

One WALL CENTRE

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Around the House (1) – Construction Notices

As the window replacement project ramps up, there will likely be an increase in the volume of notices and updates. Please keep an eye out for signs in the elevators and on the left-hand noticeboard in the lobby, as these will likely affect you. Notices and updates are also posted on the One Wall website as soon as we receive them.

Thank you.



Around the House (2) – Fobs and Parking

Only one car can be admitted to our Parkade on one fob. If you are bringing in a second car, it must be with another fob. And don't even think of parking on hotel property outside our P4 Gate. As they can rent out those spots, hotel managers take a dim view of Residents using them and will tow your vehicle away without notice. Don't say you weren't warned.

Around The House (3) – Dogs in the Parkade

We inspect the Parkade at least once every day. We've been noticing increased evidence of

unhygienic doggy activity down there. Please note that the Parkade is not designated as a doggy-walking area, let alone somewhere where they can relieve themselves. It's unpleasant for other Residents.



And please remember, too, that for obvious reasons, the Parkade is a No-Smoking Zone.

Again, thanks.

Around Town (1) – Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival

The city of Vancouver has something like 37,000 cherry trees. Many were gifts from Japan. The underlying purpose of the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival is a simple one embracing citizens of all ages. We are blessed to have these trees and the more closely we look at them and the more we learn about them, the more enjoyment they give us.

And, likewise, the more we are motivated to care for and nurture them. Vancouverites, who already enjoy an active outdoor lifestyle, now, through the efforts of the Festival have even more choices.



You can 'bike the blossoms' or enjoy guided walking tours of 'Festival favourites' or participate even more actively as Cherry Scouts: locating, identifying, photographing, recording and sharing your favourites. The result of these activities will be an online, up-to-date Cherry

Blossom Viewing Map covering the 23 neighbourhoods of Vancouver. The Festival has run every year since 2005, and kicks off this year on April 4th.

Around Town (2) – Getting Your Ride in Tune

With warmer weather now upon us, residents will no doubt be bringing their bikes out of winter storage. If yours needs a tune-up or any adjustments, a One Wall resident highly recommends Simon's Bike Shop at 608 Robson Street. It's at the corner of Robson and Seymour Streets. Their phone number is 604-601-1181.



Around Town (3) – Havana Nights

This event is a fundraiser for Dreams Take Flight. DTF is a national non-profit organization of Air Canada volunteers dedicated to providing the trip of a lifetime to physically, mentally or socially challenged children. Havana Nights will take place on Saturday April 20th at the Delta Airport Hotel. Tickets are available from www.gala4dreams.com or by calling 604-270-5437.



There will be live and silent auctions, raffle prizes, a 50/50 draw, and more. Your ticket includes a 3-course plated dinner and a complimentary signature cocktail.

Around Town (4) – Motown Meltdown

The Shooting Stars Foundation produces truly unique with passion, integrity and vision to raise money for people with HIV/AIDS. Motown

Meltdown, at the Boulevard Casino in Coquitlam on April 6th, will give Vancouverites a good reason to go out and eat, drink and dance the night away.



There will be no less than 25 performers, and 12 musicians will make up the true big band experience. And the whole time, you'll be contributing to a very worthy cause.

All details are at www.ShootingStarsFoundation.org.



Around town (5) – Vancouver Tea Party

Five years ago, Vancouver's Murchie's Fine Teas was threatened with bankruptcy. Now, however, their samovars are filled again, and next month they will open a new branch at 1501 West Broadway (at Granville Street). Festivities will last from April 4th until the 7th, and will feature tea tastings and product giveaways.



Around Town (6) – Times of India Film Awards

It's a first for BC. The Times of Indian Film Awards will be hosted here, from April 4th through the 6th. Amongst the famous attendees will be Abhishek Bachchan, Priyanka Chopra and Aishwariya Rai,

famously described once by Roger Ebert at the world's most beautiful woman, and also the world's second most beautiful woman!



Events will be in various locations, and crowds will probably be large. The main awards event takes place at BC Place Stadium on the evening of the 6th. Bring your autograph book. For all you need to know, please see www.toifa.com.

Around Town (7) – Have You Seen It? The Shark, that is?

Off the Stanley Park Seawall can be seen a mottled gray shark fin. Was it the result of rising ocean temperatures, or a publicity stunt? Well it turns out that the fin is attached to a Vancouver Aquarium ad, that is only visible at low tide. If you go to the Aquarium's YouTube channel, you can see a time-lapse video of the tide creating the illusion.



And why, you may ask? Well it's all to promote the Aquarium's latest show, entitled The Secret World of Sharks and Rays, which will be on until April 30th.

Climb the Wall 2013 Update

About 400 participants took part in the 2013 Climb. So far confirmed funds raised amount to \$110,000. Some more money may well come in before the April 5th deadline.

The oldest climber was 80 years old, and the youngest was 6. The fastest climber made it up the stairs in 4 minutes and 28 seconds. The fastest firefighter was from Victoria and he raced up the stairs in 6 minutes and 43 seconds in full gear, so we

should probably all move to Victoria in case there's a fire. One real enthusiast went up the stairs 8 times before calling it quits.

There were a few characters this year, including one team that ran in cat outfits, one man who ran the entire event in ski boots, and another man who ran it as a Storm Trooper.

All photos from the event can be found here: <https://picasaweb.google.com/BCLungStairclimb>.

Further Afield – Florida in the Spring?

American Airlines will spirit you to Miami from Vancouver for \$496 return. Departures are between April 10th and the 24th, and tickets are available at any branch of the Flight Centre, or online at www.flightcentre.ca.



Still Further Afield – The Big Apple

If April 19th is a good day for you to travel, you can avail yourself of a flight and 3 nights' accommodation at the Renaissance New York Hotel 57, one of the city's premier boutique hotels.



The hotel is a 5 minute walk from Bloomingdales, Central Park and shopping on Fifth Avenue. Details are available at www.tinyurl.com.

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