

Contest corner: Win a FareCard!

LAST ISSUE'S FARECARD WINNER We had 632 correct entries in our last contest, and **Roman Lee** won the FareCard! The answer? I Love Transit night was on August 8 this year!



WIN A FREE FARECARD! For 1, 2 or 3 zones, based on where the winner travels. Email thebuzzer@translink.ca with the subject line "Contest", and tell us your answer, your full name, your phone number and where you got the Buzzer (include your bus route number). Make sure to include everything—**entries missing required info are not entered to win!** One entry per person please.

When is the first day of service for the new 96 B-Line?
(Hint: It's in this issue!)

Enter by **Sept 23 at 9 a.m.** 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, 400-287 Nelson's Court, New Westminister, BC, V3L 0E7 or thebuzzer@translink.ca.

BACK ISSUES

The Buzzer has been published for over 95 years, and in this section, we mine the back issues for history treats. Enjoy!

1961 Something called Mystery Trips was featured in the buzzer back then. What is it? Find out more below!

"Even the driver on each trip is unaware of the destination when his bus leaves Vancouver Bus Depot. He and his passengers discover together where they are going as five sealed envelopes are opened by passengers at points along the way. This keeps the mystery alive throughout the trip"



An illustration from the September 8, 1961 Buzzer.

Doesn't that sound wonderful? It'd be magical to embark on a mystery journey to anywhere in Metro Vancouver. It wouldn't even matter where the surprise location is: we live in such a vibrant region of BC that every destination is beautiful!

Compass Beta Testers

Starting September 9, you might start to see some people tapping in and tapping out with a Compass Card on the transit system. They're part of a group of 10,000 volunteer Compass Beta testers and we're thrilled to have them helping us get the system right.



What does this mean for you? Once Beta testing is done in early October, we'll analyze the results and make any changes that need to be made. After that, we'll start to slowly roll out Compass to our customers in phases, beginning in late fall 2013. For most riders, you won't need to get your Compass Card until 2014, and we'll be sure to let you know how and when to get it so you can start tapping! There's lots of information coming your way in the next few months, so stay tuned.

For more information on Compass, please visit translink.ca/compasscard.

I Love Transit Night

Over 130 people came out on August 8 at Queen Elizabeth Theatre Salons to share the evening fun with us. This year, we asked guests to register and the event was so popular, we sold out of tickets within the first few days! Thank you all so much for your enthusiasm in joining us to celebrate why we love transit. Below are some picture highlights from the night! For more photos visit buzzer.translink.ca



High fives all around!



Mr. Buzzer is his BFF



Some of our prize winners

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COMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Adult Concert Bands.** Learn to play a concert band instrument! Rehearsals Wednesday nights (Sept-Dec) at Delta Secondary School. Program is 19+. More info: bkhoos@shaw.ca.
- ✓ **Westside Community Food Market.** Inviting sponsors, vendors, volunteers and visitors! Every Thursday starting June 27, 3 - 6 pm at W. 8th Ave and Vine St. Organized by SPEC and KNH. More info: admin@spec.bc.ca.
- ✓ **On The Air: A Musical Revue.** Join Red Robinson and Rick Cluff at The Columbia Theatre on Sept 7 (8pm), for a 'live' radio variety show covering classic songs from 40s, 50s, and 60s. Various musicians to perform. Tickets \$35. More info: www.ontheairmusicalrevue.com or 604.522.4500.
- ✓ **BC Philatelic Society Regional Stamp Show.** Come see 12 dealer tables, 30 + frames of exhibits and special show covers at West Burnaby United Church. Free admission! More info: verdraco@uniserve.com.
- ✓ **Youth Fest 2013.** Join Surrey's largest celebration for you all day on Sept 21 at Recreation Centers. Featuring Battle of the Bands, local youth talent, dance battles, bike demos, food vendors and more. More info: <http://www.surrey.ca/youthfest>.
- ✓ **Seniors Have Talent! Auditions.** Sapperton Pensioners + NW Lions Club are hosting talent show auditions at Sapperton Hall, Sept 15 1-3pm & 4-6pm. Must be 55 yrs.+, max 4 people/act. Event date is Oct 5, 1:30 pm. More info: Vic @ 604.522.0280
- ✓ **Swinging Singles Square Dance Club.** Learn Square Dance every Wednesday night in September, 7:00-8:30pm at Burnaby Lake Pavilion. Free entry first two times, \$5 afterwards. Contact Erika at 778.834.5065 or hambobdancer@gmail.com.
- ✓ **Inverglenn Scottish Dancers.** Come watch the Inverglenn Scottish Dancers perform transitional Scottish dances choreographed by Sandra Crosby at Campbell Valley Regional Park. Sept 15 at 11:30am. Contact inverglendance@shaw.ca.
- ✓ **Function at the Junction.** Join the Hoffman family on Sept 14 at 8pm for this 7th annual 19+ fundraiser at Sullivan Hall. Featuring live music and special guests. Tickets \$10 at the door. More info: functionatthejunction.com.
- ✓ **Volkswalks.** Local Volkssport club is hosting non-competitive 5K/10K walks at different Richmond/Vancouver locations on Sept 1, 2, 7, 15, 22 and Oct 5. Free for new participants. Contact 604.682.8390 or vancouverventurers@gmail.com.

