



Newsletter #152

February 2014

#### Around the House (1) – Elevator Pads

If you are planning a move in or out, or are expecting furniture to be delivered, please give us 24 hours advance notice at the desk. This will give us enough time to put up the protective pads.

Thank you.



#### Around the House (2) – Parking on Hotel Property

If you have visitors, please be sure that you don't use a fob to allow them to park on any of the hotel Parkade levels P1-P3. The hotel parking attendants will have no hesitation in having the vehicle towed away.



Feel free to ask for a spare spot at the desk. If we know of one we will assign it to you. If we don't have one, your visitors will be obliged to pay the going rate at the hotel.

#### Around Town (1) – Restaurant Day 2014

Restaurant Day is a food carnival created by thousands of people organizing and visiting one-day restaurants worldwide. The idea of the day is to have fun, share new food experiences and enjoy our common living environments together. The event is facilitated by a team of volunteers. All restaurateurs are personally responsible for all actions related to the running of their restaurants.

Restaurant Day ran for the first time in Vancouver last year. We are reliably informed that it will take place in our fair city again this year on February 16<sup>th</sup>, but locations haven't yet been announced. You'll need to keep a watchful eye on [www.RestaurantDay.org](http://www.RestaurantDay.org) to find out.



#### Around Town (2) – Guinness Poutine, Anyone?

Two years ago Vancouver's annual Poutine challenge was announced. In the first year, 29 different versions of the favourite dish were either on offer or were specially created for the Challenge. It was repeated again last year with more eateries taking part, and we're told that February 2014 will see curds, gravy and fries (with many other exotic ingredients too) on the menu all over town again.



All details should be posted shortly at [www.VancouverFoodster.com](http://www.VancouverFoodster.com). And best of all, it's a challenge, so you'll be invited to vote for your favourite version.



#### Around Town (3) – Romeo and Juliet

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet is bringing its performance of Romeo and Juliet on January 30<sup>th</sup>, but it will only run until February 1<sup>st</sup>, sadly.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with an enduring love story. Shakespeare's beloved star-crossed romance is a timeless and exquisite masterpiece. Set to Prokofiev's gorgeous score, against a sumptuous setting in 16th century Verona, the magnificence and grandeur of Rudi van Dantzig's full-length production captivates with its riveting sword fights, compelling drama, and breathtaking classical choreography.



Despite its tragic end, audiences will be swept away as they witness the unfolding of an unforgettable romance and an immortal tale between Juliet and her Romeo.

#### Around Town (4) – Measure for Measure

This is Shakespeare presented by the company with the unlikely name of The Honest Fishmongers Equity Co-op. Up until February 8<sup>th</sup> they are presenting one of the Bard's strangest and most difficult plays. The company has become known for its intimate and innovative approach to the classics. Their productions blend strong acting, post-modern design and staging that bring the players into physical contact with the players.



A plot synopsis would use up most of the Newsletter. The production is hosted at the Pacific Theatre, which is at 1440 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. More details are available on their web site, of the same name.

#### Around Town (5) – Drinking Chocolate in a Good Cause

During the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hot Chocolate Festival, you can taste your way around the city, sampling upwards of 60 chocolate-y creations. And you'll be sipping for a cause too, as this festival benefits the Downtown Eastside Women's Job Training Program, and East Van Roasters. Yum, yum! Look for this at various locations throughout the downtown core.



## Around Town (6) –GRIT – Scenes of South East Asia

Christopher Edmonstone, who recently won the Capture Photography Festival and the Georgia Straight's People's Choice award, is showing off pictures he recently took in the Far East. The show is at the Photohaus Gallery, and will run until February 7<sup>th</sup>. The gallery is located at 14 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.



## Around Town (7) – West Side Story

We can't say it better than Graeme McRanor of Metronews.ca. "If you're looking for a good sports rivalry, look no further than the Jets versus the Sharks. Two teams loaded with young talent. One built with local players, the other with imports. They play hard. For keeps. And when they face off against each other, you just know something or someone's gonna snap."



"OK, so it's theatre, not sport. And the teams are gangs. And there's way more singing and dancing than you'd ever see in an NHL game."

Yes, it's West Side Story, brought to the Queen Elizabeth Theatre by Broadway Across Canada, and it runs from February 4<sup>th</sup> until the 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Further Afield – Winter Pride in Whistler

Winter Pride in Whistler starts towards the end of January, but there are some wrap-up events on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup>. The best of those on offer is probably the Superfly Zipline.

Soar high above gorgeous views of Cougar Mountain, Rainbow Mountain and the Soo Valley. Superfly above snow-drenched trees, white-capped mountains and reach new heights along a network of trails.



A unique system allows two guests to ride side-by-side, each on their own cable, during this scenic tour. The largest zip-line is over 1500' in length, 400' above the ground and offers a 200' elevation drop from launch to landing. It isn't for the faint of heart, though, as the ride can reach speeds of up to 100km/hr! Please see [www.tagwhistler.com](http://www.tagwhistler.com) for details, times and tickets.



Compliments of your One Wall Concierge Team:  
Eleanor, Kerry and Sunny