

The Buzzer

Don't take the keys

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Winter Tune-ups

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 11

Since their introduction in September, Vancouver Regional Transit System Fall/Winter services have been monitored to measure their effectiveness. The following adjustments are being made to improve some service levels or to maintain schedule reliability.

4 Powell/UBC
Morning rush hour departure times, Monday through Friday, will be adjusted.

9 Boundary/Broadway Stn/Alma
Monday through Friday, selected daytime trips will again be short-turned at Broadway Station.

20 Victoria/Granville
Departure times throughout the week will be adjusted.

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New SkyTrain cars ordered

The SkyTrain fleet of 114 rapid transit cars will be boosted by another 16 vehicles to cope with the growing ridership demands on the system. UTDC, Inc, of Montreal, the original designer and manufacturer of SkyTrain, was awarded the \$33 million contract. The first cars from the new order will be delivered early in 1991. The Honorable Rita M. Johnston, minister responsible, said that ridership, currently 25 million a year, is growing by about 11 per cent a year. By the mid-1990's, BC Transit estimates the SkyTrain system will need an additional 16 cars, over and above the current order.

SkyTrain station for Whalley Town Centre

BC Transit's board of directors has given the green light for construction of a SkyTrain station in Whalley Town Centre and ordered negotiations to proceed for two others in Surrey. The decision follows a BC transit invitation to developers for expressions of interest in funding the capital cost of SkyTrain stations that could be integrated into planned development sites. Four proposals were received and while none was fully accepted as proposed, the board has instructed BC Transit staff to pursue negotiations with three development companies for stations in the vicinity of 108th Avenue and 134th Street, and 100th Avenue and King George Highway.

104th - immediate go-ahead

Because of the strategic importance of the station at 104th Avenue and 134th Street, BC Transit will fund and build an interim station and bus loop as originally approved in 1985 and attempt to recover the costs from future developments on the site and adjacent properties.

VOLUNTEERS

400 volunteers required to help with crowd control, ticket taking and ushering at First Night on New Year's Eve. Help also needed in the office for pre-event activities. Call Cathy at 681-8182.

SkyTrain/SeaBus Ticket Machines will accept \$5 bills

Ticket vending machines in all SkyTrain stations and SeaBus terminals are being modified to accept \$5 bills, in addition to the \$1 and \$2 bills which have always been accepted. The modifications are expected to be completed by December 1.

Long time riders will may recall that \$5 bills were accepted during Expo, but the machines were later reprogrammed when the Canadian Mint redesigned the \$2 bill and both old and new designs had to be accepted.

The machines will issue change in 'loonies', quarters, dimes and nickels, unless the "Sorry, no change" sign is displayed. As always, bills should be in good condition, and must be inserted unfolded, face up, head first. If the "Coins only" panel is lit and you only have bills, please use another machine.

Pacific National Exhibition's 1st Christmas Fair, Dec 2-10

Features include:
The first annual Pacific Rim Invitational Ice Sculpting Classic.
A glittering night parade on Vancouver streets, December 2.
A Garage Sale in aid of the Vancouver Sun Children's Fund.
Booths selling arts and crafts, food, and leisure items.
Indoor and outdoor festive activities.

