

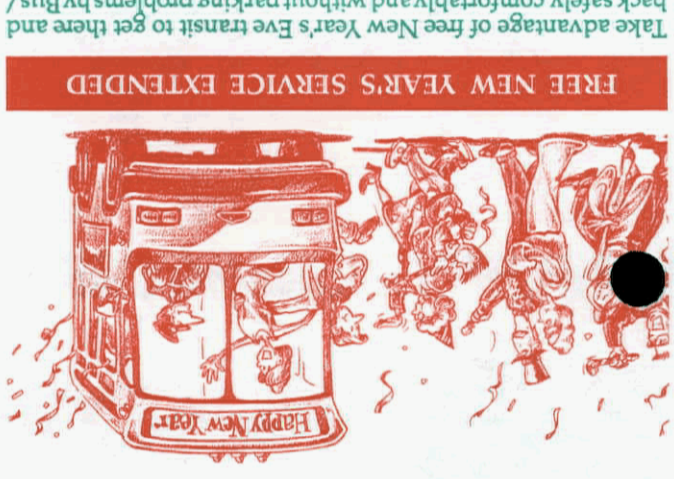
to 18 are free days for senior citizens. Info: 683-3525
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 is a must for the young and the young at heart.
 Hours of operation are 5:00 to 9:00 pm, till December 21 and 2:00
 Stanley Park's miniature railway has been transformed into a
 fairytale of lights, music and fantastic holiday displays. A ride
 is a must for the young and the young at heart.

All Aboard the Christmas Train
 On December 25 and 26, and on January 1, Granville Island
 Market will be closed and the #51 bus will not operate.

Granville Island Service
 Plan your New Year's Eve celebrations with a transit connection
 in mind.
 December 31 to 8:00 am January 1.
 and SeaBuses - will be yours to ride free, from 5:00 pm
 The entire Vancouver Regional Transit System - Buses, SkyTrains

From 5:00 pm, New Year's Eve 'til 8:00 am, New Year's Day
RIDE FREE
 Watch the December 28 issue of the Buzzer for a complete listing
 throughout the Lower Mainland.
 service will be extended and extra trips added to major routes
 In addition to regular and late night schedules, New Year's Eve
 Seabus/SkyTrain.
 back safely, comfortably and without parking problems by Bus /
 Take advantage of free New Year's Eve transit to get there and

FREE NEW YEAR'S SERVICE EXTENDED



Regular Sunday service on Christmas, Boxing and New Year's days

- From Scott Road Station, the first and last SkyTrains will leave at 8:15 am and 11:45 pm.
 - From Waterfront Station, the first and last SkyTrains will leave at 8:50 am and 12:15 am.
 - From North Vancouver, the first and last SeaBuses will leave at 8:33 am and 11:03 pm.
 - From Vancouver, the first and last SeaBuses will leave at 8:47 am and 11:17 pm.
- Single zone fares (use your single zone FareSavers) apply system-wide on holidays and a DayPass or valid FareCard will allow unrestricted travel throughout the day.



SANTA'S BACK ON TRANSIT

In the past two weeks, Santa and Mrs. Claus have ridden the buses in Vancouver and Victoria and will now ride SeaBus, SkyTrain and BC Ferries.

Retired transit operator Max Meyer first became Vancouver's transit Santa in 1979 when he drove a bus on the Beach Avenue route. When he retired in 1983 he continued the custom because "it makes my Christmas to see the smiles Santa brings to children's faces."

Mrs. Claus, SeaBus attendant Deanna Vessio, has travelled with Santa for the past nine years, spreading good cheer and candy canes on transit routes.

Catch the merry couple on SeaBus, December 15, or on SkyTrain, December 18. They will also be on hand when transit employees deliver a busload of toys to the Vancouver Christmas Bureau on December 17. Finally, before returning to the North Pole, they will travel on ferries from Horseshoe Bay, December 19, 20 and 21, and on ferries from Tsawwassen on December 21 and 22.

