

Coming in July... SeaVancouver, an exciting celebration of Vancouver's association with the sea, Thursday, July 7 through Sunday, July 10.

The celebration will open with a Parade of Tall Ships entering the harbour, and throughout the event these majestic vessels will be open for tours and visitors can choose to be entertained by a mix of water-themed events such as water skiing and boat racing. SeaVancouver will culminate on Sunday evening with a dramatic fireworks display. Watch for full details in the June 24 issue of The Buzzer.

June is Bike Month

and there are over 60 fun events throughout the region that will be taking place for people of all ages and abilities. Events include rides, kids' safety activities, festivals and bikeway openings. Come with your friends, or meet some new ones.

Bike month is your chance to discover quiet, safe, beautiful routes for excursions or everyday trips. Feel the sun on your face and the wind in your hair. Get fit. Save money. Fall in love with your commute.

For more information on Bike Month which TransLink supports as a sponsor, visit the Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (BEST) website at the following link <http://www.best.bc.ca>

Come and join the hundreds of thousands of people in the Lower Mainland who experience the pleasure of cycling in the month of June and every day of the year.

Transit Schedules are now on line anytime:
www.translink.bc.ca

Auditions for musical

(Non-Equity/no pre-casting), Footlight Theatre presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's classic musical "Cinderella", Nov 11-26. Directed by Lalainia Lindbjerg Strelau, music direction by Christopher King. Cast of 40 required, aged 16 to senior. Audition dates June 11 to 14 by appointment only. Call Karen at 604-469-7936

The legendary CARNIVAL BAND, Vancouver's world-groove orchestra, will appear June 18, Rain or Shine Fest at Stanley Park, 2nd Beach. Requests welcome: www.thecarnivalband.com

COMING EVENTS

✓ Mini-Trains are now offering rides on weekends, 11 am to 5 pm on a 2-mile track at 120 North Willingdon Ave. Rides \$2.50 each. Station phone 604-291-0922 ✓ Bard on the Beach 2005 Season: As You Like It, 'til-Sept 25, Love's Labour's Lost, June 15-Sept 24, Hamlet, June 30-Sept 23, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead, July 17-Sept 24 & information 604-739-0559 ✓ St. Augustine Anglican Church Women, 8680 Hudson, Vancouver, Summer Luncheon in the Parish Hall 11:30-2:00 pm, Sat, June 18. Home baking, gift shop, raffle, mini-fashion show, from 11:30 to 2 pm. \$6:00 ✓ Ladies' Auxiliary, Branch #16, The Royal Canadian Legion, Bazaar, June 8, 1-3 pm, 727 East 49th Ave, Vancouver. Raffles, Cake Walk. Bingo. Food at noon. ✓ The Burnaby Children's Society is hosting its 3rd Annual Street Fair and Kids-stuff Swapmeet on June 11, 10 am to 3 pm, Hanna Court, Burnaby. (2 blocks from Edmonds SkyTrain). Activities include bouncy-castle, raffles, food and a kids-stuff swapmeet. Free adm. Table registration \$20. 604-520-6017 ✓ North Vancouver Community Players present: Heavenly Bodies, a Cabaret in the Theatre at Hendry Hall, 815 East 11th St, North Vancouver. June 8-11 and 15-18. Preview June 2. Curtain 8 pm. Rsv: 604-983-2633. Tx: \$14 (\$12 seniors/18 and under) ✓ Hi-Tech History comes to Richmond Museum. Join the museum each Saturday beginning June 4 for a Spring series of three workshops for 6 to 10-year olds who would enjoy focussing on technology and design. Make airplane models of your own design. Basic supplies provided. \$12 per session. 6-8 year-olds join up June 11, 10:30 to noon, 8-10 year-olds join up June 4, 1:30-3:30 pm. To register call 604-276-4300. Workshops also available on converting trash to treasures and on Videography ✓ Confederation Community Centre in Burnaby offers a Senior's Program bus trip and lunch at Grouse Mountain. Enjoy a turkey breast sandwich with dessert served in the Observatory Restaurant on July 11 and a spectacular view of the city. Price including lunch, Skyride, admission and transportation is \$42.95, 9:30 am to 3:15 pm. No refunds after June 27. (604) 294-1936 ✓ 21st Century Antiques Fair with 175 tables and booths of 19th & 20th Century Antiques and Collectibles under one roof, Sunday, June 12, 10 am to 3 pm at the Croatian Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Drive at 16th. Close to Broadway Station. Adm \$3 at door. Children 12 & under free with adult. Free parking. Onsite cafe and snack bar ✓ Complex Garage Sale, Saturday, June 11, 9 am to 1 pm, 2978 Walton Ave, Coquitlam ✓ Gardens and artists are ready for the 3rd annual Coquitlam gARTen tour, Sat, June 11, 11 am to 5 pm, sponsored by the City of Coquitlam and ArtsConnect. This is a self-guided spring tour of Coquitlam's finest public and private gardens. Every garden will feature the work of local artists and selected gardens will feature live music. Info: 604-927-6959 or check out the City's web site www.coquitlam.ca. ✓ Don't miss this year's Vancouver International Jazz Festival, June 24 to July 3 ✓ North Shore Antiques Fair with over 200 tables and booths, July 9 & 10, 10 am to 5 pm, West Vancouver Arena, 786 22nd St at Marine Drive or Gordon Ave. Adm \$5. Children under 13 free with adult.