Anyone who doesn't think Christmas lasts all year doesn't have a charge account

ODDS & ENDS

Fraser Valley Gilbert & Sullivan Society pantomime: Hickory Dickory Do 1 & 2 at 7:30 p.m., Dec 2 & 3 at 2:30 p.m., Surrey Arts Centre. Tx. 588-4337
Museum of archaeology and ethnology is hosting a travelling exhibition of North American native footwear. Adm free. Info: 291-3325
The eatery at Edmonds Community Centre for the Retired is open to all for lunch, Mon-Fri, 11:15-12:45. \$3. Thurs is roast beef day. Snowflake Dinner & Dance Dec 16, 6-11 p.m.
Vancouver Public Library Book Sale Dec 1 & 2, 9:30-6:00, Central Library, 750 Burrard.
Amahl and the Night Visitors, a Christmas musical, will be performed at Shaughnessy Heights United, Dec 15, 7:30 p.m., and Chown Memorial United, Dec 16, 4:30 p.m. Tx at VTC/CBO outlets
West End Community Centre hosts its annual Seniors' Christmas Dinner & Dance, Dec 10, 5:30-8:00. Chocolate Gift Ideas workshop Dec 3, 1:30 p.m.. Info: 689-0571
Members of the VSO perform festive musical selections at Surrey Arts Centre

Theatre, Dec 13, 8 p.m. \$14.50. Info: 596-1515
The 100-voice Welsh Men's Choir presents Caroling, Caroling, Dec 15 & 16, St. Andrew's Wesley, Nelson & Burrard. Tx at Ticketmaster outlets
The Vancouver Children's Choir performs A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten, Dec 16, 8 p.m., Christ Church Cathedral. Tx at Ticketmaster outlets.
Presentation Theatre presents the comedy Mass Appeal, Wed through Sat 'til Dec 16. \$10, \$7 seniors/students. Res: 986-1351
\$1 from each tree sold at Point Grey Secondary will go to Sunny Hill Hospital for Children ... Watch for Christmas cards by watercolour artist Blades. Their sale at locations throughout the Lower Mainland benefits the hospital.
The Language of Wood at The Vancouver Museum offers a rare opportunity to learn more about the sculpture, design and architecture of Finland. On Dec 3, noon-4 p.m., enjoy folk dancing & singing, a craft & bake sale and a children's program in the foyer.
Carol & Candlelight concert by the Amadeus Children's Choir, Dec 9 at 7:30 & Dec 10 at 3:00, Faith Lutheran Church, 7086 124th St., Delta
Christmas celebrations at Vancouver Maritime Museum: Carol Ship Watch, Dec 9 at 6:30 & Dec 10 at 7:30. \$4 includes Yuletide cheer. Carol Ship Cruises, Dec 8 to 17, 6 p.m., on board the historic schooner Maple Leaf. \$30. Tx at the Museum
The Vancouver YWCA offers comprehensive services for single mothers. Support groups meet on a weekly basis. Info: 683-2531, local 21120
The Orpheum Kids' Club presents The Rock 'n' Roll Christmas Show, Dec 9, 2:30 at the Orpheum. Adm \$3. Tx at VTC/TicketMaster.
The Burnaby Village Museum offers seniors Christmas luncheons with entertainment, Monday - Friday 'til Dec 15, 12:30 or 1:30. \$7.95. Reservations required: 294-1231
18th Century Venetian Art from Canadian collections, at the Vancouver Art Gallery 'til Jan 1
Pancake breakfast with Santa at Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre, Dec 9, 10:00-11:30. Entertainment, sing-a-longs, etc. Adults \$3. Child \$2.25. Info: 327-8371
Liqueur Making workshop, Dec 7, 7:30-9:30, Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre. \$7. Info: 327-8371
Festival of Choirs and Sing-A-Long, St. James' United Church, West 10th & Trutch, Dec 10 at 2 p.m. Adm \$6 & \$3. Tx. Will Hermans at 733-7306
North Vancouver City Library Annual Christmas Craft Workshop for ages 5-12, Dec 9, 10:00-noon. Adults and children welcome at 11:30 a.m. for Yuletide Carolers
The Women's Canadian Club of Vancouver Annual Christmas Luncheon, Pacific Ballroom, Hotel Vancouver, Dec 12 at noon. Guests \$23. Tx. 681-2055
Slide show of the English countryside, New Westminster Public Library, Dec 6 at 2:30 & Dec 13 at 7:30 p.m. Adm free.
Display of paper and plastic bags from around the world, Dec 7-Jan 2 at Richmond Art Gallery

