

June is Bike Month!

Dust off your helmet, pump up your tires and join in the summer fun! June marks the beginning of summer and Bike Month in Metro Vancouver.

Bike Month offers over 50 fun and educational events throughout the region including group rides, children's safety workshops, films, bikeway grand openings and festivals for all ages and abilities.

Feel the sun on your face and the wind in your hair (through your helmet) as you get fit, save money and fall in love with your commute.

Check out Better Environmentally Sound Transportation's website at www.bikemonth.ca for more details about Bike Month.



The Buzzer's contest corner!

MAY FARECARD WINNER We had 986 eligible entries in our May contest and **Heather Resvick** won the FareCard! The answer to our question? The multilingual timetables are now written in French, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese and Punjabi as well as English.

WIN A FREE FARECARD! It will be for 1, 2, or 3 zones, based on where the winner travels. Email thebuzzer@translink.bc.ca with the answer to the question below, your full name, daytime phone number, and where you got the Buzzer (include the route number if you got it on a bus). Make sure you include everything—entries missing any of this info will not be entered to win! One entry per person, please.

How wide are the sidewalks on Golden Ears Bridge?
(Hint: it's in this issue!)

Enter by **Mon July 6 at 9am**; we'll draw a name from all eligible entries if more than one is right. See who won in the **Jan. 16** issue!

PRIVACY POLICY We don't use your personal info for anything but the contest, and we delete all contest entry emails after we pick a winner. Here's the long version though: *Your personal information is being collected, pursuant to section 26(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, solely for the purpose of administering this contest; it will be destroyed upon the determination of a contest winner. Please direct any questions regarding this collection to the Buzzer Editor at TransLink, 1600-4720 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC V5H 4N2, or thebuzzer@translink.ca.*



Celebrate at Oakridge and see a Canada Line station

Come out to Design for Diversity on Saturday June 27 to see live entertainment, an open house viewing of the Oakridge – 41st Station and the unveiling of a multicultural mosaic project!

This free event celebrates the Canada Line completion in the Oakridge area with performances by O Music Studios, the Tzimmes, the UBC Bhangra Club and Oakridge's own A Star Studio hip hop crews.

The event is presented by Canada Line and TransLink and takes place from noon to 5 p.m. at 41st Ave and Cambie St. Look for free giveaways at Oakridge Centre and the businesses along Cambie St from 39th to 43rd Ave!

Visit www.shopheline.ca for more information.

DESIGN FOR DIVERSITY

BACK ISSUES

Back Issues is a feature that mines past issues of *The Buzzer* for nuggets of transit history. Huzzah!

1961 Back in 1961, travelling the world was a much bigger deal than it is today. BC Electric proudly reported on the travels of one of the staff, Judy Foote, who worked in a department that no longer exists. Here's a bit of the article they ran that June!



Miss Judy Foote in 1961

JUDY'S GOING TO GHANA

We're mighty proud of our Judy.

She'll be giving up 18 months of her life to offer her skill as a home economist to wives in Ghana.

Her full name is Miss Judy Foote and she's been a member of our home service department since she graduated from UBC six years ago.

Hundreds of homemakers in Vancouver will know her from BCE cooking classes they've attended.

Judy will be trading the ultra-modern, push-button kitchen in which her cooking demonstrations now take place for a chimneyless shack with crude utensils.

She'll be making the trip with another home economist, Miss Jocelyn King. They'll instruct Ghanaian wives in family health, child care, sewing, food preparation and preservation.

We hope she made it home safe and sound!

COMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Bonsor Seniors Carpet Bowlers** meet each Monday and Thursday, 1-3pm at Bonsor Rec Complex, 6559 Bonsor Ave., Burnaby. Fun and free. Info at 604-439-5510.
- ✓ Learn public speaking and leadership skills through **Positive Thinkers Toastmasters**, a non-profit club. Tuesdays, 7:30pm, BC Hydro Building, 333 Dunsmuir, Vancouver. Info: 604-922-6295.
- ✓ **Richmond Nature Park Society** presents **Slugfest**, a fun, slimy and slippery day highlighting the life of slugs. Guided walks, carnival games, treasure hunt, slug race, etc. June 7, 1-4pm. Free. 11851 Westminster Highway, Richmond. Info: 604-718-6188.
- ✓ **Shadbolt Centre** presents **Titanic, The Musical**, based on the true story of the great ship's maiden voyage, from its departure in England to the sinking in the Atlantic by an iceberg. June 10-13, 8pm, June 13, 2pm. Ticket info: 604-205-3000.
- ✓ **Delta Music Makers** are hosting the Fifth Annual Ladner Bandfest June 13 & 14. Enjoy two full days of music in Memorial Park, Ladner. Bring the entire family! Free. Info: www.ladnerbandfest.org.
- ✓ **21st Century Promotions** presents the **Retro Design & Antiques**, a one day fair of jewelry, linens, kitchen collectibles, dolls, drop-in appraisals, etc., on June 14. Croatian Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Dr, Vancouver. 10:30am-3pm. Admission \$4. Free parking. More info: 604-980-3159 or www.21cpromotions.com.
- ✓ Come to **Fusion Latina**, Vancouver's Latin American Choir, spring concert *Que caló ... pa' que sude* on June 14, 3pm, Roundhouse Community Centre, 181 Roundhouse Mews, Vancouver. Adults \$18, Senior/Students \$15. Inform info@coralfusionlatina.ca.
- ✓ **Exhibitions in Encores Gallery at Shadbolt Centre**, June 15-July 10. Paintings by students from Burnaby School District #41, from the Burnaby Empty Bowls 2009 School Art Project. Coordinated by the City of Burnaby Community Arts Development Program. Ceramics by Shadbolt Centre adult students and instructors.
- ✓ **Peace Arch Hospital Auxiliary Society "Les Papillons" Group** is sponsoring a multi-family garage sale June 20, 9am-3pm at 2630 137th St, White Rock. Books, clothes, household items and more.
- ✓ **South Burnaby Multicultural Festival**, June 28 at the Bonsor Rec Complex, 6550 Bonsor Ave, Burnaby, 11am-4pm. Info: 604-439-5517.
- ✓ **Canadian Alliance of British Pensioners** invites you to an information session on the new pension laws, followed by a pension application process workshop. 45+ Free. June 20, 1:30pm, Vancouver Public Library, Alma VanDusen & Peter Kay Room, 350 West Georgia, Vancouver.

Send your community events to thebuzzer@translink.ca



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Golden Ears Bridge opening on June 16

The Golden Ears Bridge will be opening on June 16—ahead of schedule!

After more than 10 years of consultation, planning, design and construction, the six-lane bridge and its 13 kilometres of road network will connect the north and south sides of the Fraser River.

Pedestrians and cyclists can travel safely across the bridge on the two-metre-wide sidewalks.



Celebrate the bridge completion on June 14

Join us, join the community on Sunday, June 14, as we celebrate the completion of the Golden Ears Bridge! The fun for runners begins at 8:30 a.m. with a seven kilometre run. Register for the run and get more information at www.runningroom.com.

For those non-runner types, the community party starts at 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. and includes lots of family-friendly “I made history” things to do.

Check our website at www.translink.ca for more information.

Yes! Do the toll-free test drive for 30 days!

Starting June 16, TransLink's Golden Ears Bridge is open to test drive toll-free anytime and as many times as you like for 30 days! Save the toll and save about 30 minutes compared to existing or alternative routes.

Drive the bridge for less with a transponder

Lease a Quickpass Transponder to save up to 30 per cent on tolls every time you cross TransLink's Golden Ears Bridge after the free trial period ends. It's hassle-free, automatic and easy to install on your windshield.



For tolling information or to lease a Quickpass Transponder, visit www.quickpasstolling.ca

New bus route on Golden Ears Bridge



Not only is the bridge opening this month, but we've got a new bus route over it, starting June 22!

Running every 30 minutes, from about 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. during weekdays and 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekends and holidays, the #595 Langley Centre/Haney Place will serve the Walnut Grove Park & Ride, Haney Place and Langley Centre transit exchanges. This new route has limited stops - meaning you will get to your destination quicker! The #595 will also stop at Maple Meadow Station when the West Coast Express is running and the route is entirely within Fare Zone 3.

For schedules and trip information, visit www.translink.ca or call TransLink Customer Information at 604-953-3333.

Central Valley Greenway opens on June 27!

Celebrate the opening of the Central Valley Greenway with a free concert from funk/soul band Freeflow and a ton of family activities!