Buttons now on sale
 A First Night button on your label will provide general admission to all indoor performances, at any First Night venue, throughout the Lower Mainland. Until Christmas, buttons will be on sale for only \$5.00. After Christmas they will be \$6.00. Pick one up at McDonald's Restaurants, Shoppers Drug Mart, The Canadian Superstore, Super Valu Store, VanCity Savings Credit Union, Starbucks Coffee, participating B.C. Credit Unions, municipal firehalls, Pacific Centre, Chinese Cultural Centre, Lansdowne Park Shopping Centre, Vancouver Art Gallery, Chinese Cultural Centre, Insurance Brokers of B.C., or the Vancouver Sun.

And First Night will expand to three new communities
 Vancouver's New Year's Eve celebration of the arts has further expanded its satellite campaign that began last year with the addition of the Brentwood Mall.
This year's new venues are:
 North Vancouver - Centennial Theatre Centre
 - Lonsdale Recreation Centre
 Richmond - Gateway Theatre & Studio Theatre
 - Lansdowne Park Shopping Centre
 Chinatown - Chinese Cultural Centre
 - The Firehall Arts Centre

Make it a FIRST NIGHT to remember

Join the tens of thousands of people who enjoy an alcohol entertainment extravaganza each New Year's Eve.
 From Cambie to Burrard, from Nelson to Canada Place, on indoor and outdoor stages, hundreds of local artists will put on an incredible show.
 Musicians will offer the classics, or folk, or jazz, or reggae. Dancers will strut their stuff in routines ranging from ballet to tap, modern to ethnic.
 Actors will perform. Authors will read their work.
 At 11 pm everyone will gather in front of the Vancouver Art Gallery on Georgia Street to celebrate the birth of a great new year.

ODDS & ENDS

Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre Christmas Light Tour, Dec 20, 6:30-9:30 pm Tx \$7.50. 327-8371
 Pacific Bluegrass & Heritage Society Christmas Jam, Dec 17, 8 pm, ANZA Club, 3 West 8th Ave. Adm \$4
 Hank Williams - The Show He Never Gave, a dramatization featuring the Green Valley Drifters, Dec 27-31, Jan 3-5, 10-12, Vancouver East Cultural Centre. \$12/\$10. 254-9578
 Hands On Theatre Co-operative presents Faith Healer - the hit of the 1989 Fringe Festival, Tues-Sun 'til 11 pm, Arts Club Theatre, 1181 Seymour. Tx: 687-1644
 The Canada Ice Dance Society and the West End Community Centre Arena will be offering skating lessons for children and adults, performance clubs, patch & freestyle, figures, power skating and dance classes in 1991. Info: 689-0571 or 685-6051
 The Italian Cultural Centre, 3075 Slocan, presents "The Sicily of Enzo Sellerio", an exhibition of 100 photographs that capture the beauty and mystery of Sicily in the 1950s, 'til Dec 31. Adm free
 Beginning Dec 21, Science World presents "Bringing Research to Life", the history of Canadian pharmaceutical research and development over the past 75 years
 Breakfast with Santa at the Kensington Community Centre, 5175 Dumfries St., Dec 15, 10 am to 2 pm. Entertainment & picture included. \$3 each. Ask about Christmas Lights tours, Dec 18 & 19. 327-9401
 "Winter Wonders" - Children's Art Camp for ages 6-12, Jan 2, 3 & 4, 10 am - 3 pm, Surrey Arts Centre. \$27. Registration: 596-7461
 The Burnaby Writers' Society invites you to an afternoon of prose and poetry readings, Burnaby Art Gallery, Dec 16, 1:30 pm. Adm free. Info: 525-7915
 WinterFest '90 offers four acres of family fun - music, magic, skating, clowns, science performances, sports demonstrations, air bags for bouncing, face painting, etc. B.C. Place Stadium, Dec 17-30. Tx at Ticketmaster outlets
 Breakfast with Santa at Champlain Hts Recreation Centre, 3350 Maquinna Drive, Dec 15, 9:30-11 am. \$2 each. Crafts, carols, clowns, etc
 Bargains galore at the Sunny Hill Hospital for Children's Thrift Shop, 3644 Slocan St. Open Wed & Sat, 10 am - 2 pm
 Juried Christmas Craft Sale. Tues-Sat, 11 am - 6 pm, 'til Dec 22 at Community Arts Council Gallery, 837 Davie
 12-week, federally funded, pre-employment program for women recovering from drug or alcohol addiction or other serious barriers to employment. A training allowance is paid and preference is given to applicants on social assistance or with no income. Phone 736-7775 weekdays
 Working Art, an exhibition at Surrey Art Gallery 'til Jan 6, takes a look at a sample of the functional artwork currently produced in Vancouver.
 Individuals and groups are invited to enjoy the Lights of Joy on the grounds of Sunny Hill Hospital for Children, Slocan at E.21st
 Dark Horse Theatre presents Writing With Our Feet by Dave Carley, 'til Dec 22 at the Firehall Arts Centre. Info: 689-0926
 Canadian Brass/Vancouver Chamber Choir Christmas Concert at the Orpheum, Dec 22, 8 pm. Tx at Ticketmaster outlets
 Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Christmas Concert and Singalong at the Surrey Arts Centre, Dec 17 at 8 pm. Tx: 596-1515

