owning a vehicle?

The Answer may be Car Sharing

The Co-operative Auto Network (CAN) has a practical solution to high vehicle maintenance costs that can save you money. CAN's car sharing network has seen exceptional growth since it began seven years ago, and for good reason. CAN currently has 1650 members and owns 86 vehicles - ranging from small compact cars to mini-vans and pick-up trucks. Car sharing has other benefits. It reduces the number of vehicles on the road and thereby reduces harmful air emissions into the environment

“Membership in CAN has saved our family the cost of purchasing a second car and a \$1200 annual insurance bill. We have access to a second vehicle whenever we need it at a fraction of the cost of owning and operating a second car,” said Karen Halex, a new CAN member.

The vehicles are easily accessible in residential neighbourhoods throughout the Lower Mainland. Booking is fast and easy. Members can choose from one of three payment plans that suits their usage. Fees include use of the vehicle, gas, maintenance, insurance, BCAA membership and designated parking at several SkyTrain stations. BCAA estimates that the average cost of owning and operating a car in the Lower Mainland is \$666 per month.

For information on CAN, call 604-685-1351 or visit www.cooperativeauto.net

Ticket machines throughout the SkyTrain Expo Line now accept debit and credit cards

The The trouble with good advice is that it usually interferes with our plans