BUZZER

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Major Improvements have been proposed for the Vancouver/UBC transit service

A 25-member Public Advisory Committee, TransLink, UBC and the City of Vancouver collaborated to develop a plan which was produced after a series of public and stakeholder meetings.

The proposals from these meetings will now be submitted to Vancouver City Council on June 28th and to a public hearing in the council chamber on June 29th beginning at 7:30 pm.

#1207 Centennial Celebration

When interurban car #1207 emerged from the B.C. Electric Railway's New Westminster car shops in 1905, the population of what now makes up Greater Vancouver was barely one-twentieth of today's 2.1 million. Distinct communities and enclaves amidst large tracts of forest and undeveloped land had been only recently linked by electric interurban rail service. With a length of 15 m (50 ft), and weighing in at 32,000 kg (71,000 lbs) car 1207 spent most of the first half of the 20th century on the rails between Vancouver, Marpole, Eburne (Richmond) and Steveston. Avoiding the fate of her sisters, most of whom were scrapped upon the demise of interurban service in 1950's, 1207 survived, and was restored to operation on the Downtown Historic Railway in 1998. At a more relaxed pace than in her youth, 1207 now operates along the south shore of False Creek on weekends between Science World Station (adjacent to Main Street SkyTrain station and bus routes 3, 8 and 19) and Granville Island Station (bus 50). Call 604-665-3903 for 24-hour recorded information. The DHR is funded by the City of Vancouver, and is operated by volunteers from the Transit Museum Society, www.trams.bc.ca.

Join in this historical celebration and special tribute to Car #1207 on Saturday, June 11th. Festivities begin at 10am at Science World Station with members of the Canadiana Historical Costume Society in period dress. See a display of vintage cars, buses and fire trucks. Enjoy music, hot dogs, cake and a special ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:30 with Mayor Larry Campbell and other dignitaries. Following the ceremony, free rides will be offered to Granville Island on the vintage interurban cars.

Please be aware of pickpockets

Keep your CASH FARE or FareCard separate from your wallet



SkyTrain Sunday evening track maintenance

Track maintenance on the SkyTrain Expo Line will continue to affect Sunday evening service through the summer. Service patterns will change from week to week depending on the work location.

For the next few Sundays (June 12, 19, 26 and July 3), after approximately 7 pm, Millennium Line passengers travelling through Columbia Station must change trains. Expo Line trains between Waterfront and King George will operate at a reduced frequency, and may be delayed at a station for a few minutes. Some additional trains may operate between Waterfront and Broadway.

We suggest you allow an extra 10 to 15 minutes for your trip, although we will do our best to minimize delay and inconvenience. Please watch the signs, listen for announcements, and follow directions of SkyTrain staff. Further information at www.translink.bc.ca; follow the links through SkyTrain to Customer Alerts, or call 604-953-3333.

Bowen Islanders enjoy improved Community Shuttle service

TransLink has expanded the popular Community Shuttle service on Bowen Island. The shuttles previously operated as a commuter service during weekday mornings and afternoons. Since Monday, June 6, the neighbourhood-friendly minibuses have provided additional service to and from Snug Cove throughout the day on weekdays and weekends.

Please click on the following web link for more information www.translink.bc.ca and click on news releases

Would boarding be easier if you could use the lift?

The lifts on our accessible buses are not solely for wheelchair and scooter passengers; you can also take advantage of them if you are a pedestrian with a disability and have difficulty climbing steps....Simply request that the driver deploy the lift. It's necessary, however, that you are at an accessible stop on an accessible route. Accessible buses and stops carry a white decal showing the international wheelchair symbol.

If you are on a route served by New Flyer low-floor buses, you may not need to have the driver lower the ramp. The floor is just one step up and, if necessary, the bus can kneel to within a few inches of the sidewalk. If this is still too high, just request that the driver lower the ramp. Again, make sure you are at an accessible stop on an accessible route.

Savings by FareCard

Adult FareCard	Cost of 20 Reg. Adult Cash Fare	On your monthly commute Save
1-Zone \$69	\$90	\$21
2-Zone \$95	\$130	\$35
3-Zone \$130	\$180	\$50