

Contest corner: win a FareCard!

LAST ISSUE'S FARECARD WINNER We had 1047 correct entries in our last contest, and **Gavin McLeod** won the FareCard! The answer? \$30 (I also took answers that included HST and refundable key deposit).

WIN A FREE FARECARD! It will be for 1, 2 or 3 zones, based on where the winner travels. Email **thebuzzer@translink.ca** with the answer to the question, 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.

What is the date of the very first Buzzer print edition? (Hint: it's in this issue!)

Enter by **June 20 at 9am**. We'll draw a name from all correct entries. The winner will be notified by phone shortly after the draw.

PRIVACY POLICY We use your personal info only for the contest, and we delete all entries after we pick a winner. Here's the long version: Your personal information is 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 questions regarding this collection to the Buzzer Editor at TransLink, 1600-4720 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC V5H 4N2 or thebuzzer@translink.ca.



I Love Transit Week!

I Love Transit Week is July 11-15. This is the one week out of the year where we celebrate what we like about transit. We'd like to know why you love transit in Metro Vancouver. Submit a photo, video, podcast, essay, discussion post, poetry or any other creative idea that shows your love of transit in Metro Vancouver. The Buzzer Blog will showcase your ideas, and we'll try to fit as many as we can into the August edition of the Buzzer! You can send your submissions to thebuzzer@translink.ca.

Check out the Buzzer Blog for more information on the events planned for this week!



Access Awareness Day

Access Awareness Day is on Saturday, June 4 this year. TransLink and Coast Mountain Bus Company will be promoting accessibility with staff and the public for the first two weeks of June. TransLink will be hosting an accessible bus trial at Metrotown on June 8, from 10am to 2pm. This bus will provide wheelchairs for interested persons to try boarding a bus and to try using a bike rack. For more information, please call the Access Transit Office at 604-453-4619.

Access Transit Strategy update

This is the sixth year since the start of the Access Transit Review, one of the most extensive reviews of accessible transportation by a transportation authority in North America.



The objective of increasing accessibility in the region has resulted in many milestones. Here are just a few:

2006 The Expo Line became fully accessible with the addition of an accessible elevator at the Granville Station.

2007 The 'Next Bus' service is launched. Since then, 30 million 'Next Bus' requests have helped customers receive real-time information on bus arrivals.

2008 Coast Mountain Bus Company's fleet officially became 100% wheelchair and scooter accessible.

2009 The Canada Line opens between Richmond, YVR and downtown Vancouver.

2010 Access Transit and CMBC expand their outreach strategy and provide more seniors and persons with disabilities access to bus training by travelling to central community locations.

2011 Access Transit organize public transit orientations for seniors and new immigrants.

COMING EVENTS

- ✓ **100 Years of Scouting:** June 11, Cates Park, North Vancouver, 10am-4pm. Scouts Canada, North Shore Area is celebrating 100 years of Scouting, and everyone is welcome to join us. We will be having lots of fun with crafts, scouting activities and yummy food. It starts with Scouts!
- ✓ **Kudos and Cocktails, Firehall Arts Centre's Tribute Event:** June 2, 7pm, Firehall Arts Centre, 280 East Cordova. Join us for an evening of fun in celebration of five great people who have made Vancouver a richer and more vibrant cultural community. Appetizers, auction items, conversation, entertainment, tributes and toasts promise to create a lively evening with all funds raised going to support the Firehall's theatre, dance and visual arts programs. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased through the Firehall box office at 604-689-0926 or www.firehallartscentre.ca
- ✓ **Collingwood Days:** June 4, 11am-5pm, Carleton Elementary, 3250 Kingsway. Experience unlimited fun at the Collingwood Days Festival -- an old fashion fair with a multicultural flair!
- ✓ **Craftworks Society Fundraising Evening:** June 7, 5:00-9:30pm, Rocky Mountain Flatbread Co., 1876 West 1st Ave, Vancouver. Homesewn gifts made with care by adults with disabilities since 1966. www.3hcraffworks.com
- ✓ **The Loves of Girls and Women: A Recital:** Vancouver Women's Musical Society, June 8, 11am, Unitarian Church, 949 West 49th. Erin Lawson (Mezzo-Soprano), Tina Chang (Piano) and Margo Levae (Soprano). Concert tickets \$15 at the door. Ph: 778-279-6789 or www.vvms.ca.
- ✓ **Burning Up the Infield:** June 12, 2pm, presented by City Stage New West at the Laura C. Muir Theatre (Douglas College). This is the wonderfully human and often hilarious story of the young semi-pro baseball team that briefly launched New Westminster sports into international fame. Based on the book by Ken McIntosh and Rod Drown, and directed by Renee Bucciarelli. Further information at www.citystagenewwest.org
- ✓ **Hats Off Day:** June 4, 9am – 3pm, Hastings Street, Burnaby. Hastings Street closes down to make way for a colourful parade, a vintage car show and an all-out street festival with music, food, prizes and fun for everyone! This community event boasts a whole day's worth of fun and activities geared towards children (especially because of this year's theme: Celebrating Children and the Kid in All of Us) and adults alike. Further information at www.hatsoffday.com

