

Santa rides again

Since December 2, Santa and Mrs Claus have been riding on a variety of bus routes in Vancouver and will now visit some lucky SkyTrain and SeaBus passengers.

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 the children's faces."

Mrs Claus, SeaBus attendant Deanna Vessio, has travelled with Santa for the past 10 years, spreading good cheer and candy canes on transit routes.

Catch the merry couple on SkyTrain, Monday December 9 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, or on SeaBus, Saturday December 14 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.



Revisions to new timetables, dated December 16

Coquitlam and New Westminster/Burnaby timetable

The 156 Coquitlam Rec Centre trip listed as leaving New Westminster Station at 4:12 pm has been adjusted to leave at 4:07 pm. It will leave Lougheed Mall at 4:31 pm and arrive at Coquitlam Rec Centre at 4:48 pm.

Surrey, North Delta, White Rock timetable

The 314 Scottsdale Mall trips listed as leaving 22nd Street Station at 4:07 pm, 4:37 pm, 5:07 pm and 5:37 pm have been adjusted to leave at 4:12 pm, 4:42 pm, 5:12 pm, and 5:42 pm, arriving at Scottsdale Mall at 4:45 pm, 5:15 pm, 5:45 pm and 6:15 pm.

Langley timetable

Please note that both the 501 Scott Road Station and the 501 Langley South stop for pick-up and discharge at 104th Ave at 160th St in Surrey.

41 Crown/UBC timetable

Please note that there is no 9:22 am trip from Joyce Station on Saturdays.

North Vancouver timetable

In the Monday to Friday schedule, the 230 Upper Lonsdale trip leaving Lonsdale Quay at 5:30 pm was omitted. It leaves Lonsdale & 15th St at 5:38 pm, Lonsdale & 29th at 5:44 pm, Osborne & Lonsdale at 5:46 pm and arrives at Prospect & Rockland at 5:54 pm. The 5:32 pm trip from Lonsdale Quay operates as an express service, non-stop to Lonsdale at 23rd and continues as regular service to Prospect & Rockland.

Don't take the keys

BC Transit's "Designated Drivers" will take you home safely

The "Don't take the keys" program urges you to plan ahead if there's a chance you may be drinking. Plan to leave the keys at home so you won't be tempted later on. Plan to use 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 170 routes throughout the Vancouver Regional Transit System's 1,500 square kilometre service area.

The "Keys" campaign operates in conjunction with CounterAttack, a program that began 14 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, life saving alternative to drinking and driving.

Employers can help with LifeSavers

Again, this year, BC Transit has contacted businesses throughout the Lower Mainland, encouraging them to help ensure safe journeys for staff, friends and family. Companies can purchase and distribute LIFESAVER tickets - sold in packs of two for \$2 - and increase employee awareness of the importance of planning ahead by posting "Don't take the keys" posters and other collateral materials in the workplace.

Each LIFESAVER is good for 90 minutes of system-wide travel on bus, SkyTrain and SeaBus from 9:30 am weekdays and all day Saturday, Sunday and holidays, until January 31, 1992.

For further information please call 264-5283

Employees: Ask the boss about LifeSavers

Please remember: LifeSavers are available only to employers)

People can be divided into three groups: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who wonder what happened.

If you tell a man there are 300 billion stars in the universe, he'll believe you. But if you tell him a bench has just been painted, he has to touch it to make sure.

VOLUNTEERS

The Burnaby Multicultural Society is looking for volunteers to help research a 150-page history of the municipality's cultural communities to celebrate centennial year, 1992. Call Eugene Kaellis at 299-4848.

