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#### **Around the House (1) – Locker Rooms**

Please don't leave any items in the hallways of the locker rooms. Make sure that everything is locked away in your own storage unit. Items left out are subject to being removed and disposed of.

Thank you.



#### **Around the House (2) – Locker Rooms (Part 2)**

New locker room cards were issued by the hotel late last year. Quite a few residents still have to collect theirs. If you haven't been able to get into your locker room recently, that could be the reason why. Please stop by the desk for your new cards.

Thanks again.

#### **Around Town (1) – Vancouver Craft Beer Week**

What do you get when you combine 60 breweries, more than 30 venues and 9 days of beer? Well, once again, it's time for Vancouver Craft Beer Week.



Each year, beer aficionados get together to attend beer-related events and tastings, to compare recipes and specialist brews, to talk about beers they have known, and to hope to survive until next year.

Events are too many to list. Please see their website (of the same name) for more details, and be sure to have a supply of Tylenol at home, just in case.

#### **Around Town (2) – TD International Jazz Festival**

From June 21<sup>st</sup> until July 1<sup>st</sup>, Vancouver's own jazz festival is back once again. Major acts you won't want to miss include Herbie Hancock, Nikki Yanofsky, the David Murray Infinity Quartet and Dr. John & the Nite Trippers.



As always there will be many free public concerts. The concert venues themselves are spread all across town. All details are available at [www.coastaljazz.ca](http://www.coastaljazz.ca). Be aware that tickets for the main shows sell out quickly.

#### **Around Town (3) – Vancouver Collector Car Show**

If there might be a Bugatti or Duisenberg in your future, this is the show you won't want to miss. The Vancouver Collector Car Show Sale and Auction will mark its inaugural event on June 22<sup>nd</sup>

and 23<sup>rd</sup> at the PNE Fairgrounds. Over 12 acres of indoor and outdoor space will be transformed into the largest celebration of the collector car hobby that Vancouver has ever seen.



Located in the Forum, Agrodome, and in over 50,000 square feet of tents, you'll be able to see 600 vehicles, exhibit booths with suppliers and vendors, car club exhibits, feature displays, sponsor tents, entertainment, all the while enjoying the famous PNE Fair food.

At least 120 of the cars in the show will be auctioned off. Fifteen thousand attendees are expected. For more details please see [www.vancouvercollectorcars.com](http://www.vancouvercollectorcars.com).

#### Around Town (4) – Vancouver Spartan Sprint

The BMO Vancouver Marathon is a walk in the park compared to the Spartan Race. Spartan Race, the global leader in Obstacle Racing since 2005, was designed by seven insane ultra-athletes and a Royal Marine. If you have tried trail races, mud runs, tough mudder runs, or a warrior dash, it's time to step up to a brutal Spartan Race obstacle course.

You can tackle a Spartan Sprint, a Super Spartan, maybe even attempt a brutal Spartan Beast, but only a few of you will have the heart to graduate up to the Death Race; the world championship of obstacle racing, and an endurance race like NO other. Are you unbreakable?

Why Spartan? Because the Spartans were tough as nails. Why race our obstacle course races? Because we all thrive under pressure, survival of the fittest. The goal is simple... to get you off your couch, throw you in the mud & trails, and feed you one tough endurance event day that will be the adrenalin rush of your life.



An obstacle course race is designed to test your resilience, strength, stamina, quick decision-making skills, and your ability to laugh in the face of adversity. These unique obstacle course trail races will demand every ounce of your strength, ingenuity, and all of your animal instincts.

You will understand at the finish line... but don't wait to sign up as the races do sell out!

The races all take place at Mount Seymour. If you're up for a challenge, or even if you just like to watch other people suffer, please see [www.spartanrace.com](http://www.spartanrace.com).



#### Around town (5) - Parade of Renovated Homes

The Greater Vancouver Home Builders' Association invites the public to tour 11 professionally renovated homes located across Metro Vancouver on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 4 pm. The 20th annual Parade of Renovated Homes offers a unique opportunity to see the amazing home transformations that are possible when you work with a professional contractor.



The homes on the Parade showcase leading-edge design, advanced construction techniques and products, and energy-saving features, and include a Tuscan-inspired transformation, a beautiful condominium renovation with a 360-degree city view, a luxurious townhome remodel, a gorgeous interior and exterior upgrade of a classic 1960s home, and a contemporary whole-house makeover.

Professional renovators, many of them award winners, will be on site to offer expert advice and discuss their craftsmanship.

Admission is by passport, available at each home for \$10 per person. Passports can be purchased at any home, and then used for entry to the remaining homes. Part of the proceeds from passport sales will help fund the purchase of tools, building materials and safety gear for a carpentry training program offered in several schools in Surrey.

#### **Around Town (6) – Vancouver: Basically Bramwell Concert**

The internationally-acclaimed Music Director of the VSO Bramwell Tovey is beloved by audiences around the world for his crisp, energetic style and his entertaining insights on all things musical. This series illuminates what's on the Maestro's mind: from insider perspectives on the VSO concert season, the challenges of the modern symphony orchestra, to how to build a conductor, and the mysteries of the composition process.



This is all from a Maestro who is also a prolific composer. Always fascinating, illuminating and entertaining, this intimate series will give you an insider's view of music and musicians, with a Master as your tour guide.

The concert will take place on Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, at the VSO School of Music, 843 Seymour Street. That's just around the corner from the Orpheum.

#### **Around Town (7) – Greek Day 2013**

It's back, Vancouver's annual celebration of all things Hellenic. The festivities all take place around the Broadway area of the city on Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. You can expect eating, drinking, music and dancing, and probably the odd broken plate for good measure.



Greek food is, of course, delicious, so this is a summer festival not to be missed. At press time details had not yet been finalized, so please visit [www.greekday.com](http://www.greekday.com) towards the middle of the month for more details.

#### **Around Town (8) – Bike to Work Week**

This year's event runs from May 27<sup>th</sup> until June 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be hundreds of extra bikes on the streets during this week, so be sure to use extra caution when driving downtown or when crossing downtown streets. Well over 2,000 participants are already registered to take part.



#### **Further Afield – Montreal Jazz Festival**

If you're still pining for more jazz, this is the festival you'll want to put into your calendar. This is the 34<sup>th</sup> jazz festival in Montreal, and the line-up has just been announced. Amongst the major acts announced are Dr. John and Leon Russell, She & Him, Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings. Also confirmed are George Benson, the Joshua Redman Quartet and Strings, Holly Cole and hometown sweetheart Nikki Yanofsky.

The festival runs from June 28<sup>th</sup> until July 7<sup>th</sup>. You'll need to book accommodation ahead of time, as this event is always very well patronized. Please see [www.montrealjazzfest.com](http://www.montrealjazzfest.com) for all the details.

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