

ROLLER SKATES A NO-NO

Roller skates are unsafe footwear for riding the bus. They make it considerably more difficult to climb up and down the stairs and walk down the aisle.

They're not only unsafe for the passenger wearing them, but pose a safety hazard for other passengers whom the roller-skater could roll into if he loses his balance.

For this reason, passengers wearing roller skates will not be permitted to ride B.C. Hydro Transit buses. If you're going skating, carry your skates, and help make the transit system a safe place to be.

CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS?

Looking for some original Christmas gifts?

The place to look Nov. 29 to Dec. 2 is the Granville Island Public Market Craft Fair, featuring pottery, wooden toys, jewellery, greeting cards and much more by many talented British Columbians.

Easily reached by the Granville Island bus route, the Craft Fair runs during regular market hours, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ODDS & ENDS

Magee Secondary School, 1975 W 49th, will hold a Christmas Nights of Music Dec 18 & 19 at 8 pm. Tickets \$1. . . The Russian Community Centre, 2114 W 4th is having a Concert of Russian Songs & Music Dec 9 at 3 pm. . . The Second Jewish Film Festival will present the Martyr Nov 26, Jacob the Liar Dec 10, Jews of Winnipeg, A People Chosen, Who is a Jew? and the Falashas Dec 17 at Theatre A130, VCC, Langara Campus, 100 W 49th at 8 pm. . . Circle Craft's Xmas Market will be held Dec 3 to 23 at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre, Venables & Victoria, open noon to 10 pm daily. Admission is 50¢/person or \$1/family. . . Casino Night, hosted jointly by the Bridgeview Community School and Association, will be held at the school, 115th Ave & 128th St, Surrey Nov 24. . . South Vancouver Family Place is holding a dance Dec 7 at 8 pm at the Legion Hall, 49th & Fraser. Call 325-5213 for information. . . Burnaby Public Library will present a talk and demonstration about soccer at McGill Branch Library, 4580 Pandora Nov 27 at 7:30 pm. . . Three programs about the Museum of Anthropology will be aired on Channel 10 Nov 26 at 8:30 pm, Nov 28 at 5 pm and Dec 9 at 8:30 pm. Arthur Erickson (architect) will describe how he designed the museum building and Dr. Michael Ames (museum director) will describe the history. . . The Sunday Craft Markets at the Burnaby Arts Centre, 6450 Gilpin at Canada Way are 11 am-5 pm Nov 25 & Dec 2. . . Lions Gate Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc invites all previous members to their 25th anniversary

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CAROL SHIPS READY

More than 40 ships will participate in this year's Christmas Carol Ship Parade in Vancouver's Harbour on the evening of Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 21, 22 and 23, says the Greater Vancouver Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The Carol Ship Parade, which has enriched Vancouver's Christmas scene for the past 18 years, was developed by the Tourist Bureau from an idea by Scotty Myles, General Manager of the Bayshore Inn at that time. "Scotty" wanted to offer something different for his hotel guests and visitors to Vancouver during the Christmas period. The event caught on and with the help of many volunteers, became another plus to Vancouver's list of special events, creating interest around the world.

The format of the Carol Ship Parade hasn't changed, the Flotilla of ships are all decorated with Christmas lights and the school choirs whose voices are broadcast to the shore are on board the lead "Carol Ship", which this year will be the "Hollyburn."

Commodore for this third year, Captain Denis Wardell, announced that all registered ships in the Flotilla will again be awarded a 'participation plaque' and the B.C. Squadron, Royal Naval Sailing Association will donate a Commodore's Trophy for the vessel voted "most originally lighted vessel."

TICKETS ON SALE

A limited supply of tickets to board the "Hollyburn" the "Harbour Princess" for the three evenings will go on sale at the Greater Vancouver Convention and Visitors Bureau at 650 Burrard Street, at 9:00 a.m. Monday, December 10. All tickets are \$5.00 and there are no reservations. In past years, lineups for tickets began before the Bureau office opened. There will be a limit of 10 tickets sold per customer.

For group charters on other vessels taking part in the Flotilla, call the Bayshore Inn Marina at 689-7371.

Good vantage points to watch the Flotilla and hear the carollers from about 7:30 p.m. on shore would be:
Friday — Brockton Point, English Bay, Kitsilano Beach.
Saturday — New Brighton Park, Deep Cove, Cates Park.
Sunday — Ambleside, West Vancouver, Dundarave, Caulfield.



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Xmas Party Dec 4 at 7 pm. For information and tickets call Anne Soar at 299-5940. . . Vancouver Shrine #2, OWS of J is taking orders for candy wreaths. Contact Mrs Lucas, 3731 W 6th Ave, 224-5389 or Mrs Wilson, 2672 Point Grey Rd, 733-7882 for orders. . . The Lower Mainland Branch of the BC Council for the Family will meet in the hall of Holy Name Church, Cambie at 33rd at 7:45 pm Nov 27. . . Chapter #9, OES is taking orders for candy wreaths. Call 876-3730. . . Vancouver People's Law School is holding a free course on Women and Family Violence Nov 29 at 6470 Victoria Drive at 7:30 pm. Pre-register by calling 734-1126. . . Salvation Army Home League ladies meet every Wednesday morning at 10 am at the Richmond Hall, 8280 Gilbert, 277-2424.