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

Transit entertainer raises money each year for empty stocking fund

Since 1987, Joey Hanlon, one of the original entertainers licensed to play in SkyTrain stations and SeaBus terminals, has designated one day in the holiday season "Empty Stocking Day". "It's really a party," says Joey, "strangers start up singing Christmas carols and laughing together. The entire crowd of commuters will usually join in for a rousing rendition of Jingle Bells."

Watch for the fun this year at Vancouver SeaBus Terminal on Wednesday afternoon, December 19. Joey hopes he'll be able to beat last year's record of \$500.

Your "Designated Driver" could be a Bus Driver, a Seabus Captain or a SkyTrain Controller

BC Transit has more than 2,000 "Designated Drivers" who move Buses, SeaBuses and SkyTrain on 159 routes throughout the Vancouver Regional Transit System's 1,500 square kilometre service area.

However you travel; by Bus, SkyTrain or Seabus, the fare is the same. During non-rush hours (between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm and after 6:30 pm weekdays, and all day Saturday, Sunday and holidays, a \$1.25 fare can take you anywhere in the system. (After receiving a fare receipt/transfer from a BC Transit or West Vancouver bus driver, or from a ticket vending machine in a Seabus Terminal or SkyTrain station, you have a minimum of 90 minutes to transfer to any vehicle or series of vehicles going in any direction.)

Buy a book of 10 FareSaver tickets and save 10 per cent. LIFESAVERS, the holiday season tickets, employers can have further details by calling BC Transit at 264-5283.

BC Transit's "Keys" campaign operates in conjunction with CounterAttack, a program that began 13 years ago and has since seen a 50 per cent drop in alcohol-related traffic accidents. CounterAttack 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.

Santa's elves are subordinate classes

Before going out, plan a safe journey home by arranging to travel with a sober driver.

Don't take the keys

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

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Winter Service Changes
 EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 17

SEASON'S GREETINGS from all of us at BC Transit. We thank you for your patronage and hope you will continue to use our service

WINTER SERVICE CHANGES -- EFFECTIVE DEC. 17

VANCOUVER

#4 Powell/UBC

Departure times throughout the day on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays will be adjusted.

#7 Nanaimo Station/Dunbar

Departure times throughout the day on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays will be adjusted.

#8 Fraser/Davie

Departure times throughout the day on Sundays & Holidays will be adjusted.

#16 29th Avenue Station/Downtown

Evening (after rush hour) and Sunday service will be revised to run via Richards, Robson and Granville Mall to Hastings.