ODDS & ENDS

Tour the historic Stewart Farmhouse and see an old-fashioned Christmas tree in the elegant parlour, kitchen gadgetry and toys and games of another era, 'til Dec 15. The Hooser Weaving Centre will be showing traditional spinning and weaving techniques Dec 8, 14 & 15, noon-4 pm. 13723 Crescent Road, Surrey • Singers interested in four-part harmony, Barbershop style, are always welcome to audition for the Lions Gate Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines Int. Info: 272-0020 • Carol & Candlelight concerts with the Amadeus Children's Choir, Dec 7 at 7:30, Dec 8 at 7:30, Faith Lutheran, 7086 124th St, Surrey, and Dec 20 at 8:00, Queens Ave United, Queens, New West. Tx \$10/\$8. Info: 581-1599 • Breakfast with Santa, Dec 11:30 am, \$2 per child... Christmas Lights Tour, Dec 14, 6-9 pm, \$5. Mount Pleasant Community Centre, 3161 Ontario • North Vancouver Community Players presents Millionaire, performed by Coconut Theatre, until Dec 14 at Hendry Hall, 815 11th St. E, North Van. Tx 983-2633 • Christmas Daycamp for 6-12 year olds at Hastings Community Centre, Dec 30, 31, Jan 2, 3, 9:30-3:30. \$20. Info: Harvey Eng at 255-2606 • The Royal City Youth Ballet Company will perform The Nutcracker at Surrey Arts Centre Dec 13 & 14 (596-1515), and at Burnaby's James Cowan Theatre Dec 18-21 (280-4444). • The Wearable Art Show, a non-profit fundraiser for Children's Hospital, offers one-of-a-kind fibre and jewellery art, painting on silk, sculptured sweaters, Navajo ceremonial blanket jackets, native Indian applique on coats and accessories, etc. Dec 7-8, 11:00-6:00, Heritage Hall, Main & 15th. Adm \$2. Child under 10 by donation • Point Grey Mini School is sponsoring a Christmas Tree Sale on the tennis courts (39th & Maple) to raise funds for the school and Sunny Hill Hospital, from Dec 6, 3:00-9:00 weekdays, 10:00-7:00 weekends. Free delivery for seniors • Mr Weir Muir will entertain 3-9 year olds, Dec 14, 10:30 am, North Vancouver City Library. On Dec 21, 10 am-4 pm, enjoy cookies and conversation around the Christmas tree • Early Music Vancouver presents The Artaria String Quartet of San Francisco playing music by Mozart, Haydn and Boccherini, Jan 4, 8 pm, UBC Recital Hall. Introduction: 7:15. Tx 732-1610 • Vancouver Home Based Business Assoc. discussion: "Labour Union or C of C," Dec 17, 7:30 pm, Ramada Inn, 898 W. Broadway. Non-members \$3. Info: 987-6157 • The North Shore Chorus presents Dragons & Candles "The Reluctant Dragon", Dec 6 & 7, 8 pm, Mount Seymour United Church, 1200 Parkgate, North Van. Tx \$8, Students \$5. Phone Audrey at 520-1555 (day), 985-2559 (night) • 4th Annual Lights of Joy will shine throughout the holiday season at Sunny Hill Hospital. Vancouver Bach Children's Chorus will perform at the lighting ceremony, Dec 9, 6:30 pm. Slokan & E. 21st. • The Women's Canadian Club of Vancouver Annual Christmas Luncheon, Dec 12, noon, Pacific Ballroom, Hotel Vancouver. Speaker: Lynn Smith, Dean of Law, UBC. Tx \$30, 681-2055 • Make Christmas decorations at the Imagination Market Drop-in Workshop, Sat & Sun, noon-4 pm, 528 Powell. Adm by donation • Toys, Toys, Toys. A community mounted exhibition for children of all ages. Special locomotive display. Dec 7-Jan 5, Vancouver Museum • Big Tree Productions presents Waiting for Godot, by Samuel Beckett, Mon-Sat, Dec 5-14, Station Street Arts Centre. Info: 688-3312 • 120 B & W photographs that span the career of the internationally acclaimed Czech photographer Josef Koudelka, are on exhibit 'til Jan 26 at Presentation House. Adm \$2.14/\$1.07 • Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre Christmas Light Tour, Dec 19, 6:30-9:30. \$7.50. Kids, learn to make candles, gingerbread houses, ornaments, chocolates, etc. Info: 327-8371

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 7 - Festive Christmas Tea and Bazaar, St. George's Anglican Hall, Laurel at W. 14th, 2:00-4:00. \$2.50. Baking, gifts, etc.

