

Contest Corner: Win a FareCard!

LAST ISSUE'S FARECARD WINNER We had 919 correct entries in our last contest and Jo Yen won the FareCard! The answer? The Cherry Blossom Festival begins on April 2nd.

WIN A FREE FARECARD! Email thebuzzer@translink.ca with the subject line "Contest" and tell us your answer to the question below, 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. You must be 19 years of age to enter. Employees of TransLink, its subsidiaries and contractors are not eligible.

When in April do the service changes begin?

(Hint: It's in this issue!)

Enter by **May 28, 2015 at 9 am Pacific Standard Time**. We'll randomly draw a name from all correct entries. Chances of winning depend on the number of correct entries received. The winner will be notified by phone shortly after the draw. Winner must correctly answer a skill-testing question. See buzzer.translink.ca/contest for full contest terms and conditions.

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: The personal information collected, used and disclosed is necessary for the administration of the Contest and is in accordance with provisions of Part 3 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (British Columbia). Please refer to translink.ca/privacy-policy or contact the TransLink Privacy Officer at privacy@translink.ca for further information.

BACK ISSUES

The buzzer will be 99 years old this year! In this section, we mine old issues for some historical tidbits and fun stuff. Enjoy!

1974 In the February 15, 1974 issue of the buzzer, the focus was on the board game "Vancouver Buses" designed as a teaching aid by UBC's Faculty of Education for Vancouver schools.



The Board game which takes contestants on an imaginary trip from Kootenay Loop through downtown Vancouver to UBC and circling back to Kootenay Loop.

There are plenty of hazards such as trolley poles coming off wires, road repairs and going to sleep on the bus which delay the trip, and transfer squares which move players more rapidly.

Turns out, we actually have a copy! Who's up for games night?



ELEVATOR UPGRADES

The elevator at Metrotown Station is out of service until early 2016 while we upgrade the station and build three new elevators.

Bus-shuttle service is in now place for customers who need help getting between the stations:

- » Passengers with disabilities can take a HandyDART shuttle between the Metrotown and Patterson Station HandyDART stops.
- » Passengers travelling with strollers can take a Community Shuttle to Metrotown Station from Patterson or Royal Oak Stations.

The shuttles will run approximately every 15 to 20 minutes during the following times:

- » Monday to Friday: 6 am to 10 pm
- » Saturday: 9 am to 10 pm
- » Sundays and holidays: 9 am to 8 pm

Thank you for your patience while we upgrade Metrotown Station.

Saving \$240 million over three years* is good.

Doing it without cutting service is even better.

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COMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival.** The annual celebrations are in full bloom from Apr 2 to Apr 29. Throughout the festival there will be many events including Bike the Blossoms Bike tours, Walk the Blossoms walking tours and the Cherry Blossom photo contest with a grand prize of a round trip to Japan! For specific events visit vcfb.ca, email info@vcfb.ca or call 604.257.8120.
- ✓ **Baker's Market.** Indulge in freshly baked cookies, French macarons, croissants, breads, brownies, cupcakes, cake pops, scones, muffins, gluten-free, organic, pies, tarts, birthday cakes, wedding cakes and more! Located at Moberly Arts and Cultural Centre on April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24 and June 7, 14. Find more information at bakersmarket.com or email info@bakersmarket.com.
- ✓ **Salon Speaker Series.** Mike Dangeli is a renowned carver and artist of the Nisga'a, Tlingit, Tsetsaut and Tsimshian Nations. His works include masks, drums, regalia, paintings, limited edition silk-screened prints, 20 totem poles and a 30-foot ocean going canoe. On Apr 23 at 7 pm he will be the featured speaker at Place des Arts in Coquitlam to discuss the traditions and techniques of his art form and give a carving demonstration. Tickets are \$5 + GST. Email info@placedesarts.ca or call 604.664.1636 for more information.
- ✓ **LitFest New West.** On Apr 24 and 25 The Arts council of New Westminster, in partnership with Douglas College, New Westminster Public Library and Royal City Literary Arts Society, presents a celebration of the literary arts for writers and readers. The gala on the Friday evening at 6:30 pm, workshops on Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm, showcase Saturday at 6:30 pm. For more information visit artscouncilnewwest.org.
- ✓ **Earth Day.** Vancouver's longest running Earth Day celebration takes place at Everett Crowley Park on Apr 25 from 11 am to 3 pm. Help plant 1,000 trees and enjoy some fun with Lindsey Long Legs and Bunkie the clown! For more information visit earthdayvancouver.org or call 604.718.6575.
- ✓ **Hooked on Harmony.** Seven hundred singers from across Western Canada will descend on Surrey from Apr 30 to May 2 to participate in Region 26's annual a cappella convention and competition. Performances will take place at the Chandon Pattison Auditorium on May 1 at 5pm, May 2 and 11 am and 7:30 pm. Tickets range from \$25-\$30. Visit region26.ca or email region26contest@gmail.com for more information.
- ✓ **Surrey International Children's Festival.** Come and discover your inner artist with hands-on activities from May 21 to May 23! Experience world-class performances from Vietnam, Iceland and across Canada. Tickets on sale Apr 14. For more information visit surrey.ca/childrensfestival or call 604.501.5064.

