

Contest corner: win a FareCard!

LAST ISSUE'S FARECARD WINNER We had 766 correct entries in our last contest, and **Jessica Stephens** won the FareCard! The answer? July 11-15 (when I Love Transit Week happens this year).



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.

How many teams participated in the Bus Stop Hop this year?
(Hint: It's in this issue!)

Enter by **September 21 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, 1600-4720 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC V5H 4N2 or thebuzzer@translink.ca.

United Way

TransLink is proud to partner with the United Way of the Lower Mainland and the generous donors and volunteers who've strengthened the lives of approximately 350,000 people across the region in 2010. Here are some examples of change in the community:

United Way continues to support projects like community kitchens, food-box programs and transportation/childcare vouchers for parents through Success By 6.

Partnering with several school districts, United Way invests in after classroom hours at schools.

Working with the provincial government, United Way is piloting a new model of providing services that allows seniors to live longer in their own homes. This includes transportation, housekeeping, home repair, yard work and grocery shopping.

The new BC211 service is a three-digit telephone number (211) that provides free, confidential, multilingual information and referral to a range of community, social and government services.

For more info check out www.uwlm.ca



United Way
of the Lower Mainland

A recap of Bus Stop Hop 2011

A record 15 teams hopped on board the BC Paraplegic Association's 10th Annual Bus Stop Hop on Sunday, August 7. This *Amazing Race*-inspired event highlights the accessibility of Metro Vancouver and its transit system and encourages those with a physical disability to get out and experience the city.

Teams hopped right across Metro Vancouver using accessible public transport, collecting crucial points at various landmarks such as Lonsdale Quay and YVR and completing fun challenges as they went. Participants thoroughly enjoyed the day and now have a much greater understanding of accessible transportation.



"The Bus Stop Hop has changed the way I understand accessibility... it is possible to move about given time and awareness of resources. Thanks for the great event!" - Kati Lee, participant

For more information on the BC Paraplegic Association or the Bus Stop Hop, visit www.bcpara.org.

BACK ISSUES

The Buzzer is 95 years old. In this semi-regular feature, we mine our back issues for transit history gold.

1931 Since summer came late this year, it's not uncommon to still see male transit riders wearing shoes without socks. It's a fact of life that many in Metro Vancouver don't think twice about. Not so for the modern man of the 30s according to the Buzzer newsletter from that era. Here's an excerpt from the August 7, 1931 issue of the Buzzer that says as much about the fashion of the day as it does about the time period.

It appears, according to advice from our private sleuth, that the sockles fad has struck the male of the east a considerable sock. Whether this is in retaliation upon the female of the species for wearing beach pyjamas or merely to demand emancipation from the limitations of male attire, the despatches do not say. We imagine the advantages of going about sockless. For instance, if the elastic in your garters has practically evaporated, you need never experience that sinking feeling of your sock nestling down around your ankles...

Anyway, it is only right that the men folk should share in this emancipation that the women have been enjoying for so long. The ads have been telling us how drudgery in the kitchen has been abolished and how the lady can now enjoy the glorious freedom of the golf course or the gossip of the bridge table. Why not the men?



COMING EVENTS

- ✓ **2011 Vancouver International Tap Dance Festival:** Sept. 1-4. Each and every year the Vancouver International Tap Dance Festival goes beyond to present amazing master classes and performances. Info: vantapdance.com.
- ✓ **CanadaFest:** Sept. 3 & 4, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Canada Place, Vancouver. Put an exclamation point on your summer! Be sure to join us for this showcase of musical, cultural and culinary treasures from across the various regions of Canada.
- ✓ **Vancouver International Fringe Festival:** Sept. 8-18, Pick of the Fringe Sept. 22-25. This year's Fringe Festival will feature over 600 performances by more than 80 groups over 11 days and is expected to attract over 30,000 attendees. Info: vancouverfringe.com.
- ✓ **Fall Round-Up Community Fair:** Sept. 10, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. St. Cuthbert Anglican Church: 11601 - 82 Avenue, Delta. All are welcome for a fun-filled family day with lots of games, food, prizes and entertainment. Info: stcuthbert.ca.
- ✓ **Kitsilano Community Centre's fall 2011 Open House:** Sept. 11 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 2690 Larch St at 12th Ave, Vancouver. Free trial classes, info on programs & workshops, tour the facilities and enjoy the BBQ! Info: kitscc.com or call 604.257.6976.
- ✓ **21st Century Flea Market:** Sept. 18, Croatian Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Drive at 16th Ave, Vancouver. With 175 different vendors offering everything from shabby chic to 50's kitsch. Info: 21cpromotions.com.
- ✓ **7th Annual Connections to Employment Job Fair:** Sept. 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Vancouver Public Library, Central Library, 350 West Georgia, Vancouver. Connecting immigrant job seekers to employers. Participating employers include: WorkSafe BC, Canada Safeway, City of New Westminster, Sears, Staples and many more. **Free admission.**
- ✓ **The BC Philatelic Society Regional Stamp Show:** Sept. 23, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sept. 24 10 a.m.-4 p.m., West Burnaby United Church, 6060 Sussex Ave. 12 dealer tables, special show covers, free admission & free parking. Info: bcphilatelic.org.
- ✓ **Discover Dance!** The Louis Riel Métis Dancers. Sept. 29 at 12 p.m., Scotiabank Dance Centre, 677 Davie St at Granville, Vancouver. Discover Dance leaps into a new season with the exuberance and exhilarating rhythms of traditional Métis dance. Tickets: \$8 and up. Info: thedancecentre.ca or call 604.606.6400.