COMING EVENTS

Dec 2 - Bake Sale & Bazaar, St. Mary's South Hill, 808 East 50th, 11:00-2:00. Lunch available.
Dec 2 - Crafts Sale & Lunch, Princess Cecilia Chpt. 9, O.E.S., Dunbar United, 11:30-1:30. \$3.50
& Collingwood, 11:30-1:30. \$3.50
Dec 2 - Bazaar, Dogwood Court, Order of the Amaranth, Collingwood United, 41st & Joyce, 11:30-1:30.
Dec 2 - Bazaar & Tea, St. Matthew's, 3019 E. 23rd. 1:00-3:00. Tea \$2.50.
Dec 2 - Xmas Tea & Sale, St. Augustine's, 8680 Hudson, 1:30-3:00. Crafts etc.
Dec 2/3 - Xmas Sale, Delta Potters, Spinners & Weavers, South Delta Rec. Centre, 10:00-4:00.
Dec 2 - Xmas Bazaar & Bake Sale, South Hill United, 645 E. 47th, 10-2.
Dec 1-3 - Coquitlam Xmas Craft Sale, Social Rec. Centre, 624 Poirier St.
Dec 3 - Juried Xmas Craft Fair, West End Community Centre, 10:00-4:00. Also pottery sale Dec 1, 2 & 3.
Dec 9 - Xmas Tea & Bazaar, Maple Leaf Chpt. 19, O.E.S., South Hill United, 645 East 47th Ave. 1:30-3:30. Adm. \$2.50
Dec 14 - Thrift Shop Sale, St. Stephen's 9887 Cameron, Burnaby, 1-3 & 7-9. Clothing, toys, books, furn., etc.
Dec 14 - Thrift Shop Sale, S. Burnaby United, Rumble & Gray, 10:30-2:30. Clothing, housewares, toys, etc.
Tues-Sat 'til Dec 23 - 4th Annual Juried Xmas Craft Sale, Community Arts Council of Vancouver, 837 Davie, 11-6
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Seasonal adjustments to bus services, effective December 11

41 Joyce Station/UBC

Additional afternoon rush hour trips from UBC, at 3:34, 3:57 and 4:12 p.m.

100 Port Coquitlam Centre/ New Westminster Stn/Airport

At Vancouver International Airport the route will be revised; buses will travel along Miller Road, between Russ Baker Way and Crossover Road. Weekday departure times will also be adjusted.

110 Lougheed Mall/Metrotown Stn.

The weekday trip leaving Municipal Hall for Metrotown Station at 2:59 p.m., will leave four minutes earlier, at 2:55.

112 New Westminster Stn/Edmonds Stn

Rush hour departure times, Monday through Friday, will be adjusted.

120 New Westminster Stn/Vancouver

Departure times throughout the week will be adjusted.

130 Metrotown Stn/Kootenay Loop

Departure times throughout the week will be adjusted.

131/132 Edmonds Stn/Kootenay Loop

Departure times throughout the week will be adjusted.

143 Lougheed Park-Ride/SFU

Morning rush hour departure times will be adjusted. The trip leaving the Park-Ride lot at 9:17 a.m. will leave 30 minutes later, at 9:47. The afternoon trip leaving SFU at 3:00 p.m., will leave 30 minutes earlier, at 2:30.

145 Scott Road Park-Ride/Lougheed Mall/SFU

Morning rush hour trips from Scott Road Park-Ride will leave a few minutes later, and the trip leaving at 9:00 a.m. will be replaced by one leaving at 9:38. Additional trips from Lougheed Mall at 8:45 and 11:02 a.m. will alleviate overcrowding.

151 Port Coquitlam Centre/Vancouver

Daytime departure times, Monday through Saturday, will be adjusted.

147 Coquitlam Centre/New Westminster Stn

Afternoon rush hour departure times will be adjusted.