#26 Joyce Station/29th Avenue Station

#27 Kootenay Loop/29th Avenue Station

Sunday and holiday departure times will be adjusted slightly.

#29 29th Avenue Station/Elliott

Monday - Friday trips leaving from Nanaimo and Fraserview will start at 6:14 am and continue every 15 minutes. Departure times on Sundays and Holidays will be adjusted slightly.

SERVICE REMINDER

#32 Dunbar/Downtown (Express)

This new rush hour express service introduced in September provides Dunbar passengers with direct service to the Burrard Street business section of downtown.

VANCOUVER/BURNABY

#28 Phibbs Exchange/Joyce Station

Monday - Friday trips leaving Kootenay Loop will be changed to depart at 5:58 am, 6:13 am, 6:28 am and 6:43 am. Sunday & Holiday departure times will be adjusted.

PORT COQUITLAM

#160 South Port Coquitlam/Vancouver

An additional trip will leave South Port Coquitlam at 7:16 am. Arrival times during the morning rush hour will be adjusted.

#163 Prairie/Port Coquitlam Centre

Evening, Sunday and Holiday departure times at Port Coquitlam Centre will be adjusted to provide better connections.

#164 Coast Meridian/Port Coquitlam Centre

Between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm, departures will be six minutes earlier, leaving at half past the hour instead of :36 past the hour for better connections with #100 Port Coquitlam/New West Station/Airport.

#162 River Springs/Vancouver

#163 Prairie/Vancouver

#164 Coast Meridian/Vancouver

#165 LaFarge Park/Vancouver

Morning rush hour arrival times will be adjusted slightly due to better traffic conditions.

NORTH VANCOUVER

#239 Park Royal/Phibbs Exchange

An additional trip will leave Lonsdale Quay at 6:17 pm, Monday to Friday, arriving at Phibbs Exchange at 6:30 pm.

SERVICE REMINDER

#290 Deep Cove/Vancouver

Introduced in September, the #290 is a new rush hour express route that bypasses Phibbs Exchange, and provides two AM and two PM rush hour trips between Deep Cove and downtown Vancouver, via Mt. Seymour Parkway.

DELTA

#310 Scottsdale Mall/Vancouver

The 6:50 am trip from Burrard Station, Monday - Friday, will leave 5 minutes later, at 6:55 am.

SURREY/NORTH DELTA

#329 Whalley Exchange/Scott and 96th Ave.

Four trips during the morning and evening rush hours will be extended to the Scott Road SkyTrain Station instead of terminating at Scott & 96th. Buses will leave from Bay #2.

#340 Sullivan Heights/22nd Street Station

An additional trip will leave Surrey Civic Centre at 5:37 pm, Monday to Friday.

SERVICE REMINDER

#315 Scott Road Station/Ladner Exchange

Introduced in September, the #315 is a new rush hour service between Scott Road Station and Ladner Exchange.

WHITE ROCK

#351 Crescent Beach/Vancouver

Downtown Vancouver arrival times have been adjusted slightly.

#353 Ocean Park/22nd Street Station

The 6:23 am trip from 128th Street at 16th Avenue will leave 5 minutes earlier, at 6:18 am. Other peak period trip times will be adjusted slightly to reflect traffic conditions.

SERVICE REMINDER

#355 Ocean Park/White Rock Centre

Introduced in September, the #355 is a new service operating between Ocean Park/Crescent Heights and White Rock Centre, via 20th Ave.



Service improvements and schedule adjustments to keep you on the move over the holidays and into the New Year. December highlights include new rush hour Bus/SkyTrain connections at the Scott Road Station, and new rush hour trips for Vancouver to Richmond and Port Coquitlam to Vancouver commuters and passengers travelling on the North Shore.

RICHMOND

#401 Vancouver/One Road

#403 Vancouver/Three Road

Departure times during the pm rush hour will be adjusted slightly.

#406 Vancouver/Railway

Departure times between 5:15 and 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday, will be adjusted slightly. To reduce crowding, an additional trip will leave downtown Vancouver during this period.