Send your community events in at translink.ca/buzzerevents



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Bus service changes on September 2

September transit service changes will start Labour Day, Monday, September 2 with holiday schedule, and on Tuesday, September 3, the new weekday schedule will be in place. This includes a major expansion in the South of Fraser, seasonal service adjustments for the school year, and some service reductions to improve efficiency.

Four times a year (April, June, September and December), we perform a round of service changes to better match rider demand and ensure efficient use of our fleet. All the changes below take effect Monday, September 2, 2013 unless noted otherwise. Some changes are **SEASONAL**, **PERMANENT** or noted otherwise.

For more information or for up to date service changes, visit www.translink.ca/servicechanges or call Transit Information at 604-953-3333.

Note: This list is accurate as of our publication date.

5 Downtown/Robson **SEASONAL**

All scheduled service will return to its regular routing with the re-opening of 800 Block Robson.

10 Granville/Downtown **PERMANENT**

Larger articulated buses will be introduced to help increase capacity, with minor frequency reductions during all time periods.

20 Victoria **PERMANENT**

Every second trip during weekdays will now terminate at Victoria and 54th Avenue instead of travelling to the terminus stop at Harrison Loop.

96 Guildford/Newton Exchange (B-Line) **PERMANENT**

A limited-stop B-Line service will be introduced along King George Boulevard and 104 Avenue, linking Guildford and Newton Exchange via Surrey Central. Service will operate seven days a week from 5 am to 1 am, with service every 7-8 minutes between 7 am and 11 pm.

101 Lougheed Station/22nd Street Station **PERMANENT**

To maintain coverage along this corridor, service will be rerouted to operate along 6th Avenue instead of 8th Avenue. This change is associated with the reroute of 154 (now 128) and underwent public consultation as part of the 2013 Service Optimization program.

150 White Pine Beach/Coquitlam Station **SEASONAL**

Service will be discontinued until June 2014.

154 (now 128) Braid Station/22nd Street Station **PERMANENT**

Service will be renumbered as 128, and rerouted to operate along 8th Avenue. This change is associated with the reroute of 101 and underwent public consultation as part of the 2013 Service Optimization program.

159 Port Coquitlam Station/Braid Station **PERMANENT**

Instead of operating along Lougheed Highway, this service will be rerouted to serve the western portion of the discontinued the 177, along United Boulevard. This service change concept underwent public consultation in Fall 2012.

177 Coquitlam Station/Ice Planet/Braid Station **PERMANENT**

Based on low ridership, particularly after the Riverview Hospital closure, the 177 will be discontinued. The 159 and 169 will be rerouted to maintain service on portions of the discontinued 177. This service change concept underwent public consultation in Fall 2012.

314 Scott Road Station/Surrey Central **PERMANENT**

Selected trips to Scott Road station will be terminated as the route is duplicated by 640. Trips will now end at Scott Road and 96th Avenue.

332 Guildford/Surrey Central Station **PERMANENT**

This service will be renumbered to 335 Guildford/Surrey Central station.

335 Surrey Central Station/Fleetwood (now Newton Exchange) **PERMANENT**

This service will be rerouted at 84th Avenue to extend service to Newton Exchange via 152nd Street and 72nd Avenue.

620 Tsawwassen Ferry/Bridgeport Station **SEASONAL**

Additional summer seasonal service will be discontinued **after Labour Day**

C1 Kootenay Loop/Hastings at Gilmore **PERMANENT**

C2 Capitol Hill/Hastings at Gilmore **PERMANENT**

All off peak service (outside of rush-hours) will be reduced to hourly frequency. This service change concept underwent public consultation in Fall 2012.

C26 Buntzen Lake Special/Coquitlam Station Special **SEASONAL**

Service will be discontinued until June 2014.

C36 Port Coquitlam Station/Port Coquitlam South **PERMANENT**

Service in the AM peak will be increased to every 10 minutes to better match observed demand and reduce overcrowding and pass-ups.