156 Coquitlam Rec Ctr/New Westminster

Afternoon rush hour departure times will be adjusted.

166 Coquitlam Centre/Westwood Plateau

Morning rush hour departure times will be adjusted.

169 Lougheed Park-Ride/New Westminster

Morning and afternoon rush hour trips will be timed to connect with #100 short-turn trips at New Westminster Station. Trips leaving New Westminster Station at 6:01 and 6:58 p.m., will leave as #100 Port Coquitlam Centre.

215 Indian River/Phibbs Exchange

Afternoon rush hour trips returning from Indian River Road will now operate in service.

232 Phibbs Exchange/Grouse Mountain

Afternoon rush hour departure times will be adjusted.

242 Upper Lonsdale/Vancouver

Late night "Owl" trips from Vancouver will be delayed to make connections with Vancouver services at Georgia & Granville.

246 Lonsdale Quay/Highland/Vancouver

Departure times of afternoon rush hour trips from Lonsdale Quay will be adjusted.

319 Scottsdale Mall/New Westminster Stn

Morning rush hour departure times will be adjusted.

320 Langley Centre/New Westminster Stn

Daytime departure times, Monday through Friday, will be adjusted.

Richmond Service

Departure times throughout the week will be adjusted. An additional rush hour trip of the 403 Vancouver, leaving Southgate & Steveston Hwy at 7:16 a.m., will alleviate overcrowding. In the afternoon, two additional trips, a #401 at 3:02 p.m. and a #403 at 3:52 p.m., will leave Burrard Station.

BC Transit Centennial logo unveiled



The Honorable Rita M. Johnston, minister of transportation and highways, has unveiled a special logo designed to celebrate 100 years of public transit in British Columbia.

The logo, designed by Cochrane & Cassidy, was the winning entry in a Centennial Graphics Design Competition held earlier this year.

Centennial celebrations and projects throughout 1990 will focus on the people who have delivered this vital public service, - from the first motormen in 1890, to the thousands of men and women who plan and operate bus, SeaBus, SkyTrain and handyDART services today.

Centennial Transit Calendar

Attractive colour and black & white photographs trace the 100-year history of transit in Vancouver and Victoria.

Available soon in the book departments of Save-On-Foods, Superwaita and most London Drug outlets. \$7.95 Sugg. price

Santa's elves are subordinate clauses

TRANSIT INFORMATION

For detailed information, pick up a new transit timetable at public libraries, city halls and InfoCentres. Or call Transit Information at 261-5100.

Don't take the keys

BC Transit's Designated Drivers will take you home safely

Don't take the keys" urges people to plan ahead not to drink and drive - to leave the keys at home rather than be tempted later on. It also provides a safe, legal alternative to drinking and driving - the transit system, headed up by its team of more than 2,000 "designated drivers" who move buses, SeaBuses and SkyTrain on 143 routes throughout the Vancouver Regional Transit System's 1,500 square kilometre service area.

The "Keys" campaign operates in conjunction with Counter-Attack, a program that began 12 years ago and has since seen a 50 per cent drop in alcohol-related traffic accidents. Counter Attack focuses on deterrence. "Don't take the keys" is a complementary awareness campaign that offers transit as a viable alternative to drinking and driving - a life saving alternative.

Again this year BC Transit has contacted 40,000 businesses in the Lower Mainland, encouraging them to help ensure a safe journey home for staff, friends and family. How? By giving LifeSavers as gifts and/or by increasing employee awareness of the importance of planning ahead by posting "Don't take the keys" posters and other collateral materials in the workplace. A personalized transit itinerary service, a planner that lists transit service available to and from companies' seasonal functions, is also available to them.

LifeSavers are transit tickets valid for one-way travel by bus, SeaBus and SkyTrain between December 1, 1989 and January 31, 1990. They can be used for one, two or three-zone trips after 9:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, and anytime Saturday and Sunday. Ask your manager about LifeSavers.