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September service changes

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Workshop dates

TransLink has proposed a number of transportation enhancements as part of the “Moving Forward: Improving Metro Vancouver’s Transportation Network” Supplemental Plan and Outlook - www.translink.ca/movingforward. We’re looking for your feedback on these improvements and proposed funding sources. The following in-person workshops are open to the public to ask questions, participate in round-table discussions and fill out a questionnaire:

✓ Wednesday, September 7, 2011 - Lonsdale Quay Hotel

123 Carrie Cates Court, North Vancouver - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

✓ Thursday, September 8, 2011 - Holiday Inn Metrotown

Salon E - 4405 Central Blvd, Burnaby - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

✓ Wednesday, September 14, 2011 - Guildford Recreation Centre

Multi-purpose Room, 15105 105 Ave., Surrey - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

✓ September 15, 2011 - Evergreen Cultural Centre, Studio A - 1205 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

GoCard and student passes

Full-time public and private school secondary students ages 14 through 19 (inclusive) in Grades 8 to 12 (inclusive) or enrolled in Grade 8 at the start of the school year are eligible for a GoCard. GoCards allows students to receive concession fares on the bus, SkyTrain, SeaBus and WestCoast Express. Photographs for the cards will be taken for free during in-school sessions. The cards will be issued for free if issued at in-school sessions.

If you miss your in-school session, a GoCard can be issued immediately at various locations for \$11. Students must provide a GoCard application form (available at school offices) signed by a school official along with proof of age (birth certificate, passport or CareCard). Here are just a few of the GoCard out of school photo session locations and times:

✓ Saturday, September 24, 2011 - Scott Road SkyTrain Station (bus exchange level) - 9-11 a.m.

✓ Saturday, September 24, 2011 - Coquitlam Centre Bus Exchange - 12-2 p.m.

✓ Saturday, September 24, 2011 - 22255 Dewdney Trunk Road Maple Ridge (Haney Plaza parking lot) - 3-5 p.m.

✓ Sunday, October 1, 2011 - Lonsdale Quay Buss Exchange - 9-11 a.m.

✓ Sunday, October 1, 2011 - Brentwood Mall Bus Exchange (behind the bus exchange on the mall side of the chain link fence) 12-2p.m.

For more information on GoCard photo session dates and info on U-Pass BC, FastTrax and GradPass, go to www.translink.ca/studentpasses

Bus service will change on Sept 5

The following bus service changes take effect Monday, September 5. 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. Other changes are **SEASONAL** to reflect changes in demand that take place each fall. For detailed and updated info, maps and more, visit translink.ca, and go to “Schedules and Maps” and then “Transit Service Changes.”

Vancouver, Burnaby & New Westminster

Granville Mall weekend bus service ***SEASONAL***

Weekend bus service will return to Granville Mall starting Saturday, September 10, except for the regular detour schedule northbound on Seymour and southbound on Howe after 9 p.m. on Friday evening, Saturday evening and Sunday/holiday evenings.

16 Arbutus/29th Avenue Station ***PERMANENT***

Service improved to every 15 minutes, 7-9 p.m., seven days a week.

17 Oak/Downtown ***PERMANENT***

Service adjusted to every 20 minutes before 7 a.m. Saturday and before 8 a.m. Sunday/holidays.