Send your community events to
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The Buzzer turns 95!

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Happy birthday Buzzer!

It’s incredible that the first edition of the Buzzer came out on June 2, 1916! The Buzzer wasn’t even the Buzzer then. That nameless first edition offered \$15 for the best suggestion of the name for the bulletin.



“To my knowledge the Buzzer is the oldest continuously-printed transit publication in the world. Ninety-five is an incredible run. The Buzzer came about as a reaction to what people called Jitneys. Jitneys were people who used their cars to make money off the transit system. They charged 5¢ (Jitney was slang for a nickel in the U.S.) to take transit passengers in their cars instead of the streetcars. The BC Electric Railway Company wanted to put on a better face for their customers, so the Buzzer was born.” -- *Jim McGraw, Executive of the Vancouver Historical Society and regular transit user.*



Like Metro Vancouver, the Buzzer has changed over the years while continuing to cover topics of importance to transit riders. As Jim McGraw puts it, “The Buzzer has basically reflected the city. You can go back through issues and see what went on in the city.”

Today, the Buzzer can be found on SkyTrain, West Coast Express and SeaBus. Online, back issues of the Buzzer can be downloaded at *translink.ca*. As well, the Buzzer blog is a popular place for news, conversation and topics of importance to transit riders.

What will the Buzzer look like at 100? We’ll just have to wait and see. Until then, enjoy the latest edition of the Buzzer 95 years after the first!

Bus service will change on June 20

The following bus service changes take effect Monday, June 20. Please note that some routes will see **PERMANENT** changes that will reallocate service from time periods where demand is lower to boost capacity on high-demand routes as part of our ongoing service optimization, while other changes are **SEASONAL** to reflect changes in demand that take place each summer. For detailed info, maps and more, visit *translink.ca*, and go to “Schedules and Maps” and then “Transit Service Changes.”

Vancouver, Burnaby & New Westminster

Granville Mall summer bus detours ***SEASONAL***
Transit services that normally travel along Granville Mall between Granville Bridge and Cordova Street will be detoured. Transit passengers will need to go to Seymour Street for northbound travel toward Waterfront or to Howe Street to head south toward the Granville Bridge. These detours will be in place Fridays after 9pm and all day Saturdays/Sundays/holidays from June 24 to September 5 and for two special-event Fridays (July 15 and August 19). These changes are in support of the “Viva Vancouver” program initiated by the City of Vancouver, which will transform downtown Granville Street into a pedestrian activity zone on weekends during the summer.

2 Burrard Station/Macdonald–16th Avenue ***PERMANENT***
Mon to Fri: Increased peak period service, plus schedule coordination with the 22 Knight/Macdonald.