NEW B.C. ATLAS AVAILABLE

A new atlas of B.C. is now on sale, published by the University of B.C. Press.

Research for the first new provincial atlas since 1956 began four years ago and 25,000 copies were printed in the first run, now selling for \$45. The atlas covers people, environment and resource use from a geographical viewpoint.

COMING EVENTS

- Nov 24 — Musical Flea Market, Canadian Ecumenical Action, 1708 W 16th, 10 am-12 noon
- Nov 24 — Xmas Bazaar, Holy Name Church Hall, 33rd & Cambie, 1-5 pm
- Nov 24 — Xmas Bazaar & Tea, St Alban's Church, Canada Way & 9th, Burn, 1-4 pm
- Nov 24 — Xmas Tea & Bazaar, OES #37, 4306 Victoria, 1-3 pm
- Nov 24 — Xmas Market, Daughters of the Nile #72, St John's Church, Nanton & Granville, 11:30 am-3:30 pm
- Nov 24 — Xmas Sale, Chown Adult Day Care Centre, 3519 Cambie, 11 am-2 pm
- Nov 24 — Xmas Bazaar, SPCA Aux, Oakridge Auditorium, 41st & Cambie, 11 am-3 pm
- Nov 24 — Fall Bazaar, St Paul's Church, Smith & Lister, Burn, 1:30 pm
- Nov 28 — Turkey Dinner, Wilson Heights Church, 1634 E 41st, 6:30 pm
- Nov 30 — Xmas Bazaar, Woodlands, 9 E Columbia, New West, 6:30-8 pm
- Dec 1 — Xmas Bazaar, St Luke's Church, Moberly Park Centre, 61st & Prince Albert, 2 pm
- Dec 1 — Xmas Bazaar & Brunch, St Stephen's Church, 7025 Granville, 11 am-1 pm
- Dec 1 — Xmas Craft Fair, Riley Park Comm Centre, 4660 Ontario, 11 am-6 pm
- Dec 1 — Xmas Tea & Bazaar, St Michael's Church Hall, 12996-60th Ave, Surrey, 1-4 pm
- Dec 1 — Fall Fair, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 2550 10th Ave & Camosun, 2-9 pm
- Dec 1 — Bake Sale, St Mary's Church, 50th & Prince Albert, 11:30 am-4 pm
- Dec 1 — Bazaar & Lunch, OES #9, IOOF Hall, 1443 W 8th, 11:30 am-2 pm
- Dec 1 — Bazaar & Tea, West Burnaby United Church, 6050 Sussex, 2-4 pm
- Dec 2 — Xmas Bazaar, Pacific Ballet Theatre, 456 W Broadway, 2-4 pm
- Dec 4 — White Elephant Sale & Bazaar, 411 Seniors Centre, 411 Dunsmuir, 11 am-3 pm
- Dec 6 — Bazaar, Project Parent East, 2772 E Broadway, 4-7 pm
- Dec 8 — Craft Fair, St Matthew's Hall, 3019 E 23rd, 10 am-4 pm



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TRANSIT RESCUE team: Gordon, left, and MacFarlane, at B.C. Hydro's Oakridge Transit Centre following their rescue of a man from a burning Gastown rooming house.

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Transit Team Heroes in Fire Rescue

When B.C. Hydro Transit operator Trevor MacFarlane reported for work Oct. 27 he wasn't planning on being a hero. Neither was transit supervisor Bob Gordon.

But both were and thanks to them at least one man is alive today having survived a fire at a Gastown rooming house.

MacFarlane, of 7540 Hurdle Cres., Surrey, and Gordon, of 7716 Lee Street, Burnaby, were working outside the rooming house at 225 Carrall Street about 9:30 p.m. assisting trolley coaches through a power outage on the overhead wires.

Without warning, smoke began pouring out windows of the building and MacFarlane and Gordon found themselves at the scene of a fire.

"The first thing I did was call the fire department," said Gordon, who worked as a volunteer fireman on the Prairies before joining B.C. Hydro Transit seven years ago.

"I ran into the rooming house and up the stairs to see if there was anyone trapped inside. I had a general idea where the fire was coming from, but it was hard to see because of the dense smoke and all the water pouring down from the sprinkler system.

"In one of the rooms, I found one man who was quite dazed and suffering from smoke inhalation, and I was leading him out of the building when MacFarlane came in to assist," Gordon said.

MacFarlane checked the other rooms and suffered a singed hand from a burning mattress.

"The whole thing happened in less than five minutes," MacFarlane said. "But thank goodness no one was seriously hurt."

MacFarlane, who has been a transit operator for five years said it was his first experience as being a hero.

Both received official commendations from B.C. Hydro Transit for their actions.