Send your community events in at translink.ca/buzzerevents



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April service changes start April 13

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Vote in the Transportation and Transit Plebiscite: March 16 – May 29, 2015

Metro Vancouver registered voters are being asked to cast their ballots from March 16th until May 29th of this year to decide if they support the 0.5% *Metro Vancouver Congestion Improvement Tax*. The tax would be collected with the provincial sales tax.

With one million new residents arriving in Metro Vancouver over the next 30 years, we need to get our transportation system ready for growth — and lots of it.

The region's mayors have developed a transportation and transit plan to meet this growth.



What's in the Mayors' Transportation and Transit Plan?

- » A 25% increase in bus service, including 11 new B-Line rapid bus routes across the region
- » Increased service on SkyTrain, Canada Line, SeaBus and West Coast Express
- » Maintaining and upgrading the region's major roads
- » A new Pattullo Bridge
- » Light rail transit connecting Surrey Centre, Guildford, Newton and Langley
- » An extension of the Millennium Line, tunneled below Broadway in Vancouver, from VCC-Clark station to Arbutus Street
- » Investments to improve safety and access for cyclists and pedestrians

Learn more about the plan and its benefits at mayorscouncil.ca

All registered Metro Vancouver voters can vote by mail-in ballot until May 29, 2015. To register or update your information, contact Elections BC at elections.bc.ca or (800) 661-8683.

April 13, 2015 Service Changes

Four times a year (April, June, September and December), TransLink updates its bus service schedules to reflect seasonal changes and better match service to customer demand.

Changes begin to take effect on April 13, 2015.

This list is accurate as of our publish date! Please check translink.ca/servicechanges or contact Transit Information at 604.953.3333 or @TransLink on Twitter for corrections or further assistance.

3 Downtown/Main/Marine Drive Station PERMANENT

This bus returns to its regular route: loading/unloading at the Marine Drive Station, north/south stops along Marine Drive between Main Street and Cambie street re-open.

9 Alma/Granville/Commercial-Broadway Station/Boundary SEASONAL
Weekday service between UBC and Broadway/Alma Street from 6 to 9 am and 3 to 6 pm is discontinued until September.

10 Downtown/Granville PERMANENT

This bus returns to its regular route: loading / unloading at the Marine Drive Station, north / south stops along Marine Drive between Oak Street and Cambie street re-open.

17 Oak/Downtown PERMANENT

This bus returns to its regular route: loading / unloading at the Marine Drive Station, north / south stops along Marine Drive between Oak Street and Cambie street re-open. The bus will no longer turn around at the Marpole Loop.

25 Brentwood Station/UBC SEASONAL

On weekdays, morning service from 6 to 9 am runs every 10 minutes until September. Trips between Nanaimo Station and UBC run every five minutes, until September.

Effective May 25, 2015, three weekday trips leaving King Edward Avenue and Granville Street to BCIT Burnaby Campus are discontinued until September (7:47, 7:58 and 8:06 am trips).

28 Joyce Station/Phibbs Exchange/Capilano University SEASONAL

Service between Phibbs Exchange and Capilano University is discontinued until September.

239 Capilano University/Park Royal is an alternate route to Capilano University that operates approximately every 10 minutes during peak hours.

41 Joyce Station/Crown/UBC SEASONAL

The 7:57 am trip from Joyce Station is discontinued until September.

43 Joyce Station/UBC SEASONAL

Weekdays trips from Joyce Station, at 7:09, 7:33, 8:39 and 9:10 am, are discontinued until September.