19 Stanley Park/Metrotown Station ***SEASONAL***
Mon to Fri 8am–9pm and weekends/holidays 8am–7pm: additional trips between downtown Vancouver (Cambie at Pender) and Stanley Park.

28 Joyce Station/Phibbs Exchange/Capilano University ***PERMANENT***
Mon to Fri: Service will begin 30 minutes earlier leaving Joyce Station at 5:15am.

99 B-Line UBC/Commercial-Broadway Station ***PERMANENT***
Sat/Sun and holidays: more frequent service from 7-8am.

North Shore

292 Upper Lynn Valley ***PERMANENT***
Mon to Fri: All 292 routes will now run as 210 routes and all 290 routes will run as 211 routes with combined service every 7-8 minutes between downtown Vancouver and Phibbs Exchange during the pm peak. There will be no change to boarding locations as the 210 and 211 use the same stops as existing 292 and 290 services.

232 Grouse Mountain/Phibbs Exchange ***PERMANENT***
Mon to Fri: First westbound trip will start from Keith Road and Grand Boulevard at 5:33am. Saturday service will start westbound from Phibbs Exchange at 6:47am and eastbound from Grouse Mountain at 7:07am.

239 Capilano University/Park Royal ***PERMANENT***
Mon to Sun: Evening service on the 239 will be increased to every 15 minutes until 9pm. All trips will serve Capilano University.

242 Upper Lonsdale/Vancouver
N24 Upper Lonsdale/Downtown NightBus ***PERMANENT***
Late-evening 242 trips will be renumbered as N24. Times for these trips remain the same.

246 Lonsdale Quay/Highland/Vancouver ***PERMANENT***All trips on the 246 will operate to and from downtown Vancouver. Park Royal-bound passengers on the 246 will transfer to the 239 and/or 255 on Marine Drive at Garden Road. Service after 7pm will be revised to operate every 60 minutes.

Richmond

401 Garden City/One Road ***PERMANENT***
Sat/Sun and holidays: Early morning trips will now start from Chatham at 5:06am and Riverport at 5:18am.

403 Bridgeport Station/Three Road ***PERMANENT***
Mon to Sun: First northbound trip will now start from Riverport at 4:39am, arriving at Bridgeport Station at 5:15am (No earlier trips from Steveston Hwy at Seaward).

602 Tsawwassen Heights/Bridgeport Station
603 Beach Grove/Bridgeport Station
604 English Bluff/Bridgeport Station ***PERMANENT***
Mon-Fri: Improved coordination of schedules will provide more consistent service and more predictable wait times between South Delta Rec Centre and Bridgeport Station.

Surrey/Delta/White Rock

Newton Exchange Bays 2 and 3 ***PERMANENT***
Bus assignments will be switched between Newton Exchange Bays 2 and 3. Board the 301 Richmond-Brighthouse Station and 341 Langley Centre at Bay 2; board the 321 Surrey Central Station at Bay 3.

Tri-Cities/Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows

C26 Buntzen Lake Special/Coquitlam Station Special ***SEASONAL***
Sat/Sun and holidays: Hourly seasonal service for Buntzen Lake returns June 25 through to September 5 (Labour Day).

West Coast Express TrainBus

Mon-Fri: Some TrainBus trips will terminate at Port Haney Station and no longer extend to Mission. Sat/Sun/holidays: No TrainBus service. The 701 Maple Ridge East/Haney Place/Coquitlam Stn provides frequent local bus service plus connections for downtown Vancouver via Coquitlam Station. ***PERMANENT***

Clean Air Day

Why are Coast Mountain Bus Company (CMBC) operators wearing buttons on June 8? It’s for two reasons: it’s Clean Air Day, and they’re celebrating their award-winning achievement of having reduced the amount of bus idling every single month over the same month the previous year. Last year, the CMBC Idling Policy asked operators to turn off their buses if they expected to idle at a bus stop or loop for more than three minutes. It was such a success that the program won the Canadian Urban Transit Association’s (CUTA) National Transit Corporate Recognition Award for 2011!