19 Metrotown Station/Stanley Park ***SEASONAL***

Service returns to normal frequency between downtown and Stanley Park after Labour Day.

25 UBC/Brentwood Station ***PERMANENT***

Westbound service improved to every 4 minutes between Nanaimo Station and UBC, weekdays 7:30-9 a.m.

33 UBC/29th Avenue Station ***PERMANENT***

Weekday peak service improved to every 10 minutes, 7-9 a.m. westbound and 3-6 p.m. eastbound.

41 UBC/Joyce Station ***PERMANENT***

Service to/from UBC will be improved to every 15 minutes Saturday 11a.m.-6p.m. and to every 20 minutes Sunday/holidays 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

44 UBC/Downtown ***PERMANENT***

Weekday eastbound service adjusted to every 12-15 minutes between 9-10 a.m.; westbound service adjusted to every 15 minutes between 3-5:15 p.m.

104 Annacis Island/22nd Street ***PERMANENT***

Improved weekday early-evening service with three additional trips leaving 22nd Street Station at 6:45, 7:05 and 7:35 p.m.

144 SFU/Metrotown Station ***PERMANENT***

Weekday peak service improved to every 10 minutes northbound from 7-9 a.m. and southbound from 3-6 p.m.

N24 Downtown/Upper Lonsdale NightBus ***PERMANENT***

Permanent trip leaving downtown at 2:17 a.m. Monday-Saturday.

North Shore

229 Phibbs Exchange/Lonsdale Quay ***PERMANENT***

Sunday/holiday service improved to every 30 minutes between 1-6 p.m.

N24 Downtown/Upper Lonsdale NightBus ***PERMANENT***

Permanent trip leaving downtown at 2:17 a.m. Monday-Saturday.

Surrey/Langly/Delta/White Rock

341 Guildford/Langley Centre ***PERMANENT***

Service improved to every 20 minutes, weekdays between 6-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m.

345 White Rock Centre/King George Station ***PERMANENT***

Service will be provided by Community Shuttle vehicles weekdays after 8 p.m.

351 Crescent Beach/Bridgeport Station ***PERMANENT***

Weekday service before 6 a.m. between White Rock Centre and Crescent Beach adjusted to every 30 minutes.

375 White Rock Centre/Guildford ***PERMANENT***

Service adjusted to every 60 minutes after 7 p.m., seven days a week.

388 22nd Street Station/Walnut Grove ***PERMANENT***

All trips will be provided by Community Shuttle vehicles.

C74 Fraser Heights/Guildford/Surrey Central Station

337 Fraser Heights/Guildford/Surrey Central Station (formerly C74) ***PERMANENT***

The C74 will be renumbered as 337. The route will remain the same; all existing stops and destinations will continue to be served. All weekday 337 service will be provided by conventional buses, with Community Shuttle vehicles providing the 337 service on weekends/holidays.

Richmond and South Delta

601 Bridgeport Station/South Delta ***PERMANENT***

Service improved to every 20 minutes, weekdays 7-9 p.m.

620 Bridgeport Station/Tsawwassen Ferry ***SEASONAL***

Service returns to normal levels after September 5.

Tri-Cities, Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows

143 SFU/Coquitlam Station ***PERMANENT***

Weekday westbound service improved to every 15 minutes before 7:30 a.m. and to every 10 minutes between 7:30-8 a.m.

701 Maple Ridge East/Coquitlam Station ***PERMANENT***

New trip leaving Coquitlam Station weekdays at 5:47 p.m. Early-morning service adjusted to every 30 minutes, Saturday before 7 a.m. and Sunday/holidays before 8 a.m. Sunday/holiday westbound service hours extended to 1 a.m. with service frequency improved to every 30 minutes between 7 p.m.-12 a.m.

Return to U-Pass BC service levels

9 UBC/Alma/Granville/Broadway Station/Boundary

25 Brentwood Station/UBC

28 Joyce Station/Capilano University

41 Joyce Station/UBC

43 Joyce Station/UBC

44 Downtown/UBC

49 Metrotown Station/Dunbar Loop/UBC

99 B-Line Broadway Station/UBC

125 Patterson Station/BCIT

130 Metrotown Station/Capilano University

143 SFU/Coquitlam Station

145 Production Way/SFU

239 Park Royal/Capilano University

480 Bridgeport Station/UBC

***Reminder: the 480 travels only between Bridgeport Station and UBC.**

SeaBus

SEASONAL

Sunday/holiday service returns to every 30 minutes between 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on September 6.