44 UBC/Downtown SEASONAL

Westbound AM peak trips run every 10 minutes, and eastbound PM peak trips run every 15 minutes until September.

49 Metrotown Station/Dunbar Loop/UBC PERMANENT

All midday trips on weekdays will now serve passengers travelling to and from UBC.

84 VCC-Clark Station/UBC SEASONAL

8:12 and 8:31 am trips connecting VCC-Clark and UBC are discontinued until September.

125 Patterson Station/BCIT SEASONAL

Beginning Monday, May 25, service between Patterson Station and BCIT is discontinued until September. Passengers may use the 130 as an alternate route between Patterson and BCIT.

130 Metrotown Station/Hastings/Phibbs Exchange/Capilano University SEASONAL

Service between Phibbs Exchange and Capilano University is discontinued until September. Passengers can take the 239 as an alternate route to Capilano University.

143 SFU/Coquitlam Station SEASONAL

AM and PM peak trips operate every 12 minutes until September.

The last evening trip leaving SFU is 7:40 pm, until September, when extended service until 10:20 pm will begin again. Alternate routes for evening travel are:

- » From SFU to Coquitlam Station take the 145 Production Way/SFU, the Millennium Line and then the 97B-Line.
- » From SFU along Como Lake Avenue take the 145 Production Way/SFU, the Millennium Line and then the 151 Coquitlam Station/Lougheed Station or 156 Braid Station/Lougheed Station.

145 Production Way/SFU SEASONAL

Trips to SFU from 7:50-11:30 am and 3:40-6:00 pm are discontinued until September.

150 White Pine Beach SEASONAL

Weekend/ holiday service operates from May 2 to September 7 every 60 minutes, and weekday service operates from June 8 to August 28 every 60 minutes. This route provides direct service to Coquitlam Station and the Port Moody Inlet Theatre.

210 Upper Lynn Valley/Vancouver SEASONAL

Weekday AM trips leaving Burrard Station operate at 6:20, 6:50, 7:20 and then every 15 minutes until 8:50 am, until September.

236 Grouse Mountain/Pemberton Heights/Lonsdale Quay SEASONAL

Weekday service from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm increases from two trips an hour, to four trips each hour, improving connections with SeaBus.

239 Park Royal/Lonsdale Quay/Phibbs Exchange/Capilano University SEASONAL

Weekday trips to Capilano University run less frequently until September (designated "University Open" trips are discontinued).

351 Bridgeport Station/Crescent Beach PERMANENT

An additional trip has been added on weekdays during the end of the PM peak period, departing Bridgeport Station to Sullivan Street and Kidd Road.

402 Richmond-Brighouse Station/Two Road PERMANENT

An additional trip has been added on weekdays during the end of the AM peak period, departing Chatham Street and 2nd Avenue to Richmond-Brighouse Station.

410 22nd St. Station/Railway PERMANENT

An additional trip has been added on weekdays between 6-7 pm, during the end of the PM peak period, departing 22nd St. Station to Chatham Street and 2nd Avenue.

480 Bridgeport Station/UBC SEASONAL

Schedule changes effective until September: AM peak service operates every 10 minutes and midday through early evening service operates every 15-30 minutes (specific timing varies throughout the day; please check the schedule).

Evening service will end with the 7:45 pm service leaving UBC and 6:59 pm service leaving Bridgeport Station.

620 Tsawwassen Ferry/Bridgeport Station SEASONAL

Service increases to two buses every hour, up from one per hour, to coincide with the summer ferry schedule. BC Ferries schedules: www.bcferries.com/schedules

640 Scott Road Station/Ladner Exchange PERMANENT

Weekday PM peak period service increases to three trips each hour, up from two trips an hour, to match the AM peak period service and improve connections with Scott Road Station and the Ladner Exchange.

Seabus Improvements SEASONAL

Beginning May 17, Sunday/holiday service operates every 15 minutes, up from every 30 minutes, between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Marine Drive Station PERMANENT

The bus loop at Marine Drive Station is now open, and previously rerouted buses (3, 10, 17) return to their regular schedule.

Construction in the area will continue through Fall/Winter 2015, introducing a concourse-level shops/café experience, improving pedestrian access, providing new bus shelters, a new cycling infrastructure and a Kiss-and-Ride.