C98 Kingswood/22nd Street Station **PERMANENT**

Service will be rerouted to improve service coverage in the Queensborough Landing and Hamilton areas and enable connections between 410 and C98.

C99 Port Royal/Hamilton **PERMANENT**

Service will be discontinued due to extremely low ridership. Customers in this area will continue to be served by routes 410, 104 and a rerouted C98.

N24 Lynn Valley/Downtown **PERMANENT**

Service will be rerouted at 29th Street and extended to Lynn Valley Town Centre to provide service to more customers on the North Shore.

SeaBus **SEASONAL**

Sunday/holidays: Service returns to every 30 minutes during middays

Granville Street summer weekend detours conclude **SEASONAL**

(Effective Tuesday September 3, 2013)

Granville Street will reopen to buses on weekends/holidays after Labour Day. Transit service will return to normal along Granville Street for the following routes:

- 4 UBC/Downtown
- 6 Davie/Downtown
- 7 Nanaimo Station/Dunbar
- 10 Granville/Downtown
- 14 UBC/Hastings/Downtown
- 16 29th Avenue Station/Arbutus
- 17 Oak/Downtown
- 20 Victoria/Downtown
- 50 Waterfront Station/False Creek South

Note: Weekend evening reroutes associated with Vancouver Police Department closures will remain in effect

Fall/winter post-secondary service reinstatements **SEASONAL**

Higher service levels will be reinstated during the fall/winter post-secondary terms on the following routes:

- 9 UBC/Boundary (Effective Tuesday September 3, 2013)
- 25 Brentwood Station/UBC
- 28 Joyce Station/Phibbs Exchange/Capilano University
- 41 Joyce Station/Crown/UBC
- 43 Joyce Station/UBC
- 44 Downtown/UBC
- 84 VCC-Clark Station/UBC
- 99 B-Line Commercial-Broadway Station/UBC
- 125 Patterson Station/BCIT
- 130 Metrotown Station/Capilano University
- 143 Coquitlam Station/SFU
- 145 Production Way Station/SFU
- 239 Park Royal/Lonsdale Quay/Phibbs Exchange/Capilano University
- 480 Bridgeport Station/UBC

Powell Street Detours **TEMPORARY**

Routing changes in downtown and along Powell/Cordova Street include: 4 (eastside), 7, 209, 210, 211 and 214

A number of changes to bay assignments will occur, including:

Burrard Station Bay Assignment Changes **SEASONAL**

Due to the return of regular service on 5 Robson and N6 Downtown, these buses will no longer serve Burrard Station Bays 1 or 5.

Braid Station Bay Reassignments **PERMANENT**

- Bay 3 - 791 Haney Place
- Bay 4 - 555 Carvolth Exchange
- Bay 5 - 153 Coquitlam Rec Centre & 156 Lougheed Station
- Bay 6 - 128 22nd Street Station (was #154)

Coquitlam Exchange Bay Reassignment **PERMANENT**

- Bay 5 - C28 Port Moody Station
- Bay 10 - C28 Port Moody Station

With the introduction of the new 96 B-Line and reroute of 335, the following changes will occur:

Guildford Exchange Bay Reassignments **PERMANENT**

- Bay 1 - 335 Newton Exchange will depart from Bay 1
- Bay 2 - 96 B-Line Newton Exchange
- Bay 2 or 3 - 335 Surrey Central

Newton Exchange Bay Assignments **PERMANENT**

- Bay 1 - 341 Langley Centre
- Bay 2 - 321 Surrey Central Station
- Depart at Bay 2 and unload at Bay 3 - 96 B-Line Guildford
- Bay 6 - 321 White Rock Centre/White Rock South
- Bay 7 - 335 Surrey Central will depart

Surrey Central Bay Assignments **PERMANENT**

- Bay 3 - 335 Newton Exchange
- Bay 9 - 337 Fraser Heights/Guildford
- Bay 12 - 96 B-Line Newton Exchange
- Bay 13 - 96 B-Line Guildford Exchange

Reminder transit riders: Don't be a Chatty Chihuahua!

Taking transit means sharing space. Literally and figuratively, we're all in it together, so it's important that you treat your fellow riders with courtesy and respect.

TransLink would like to politely remind passengers to be respectful of others when using your mobile phone. Please refrain from enabling speakerphone and speaking or yelling loudly into your cell phone. Try to keep the volume down and the conversation short and sweet to avoid disturbing other passengers.



Even the simplest actions can ensure that everyone, including you, has a positive transit experience. We thank you for your co-operation.