Dec 7 - Christmas Craft Fair, Hastings Community Centre, 10:00-4:00. Adm free. Activities for children, food, door prizes.

Dec 7 - Christmas Tea, Craft & Bake Sale, Kitsilano Salvation Army, 2309 West 10th, 1:00-3:00.

Dec 7 - Tea & Bazaar, Renfrew United Church Aud., 2855 E. 1st. 1:00-3:00. \$2.50

Dec 7 - Holly Bazaar, St. Helen's, 8th & Trimble, 11:00-3:00. Tea, children's Teddy Bear Bazaar, baking, gifts, raffles, etc

Dec 7 - Sugar Plum Tea & Craft Sale, St. John's, 209 West 13th, North Vancouver 1:00-4:00. Christmas baking.

Dec 12 - Thrift Shop Sale, St. Stephen's Ang., 9887 Cameron, Bby. 1-3 & 7-9 pm. Household articles, toys, clothing, etc

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THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

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Winter Service Changes

Effective December 16

This winter we'll be making a number of service adjustments and improvements to meet seasonal demands and get you where you want to go.

Highlights include the introduction of transit service in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, Regional service to Coquitlam Centre and peak service to downtown Vancouver

Winter Service Changes Effective December 16

VANCOUVER

Minor adjustments will be made to departure times on the following routes:

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| 1 Beach/Gastown | 26 Joyce Stn/29th Ave Stn |
| 2 Park & Ride/Downtown | 27 Kootenay Loop/Joyce Stn |
| 3 Main/Robson | 28 Phibbs Exchange/Joyce Stn |
| 8 Fraser/Davie | 29 29th Ave Station/Elliott |
| 16 29th Ave Stn/Downtown | 49 Metrotown Station/UBC |
| 20 Victoria/Granville | 50 False Creek South/Gastown |
| 25 Brentwood Mall/UBC | |

BURNABY/NEW WESTMINSTER

Minor Route Adjustment

131/132 Edmonds Station/Kootenay Loop
During AM rush hour, buses will remain on Canada Way, bypassing the Municipal Hall Loop.

New Accessible Service

100 New Westminister Station/Airport
Lift-equipped buses will be accessible to wheelchairs and scooters. Check timetable for accessible trips and stops.

Minor adjustments will be made to departure times on the following routes:

- 100 New Westminister Stn/Airport
- 101 Lougheed Mall/Queensboro/Annacis Is.
- 106 New Westminister Stn/Metrotown Stn
- 110 Lougheed Mall/Metrotown Stn
- 112 New Westminister Stn/Edmonds Stn
- 120 New Westminister Stn/Vancouver
- 130 Metrotown Stn/Kootenay Loop
- 134 Lougheed Mall/Montecito/Kootenay Loop
- 135 SFU/Kootenay Loop

PORT COQUITLAM

Service Changes

Some #147 rush hour trips will be rerouted along Dewdney Trunk Road, between Coquitlam Centre Exchange and St. John's & Clearview. In addition, the number of trips along Dewdney Trunk Road will be increased.

#149 buses will be rerouted along the Barnett Highway to serve the Heritage Mountain area. Service along the Dewdney Trunk Road will be provided by the #147.

#151, 166 and 167 buses will be rerouted in the Coquitlam Centre area to improve access to neighbourhood shopping facilities.