BUZZER RE-SCHEDULED

To accommodate the upcoming holiday season and to enable us to publish a special Christmas issue of the Buzzer, we have altered our schedule slightly, commencing with this issue.

The next two issues will be on the buses Dec. 14 and Jan. 11, returning to the normal monthly publication schedule on Feb. 1.

CHANGES EFFECTIVE TODAY

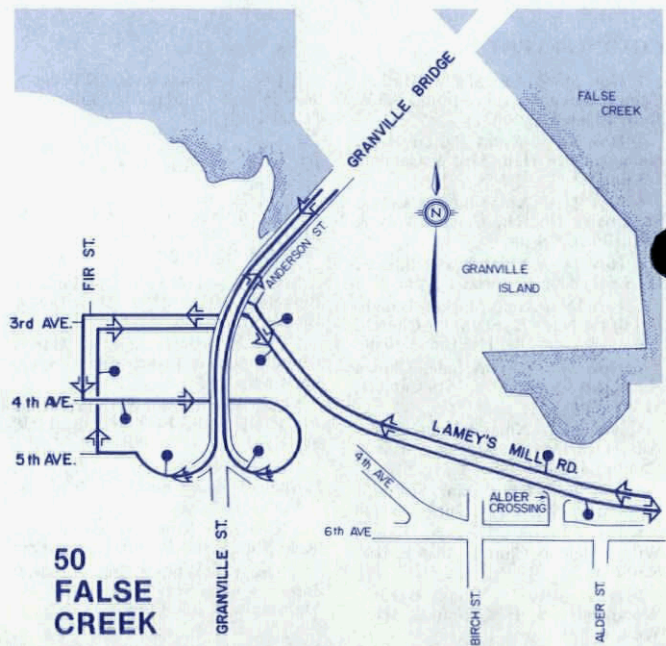
Transit changes that were delayed from Oct. 26 are in effect today. New timetables reflecting schedule revisions are available for Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminster, Coquitlam, Richmond and South Delta.

In the North Burnaby timetable, an extra 35 Westridge trip to Simon Fraser University is being offered weekday mornings. It leaves Kootenay Loop at 8:45 a.m. and arrives at SFU at 9:08 a.m.

The new Coquitlam timetable shows a 150 Lougheed trip leaving Lougheed Mall at 3:45 p.m. This is an error as this trip does not operate.

Also, the 351 North Bluff service in White Rock becomes more uniform with the night routing changed to the same as the day routing.

The areas of False Creek which have been under construction over the past months (Phase II) are just about completed. As a consequence, effective Dec. 7 the 50 False Creek route will be expanded to better serve this area. (See map below) Please refer to the appropriate timetable for schedule details.



GARAGE STAFF SAFEST IN TRANSIT

An outstanding achievement in the field of on-the-job safety has been recorded by the 16 employees of B.C. Hydro Transit's Carrall Garage in downtown Vancouver.

They've worked the five years that the garage has been open without one disabling on-the-job injury, the best employee safety record in B.C. Hydro Transit.

Carrall Garage opened Nov. 8, 1974 and since then employees have accumulated 140,000 injury-free hours of work.

"We're extremely proud of this exceptional group of workers," said Hydro Transit safety manager Peter Gleave.

"They set a fine example for not only our own organization but for everyone in the workforce."

ATTENTION NEW WEST HOCKEY FANS

For the added convenience of fans using the special New Westminster Hockey services, please note that a new stop has been established westbound on Kingsway at Patterson.

MATHESON LOOP RE-OPENED

The 26 Boundary service has returned to its regular terminus at Matheson Loop following widening of the loop to permit turning of 40-foot buses.

The Boundary route southbound is from Boundary and Arbor via Arbor, Matheson to the loop. Northbound, buses travel from the loop via Matheson, Arbor, Boundary and the regular route beyond.

NEW PASSES AVAILABLE

New passes have been issued by the B.C. Department of Human Resources for handicapped or senior citizens receiving provincial supplementary social assistance.

The passes cost \$5 and are valid between Dec. 1, 1979 and May 31, 1980 for regular fares throughout the B.C. Hydro Greater Vancouver Transit System.

Enquiries regarding passes should be directed to: Bus Passes, Drawer 500, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8X 1X4



FREEBUS SERVICE EXTENDED

December 3 will see the beginning of the major stores extending their hours of operation for pre-Christmas shopping.

For the convenience of downtown shoppers the Freebus also will extend its hours of operation accordingly. If the major stores are open (except for the Saturdays of December 8 and 15), you can count on the Freebus to help ease your transportation problems.

WATCH THOSE PARCELS

The holiday season and shopping go hand in hand. Therefore, we'd like to remind passengers to be careful with their parcels on the bus. Try to avoid hitting your fellow passengers when walking down the aisle or leaving parcels in the aisle where someone could trip over them.

Also keep in mind that seats are for passengers not parcels. Keep them on your lap or under the seat, but not on the seat next to you.

B.C. Hydro Transit recommends that if you can avoid the afternoon rush hour your chances of having a seat are much greater and your ride more comfortable.