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Around the House (1) – Locker for Rent?

We have a resident who needs to rent a locker. If you don't use yours, or you have a spare one you would be willing to rent out, please contact the Concierge on duty. Thank you.



Around the House (2) – Electronics Garbage

Old televisions, computers, monitors and the like aren't permitted in the regular garbage. They contain toxic elements such as mercury and cadmium. If you have such items to dispose of, please put them beside, not within, our garbage bins. We will arrange to have them recycled. Thank you.

Around the House (3) – No Smoking in Public or Common Areas

Our overnight inspections are revealing evidence that some residents are smoking in the stairwells. This is a By-Law infringement and annoys other residents, as the smoke carries into the adjacent suites.



We would ask that if you need to smoke, you do so within your suite, or outside the building. Thank you.

Around Town (1) – Powell Street Festival

The Powell Street Festival is the largest Japanese Canadian festival in the country and the longest running community celebration in Vancouver. At the festival you can enjoy traditional and contemporary Japanese- Canadian performances and demonstrations, including taiko drumming, sumo wrestling, and martial arts.



Other activities will include bonsai and ikebana, folk and modern dance, alternative pop/rock/urban music, visual arts, film/video, as well as historical walking tours, tea ceremonies, and a fantastic array of Japanese food, crafts, & displays.

Events take place on August 3rd and 4th at various eastside locations. Admission is free. The website www.powellstreetfestival.co will tell you all you need to know, and more.

Around Town (2) – Harmony Arts Festival

This West Vancouver-based arts festival is now in its 23rd year. Last year over 80,000 people took in one or more of the events on offer. This year it runs from August 2nd until the 13th, along Marine Drive and including Ambleside Landing, John Lawson Park, Millennium Park, West Vancouver Library and Museum, and the Community Centre.



Events focus around music, performance, cinema, the visual and culinary arts. There is a very comprehensive guide online at www.harmonvarts.ca.

Around Town (3) – Kits Festival

On August 9th-11th, what's described as Vancouver's hottest Sports and Health Living Beach Festival takes place. KitsFest celebrates diversity and inclusiveness for all ages and walks of life at every event. This contagious positive spirit helps to build stronger community environments and share success by giving back to the community through legacies such as park facility upgrades.



The Baseline Bistro features 70's Retro Motown music provided by some of Vancouver's top DJ's. The Bistro always features iconic Kits signature food and beverages. Smooth Grooves Productions has done it again, pulling together some of Vancouver's hottest DJ's. They'll be spinning their best Motown and top 40's music hits for everyone, so pack your dancing shoes.

The best part about the KitsFest could very well be the kids and family centre. It will host plenty of activities including face-painting, obstacle courses, timed fitness activities and other programs for kids and families. This is a great place to hang out in the summertime.



Around Town (4) – Deighton Cup at Hastings Race Course

Writes Sabrina Furminger in the WestEnder, "If you've got a hankering for the pomp and pageantry of an old-school Southern Derby, you'll find it at Hastings Racecourse on the weekend of August 9th-11th. The event is the Deighton Cup, a whirlwind two and a half days of high fashion, food, bubbly libations, mint juleps, and socializing, with some horse racing thrown in for good measure."



"It's a lifestyle festival where socialites, foodies, cocktail enthusiasts, young entrepreneurs and fun-loving Vancouverites don dapper hats and intricate fascinators in one place, to see and be seen."

All details are available at www.deightoncup.com.

Around Town (5) – Telus Taiwan Fest 2013

TaiwanFest is back at the end of the month, running from August 31st until September 2nd. Each year the festival showcases the people and culture of Taiwan. Events include performances, culinary displays and goodies to try, lectures, films, exhibitions and a wide variety of children's activities.



The Imaginary World of a 65-Year Old Boy

Dedicated to promoting Taiwanese Arts and Culture, the festival focusses on contemporary artistic expressions and it presents programs that reflect today's Taiwan. Activities will be at the Art Gallery and on closest blocks of Granville Street.

Food vendors will be everywhere, and from accounts from prior years the food is always very tasty. All details are at www.taiwanfest.ca. Be sure to select the Vancouver site on-line, as the event also runs in Toronto a few days earlier.

Around Town (6) – Loreena McKennitt

In case you don't know, Loreena McKennitt is a singer, composer, harpist, accordionist and pianist who writes, records and performs world music with Celtic and Middle Eastern themes. McKennitt is known for her refined and clear soprano vocals. She has sold more than 14 million records worldwide.



Ms McKennitt is presently on tour. She stops off in Vancouver for one night, on Tuesday August 13th, at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. Her unusually named website, www.quinlanroad.com has more information.

Around Town (7) – Vancouver's Own Blog

For more information about forthcoming events in our fair city, why not browse your way to www.miss604.com. Owned and operated by Rebecca Bollwitt, Miss604.com provides daily information about life in Metro Vancouver, events, community happenings and local history. It also features music, film, and television interviews along with travel features for day-trips and weekend getaways.



The blog also features regular competitions, guides to venues outside the Lower Mainland, travel tips and more.

Around Town (9) – Salsa Cruises Afloat

On MV Britannia, which sails from Coal Harbour, you can salsa the evenings away on various dates in August and into September. Food and drink are available, and there's even an instructor aboard, so even if you have 2 left feet you'll be welcomed. All you need to know is at www.salsacruises.com.

Around Town (10) – Evening Canoeing (Dance shoes not required)

August 14th sees an evening canoe cruise on Burnaby Lake (check the weather forecast before you book!) Canoe, paddle and all other gear is provided. You can register at www.virginradio.ca. The cost is \$21.25 per person.

Further Afield – Pebble Beach Concours D'Elegance

See pre- and post-war cars on the Pebble Beach Golf Links, plus the latest in concept car designs. www.pebblebeachconcours will tell you how to get there and supplies all of the show information.



Compliments of your One Wall Concierge Team:
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