190 Port Coquitlam Centre/Vancouver SuperExpress buses will stop at Lougheed & Hastings.

Minor changes will be made to departure times on the following routes:

- 147 Coquitlam Centre/New Westminister Stn
- 148 Ioco/New Westminister Stn
- 149 Coquitlam Centre/Pt. Moody North
- 151/152 Pt. Coquitlam Centre/Vancouver
- 154 22nd Street Stn/Lougheed Mall
- 155 22nd Street Stn/Coquitlam Rec Centre
- 158/159 Pt. Coquitlam Centre/New Westminister Stn
- 160 Pt. Coquitlam Centre/Vancouver
- 161 Mary Hill/Pt. Coquitlam Centre
- 162 River Springs/Coquitlam Centre
- 163 Prairie/Pt. Coquitlam Centre
- 164 Coast Meridian/Pt. Coquitlam Centre
- 165 LaFarge Park/Coquitlam Centre
- 166 Coquitlam Centre/Westwood Plateau
- 167 Coquitlam Centre/Johnson Heights
- 169 Coquitlam Centre/New Westminister Stn

"A painter paints what he sells.
An artist sells what he paints."
Pablo Picasso

NORTH VANCOUVER

Service Changes

230 Upper Lonsdale/Lonsdale Quay
The 5:32 pm trip from Lonsdale Quay will operate as an express to Lonsdale at 23rd, then as local service to terminus.

236 St. Patricks/Lonsdale Quay/Pemberton Hts
Regular daily service to Phillips & 23rd will resume.

247 Upper Capilano/Vancouver
Minor adjustments will be made to departure times.

New Accessible Service

210 Upper Lynn Valley/Vancouver
228 Lynn Valley/Lonsdale Quay
232 Phibbs Exchange/Grouse Mountain
246 Lonsdale Quay/Highland/Vancouver
Lift-equipped buses will be accessible to wheelchairs and scooters. Check timetable for accessible trips and stops.

SURREY/NORTH DELTA/ LANGLEY/WHITE ROCK

311 Scottsdale Mall/Vancouver
Between 6:30 am and 7:00 am, service frequency will improve to every 10 minutes.

Minor adjustments will be made to departure times on the following routes:

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| 311 Scottsdale Mall/22nd St Stn | 329 Whalley Exch/Scott Rd & 96th Ave |
| 316 Whalley Exch/Scottsdale Mall | 330 Fleetwood/Guildford/Scott Rd Stn |
| 320 Langley Centre/Scott Rd Stn | 353 Ocean Park/White Rock Ctr |
| 322 Newton Exch/Scottsdale Mall | 355 Ocean Park/White Rock Ctr |
| 323 Newton Exch/Whalley Exch | 395 Cloverdale/Scott Rd Stn |
| 324 Newton Exch/Scott Rd Stn | 507 Fort Langley/Langley Ctr |
| 326 Guildford/Whalley Exch | 511 Aldergrove/Willowbrook |

Welcome
aboard,
Maple Ridge
and
Pitt Meadows



Maple Ridge will have improved and expanded local service and Pitt Meadows will have new local service with the introduction of the latest addition to the Vancouver Regional Transit System - "The Community Link."

"The Link" is the new 24-passenger mini-bus service which will operate locally throughout both communities and surrounding rural areas and will "link-up" with a new regional service.

The new 701 Maple Ridge East/South Haney/Coquitlam Centre / Vancouver will operate between Maple Ridge East or Haney Place and Coquitlam Centre every 30 minutes. During rush hours, frequency will be increased to 10-15 minutes and the route extended to or from downtown Vancouver.

Lift-equipped #701 buses will be accessible to wheelchairs and scooters. Check the timetable for accessible trips and stops.

Winter Service Changes

RICHMOND

New Accessible Service

- 401 One Road/Vancouver
- 402 Two Road/Richmond Exch/Vancouver
- 403 Three Road/Vancouver
- 406 Railway/Vancouver
- 407 Gilbert/Vancouver
- 408 Garden City/Richmond Exch/Vancouver

Lift-equipped buses will be accessible to wheelchairs and scooters. Check timetable for accessible trips and stops.

Minor adjustments will be made to departure times on the following routes:

- 404 Ladner Exchange/Airport
- 405 No.5 Road/Richmond Exchange/Airport