#421 Cambie Road/Richmond Exchange

The route to the Richmond Exchange will be revised to run via Knight Street, Bridgeport, Viking and Cambie Road. Buses returning to Marine Drive & Knight Street will follow the same route in reverse.

SERVICE REMINDER

#480 Steveston/UBC

Introduced in September, the #480 is a new rush hour route that provides a direct express service between Richmond and UBC.



ACCESSIBLE UPDATE

SkyTrain and SeaBus are both fully accessible systems. Wheelchair lift equipped service is now also available on 22 bus routes in the Lower Mainland. Hundreds of passengers with mobility disabilities have already tried the new service. A detailed "Rider's Guide" is available from BC Transit. Call Transit Information at 261-5100. Beginning January 1, 1991, HandyPass holders will be entitled to travel on conventional transit for a concession fare. One attendant accompanying a HandyPass holder may travel free.

ATTENTION

Scott Road SkyTrain passengers

Here's a chance to Go Green and help ease the parking lot overload.

Demand on the park'n ride facility at the Scott Road SkyTrain station has far exceeded projections. A recent survey told us that more than 85% of commuters are arriving alone in their cars. If you're having trouble finding a parking spot, you may want to try a switch to the local bus service for your trip to SkyTrain. Pick up a Surrey timetable for complete details. You might also consider forming a carpool for your local ride. Call 261-6555 and ask for a copy of the Go Green carpool guide.

BUS BAY ALERT

Bus/bay allocations at Scott Road SkyTrain Station will change, effective December 17. Note that bus/bay allocations have already been changed at Brentwood Mall, Lougheed Mall and Newton Exchange.

LANGLEY

#507 Fort Langley/Langley Centre

The trip leaving Langley Centre at 6:41 am will be discontinued. From the Walnut Grove neighbourhood, passengers can use the #509 Walnut Grove/Scott Road Station

SERVICE REMINDER

#509 Walnut Grove/Scott Road Station

Introduced in September, the #509 is a rush hour commuter service that operates between the Walnut Grove neighbourhood and Scott Road Station.

TSAWWASSEN

#601 South Delta/Vancouver

Arrival times in downtown Vancouver will be adjusted slightly to reflect changing traffic conditions.

ADJUSTMENTS TO NEW DECEMBER 17 TIMETABLES

22 Knight eastbound buses leaving Pender at Carrall between noon and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, will leave one minute earlier than shown in the timetable.

The #10 bus leaving Kootenay Loop at 8:56 am will terminate at Blanca Loop, rather than continuing on to UBC.

The #41 Crown bus leaving Joyce Station at 6:59 am, Monday through Friday, will be lift equipped.

The first trip of the #241 Vancouver will leave Prospect at Rockland one minute earlier than listed, at 6:50 am, Lonsdale at 15th at 6:58 and Marine at McGuire at 7:10.

On Sundays and Holidays there won't be a Skytrain connection with the first trip of the #340 Newton Exchange, leaving 22nd Street Station at 8:36 am.

HOURLY B.C. FERRY CONNECTIONS

Holiday season travellers are reminded that BC Transit provides hourly service to and from Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal.

The first #640 bus leaves Scottsdale Mall at 7:45 am, Monday through Friday, 7:54 am on Saturdays and 7:57 am on Sundays and Holidays. The last bus leaves Scottsdale Mall at 9:57 pm.

The first #640 bus leaves Tsawwassen Terminal at 8:57 am, Monday through Saturday, and 9:02 am on Sundays and Holidays. The last bus leaves Tsawwassen Terminal at 11:02 pm.

CONNECTIONS WITH OTHER BUSES

Passengers from other parts of the Vancouver region, including Vancouver, New Westminster, White Rock, Crescent Beach and Vancouver International Airport, can join or leave the #640 at Ladner Exchange or Matthews Exchange.

For full information pick up a timetable at a public library, city or municipal hall, chamber of commerce or community centre.

Or call BC Transit Information at 261-5100