Join us on Saturday, June 27 from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Winston Overpass near Sperling SkyTrain station. The festivities will feature a children's booth, free snacks, a unicyclist performance and a penny-farthing—one of the old-time bikes with an enormous wheel!

What's the Central Valley Greenway? It's a new 24-kilometre cycling and walking path through Vancouver, Burnaby, and New Westminister. You can use the dedicated path from Science World to New Westminister Quay, with parks, shopping, worksites, and major transit hubs along the way.

Try the free guided tour of the Greenway at the celebration, too. Starting at around 10:30 a.m., bike tours will be offered by the Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition (VACC) and walking tours will be offered by Vancouver Parks and Recreation. Call the VACC at 604-878-8222 or Vancouver Parks and Recreation at 604-257-8400 to find out where to meet.

For more, go to translink.ca, click *Cycling*, then select *Central Valley Greenway* from the dropdown menu.



The Central Valley Greenway pathway in New Westminister!

Bus service changes starting June 22

Please note that these changes are not reflected in the printed timetables for April 20, but will be up-to-date through TransLink's online Trip Planning service, NextBus text messaging, and downloadable PDF timetables.

VANCOUVER, BURNABY & NEW WESTMINSTER

19 Stanley Park/Metrotown

Until September 7, additional seasonal service between Stanley Park and West Pender Street at Cambie Street, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends/holidays.

28 Joyce Station/Phibbs Exchange/Capilano University

130 Metrotown Station/Hastings/Phibbs Exchange/Capilano University

Between Phibbs Exchange and Capilano University, this service is discontinued until September 7.

NORTH VANCOUVER

211 Seymour/Phibbs Exchange

5:50 p.m. trip leaves Burrard Station, instead of Pender at Thurlow.

N24 Upper Lonsdale/Downtown

The N24 will be re-routed permanently in downtown Vancouver to begin its Upper Lonsdale trips from Dunsmuir at Howe (the same location as other downtown NightBus services).

LANGLEY & MAPLE RIDGE

NEW 595 Langley Centre/Haney Place

New route across the Golden Ears Bridge, every 30 minutes in each direction, about 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekends/holidays. This route serves Walnut Grove Park & Ride and stops at Maple Meadows Station when West Coast Express trains are running.

TRI-CITIES/COMMUNITY SHUTTLE

C26 Buntzen Lake Special/Coquitlam Station Special

Until September 7, seasonal weekend/holiday service between Buntzen Lake and Coquitlam Station.

LOCAL BAND SPOTLIGHT

The B-Lines

Recently The Buzzer discovered that a local band had named themselves after our B-Line buses. We caught up with lead singer **Ryan Dyck** to find out the full story!



Ryan Dyck of the B-Lines

How long has the band been together?

We've been together for two years now. There's me, Bruce on drums, Scotty on guitar, and Adam is our bass player.

We've heard your music, but we're at a loss to describe it. What would you call it?

I guess it's like early California punk with a little bit of minimalism and UK DIY punk. It's kind of obscure. [Editor's note: you can check out their sound at myspace.com/vancouverb-lines]

So, how did you come up with the name?

When we tried to come up with a name, we wanted something that meant something to Vancouver, and not just a random noun with a “The” in front of it.

So we tried to think of things that we have that other cities don't have, and the B-Line bus came up. If you're not from Vancouver, B-Line means something too. SkyTrain was also a front runner, but it sounded too much like a prog rock band, like Jefferson Starship. We're pretty direct, like the bus.

So do you ride transit?

Yeah, I do ride transit pretty much everyday. That and walking and riding a bike, that's how I get around.

What about the B-Lines? Do you have a favourite?

The #99 is the best one. It crosses all the best streets if you're going record shopping, It starts at Commercial, and then you can go to the Main Street stores, and then Granville, where you can get off and you can go down to Zulu Records. It's a record shopping bus.

That's great. So what's next for the B-Lines? The band, I mean?

Well, we're going on a west coast tour to L.A. and back in July. And we should have a 7-inch record out on Nominal records for that tour. We're also playing Music Waiste, that's at the Astoria on June 12. We're always in lots of shows, and they're all over the place. Check out our Myspace to find out what we're up to.

Thanks Ryan! All the best on your upcoming tour!