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Around the House (1) – Heat Pump Filters

Now that spring weather is finally upon us (cheers from all parts!), this may be a good time to change your heat pump filters. They are \$10 apiece for most suites, and for those of you with units in the ceilings we can usually make arrangements for someone to come in to change the filters for you for a nominal charge.

Please ask for details at the desk.

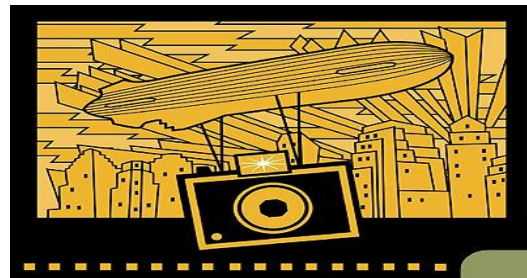


Around the House (2) – Invasion of Privacy

A company called Photo Blimp is flying a powered dirigible around the downtown core. Apparently the blimp is equipped with picture and video camera equipment that can be made to tilt and pan. This means that the cameras on board may also be able to zoom in to take pictures within your private suite without notice.

If you see the blimp and are concerned (you can't miss it – it's bright orange and maybe 15 feet long) you should call the City of Vancouver, 311 on your touch tone phone.

Or you can call CBC News, at 604-662-6801, or the CTV Tip Line at 604-609-6397.



Around Town (1) – EAT! Vancouver

EAT! Vancouver is Canada's largest consumer food, beverage and cooking show. It features hundreds of food, beverage and kitchen goods exhibitors along with wineries, breweries, restaurants, cooking demonstrations, wine and cheese seminars, cookbook authors, and chef competitions.

Celebrity chefs, popular local restaurants, wineries, food and beverage manufacturers, cookbook authors, retailers, artisans, and many others from the culinary world come together for a three day public extravaganza. EAT! Vancouver encompasses unique food experiences, opportunities to learn behind-the-scenes culinary magic from professional chefs, dynamic entertainment through celebrity chef cooking demonstrations and culinary competitions, diverse food, beverage and cooking related exhibits; and of course fantastic shopping opportunities.



The Grapes and Hops Stage will feature presentations and tastings of numerous local and regional beers and wines.

In addition, the marketplace will consist of over 250 exhibit booths. Producers, manufacturers, retailers and food artisans will showcase a wide assortment of unique products for eating,

drinking, cooking, entertaining, and outfitting a kitchen.

The Festival takes place at BC Place Stadium on May 24th, 25th and 26th. www.Eat-Vancouver.com has all of the details.

Around Town (2) – Farmers’ Markets

May is the month when most of our local Farmers’ Markets reopen. Some are open every day, some only at weekends. For all your fresh and locally-grown produce needs, check dates and times at www.eatlocal.org.



Please note that the market just up the hill from One Wall Centre on Nelson Street doesn’t open until June 1st.

Around Town (3) – Mariachi Festival

It’s the one you’ve been waiting for! Vancouver’s Fifth Mariachi Festival takes place this month, from May 15th until the 20th. Mariachi bands from the USA, Canada and, of course, Mexico, will be performing at various locations around town, including at the Vancity Theatre on May 15th and at The Vogue Theatre on the 18th.



Please stay tuned, as the full festival line-up hasn’t yet been announced. You should find everything you need to know at www.mariachifestival.ca.

Around Town (4) – Wine Sunday School

If you’re wondering what the appropriate wine is to match with certain foods, or what to serve to the in-laws, this is the course for you. The fun folks at Railtown’s Urban Winery have launched a series of irreverent wine seminars. Each seminar features multiple flights of wines corresponding to a set theme. When the doors open at 6pm, guests will be given a tour of the winery.



The seminars start at 7, and run for a couple of hours. All of the details can be found at www.VancouverUrbanWinery.com.



Around town (5) – 21st Century Flea Market

For one day only, the Croatian Cultural Centre will be transformed into BC’s largest Flea Market (though, apparently, no fleas will change hands.) You’ll be able to browse your way around 175 vendor tables overflowing with vintage jewellery, accessories, china and glass, furnishings, antiques and memorabilia, books, records and CDs, linens and lace, collectibles, postcards, and so on, and so on.



Parking is free, admission will be \$5, and the Centre is located at 3250 Commercial Drive. The whole shebang runs on May 26th, from 10am until 3pm. Please see www.21CPromotions.com for more details.

Around Town (6) – Vancouver Marathon

The BMO Vancouver Marathon runs (no, seriously) on May 5th. Amongst famous runners taking part this year will be 2012 Olympian Dylan Wykes, and event record holder Kip Kangogo from Kenya. The course begins in Queen Elizabeth Park, goes all the way around Point Grey, and ends up in the downtown core after completing the round of Stanley Park.



There will be other shorter races too, and there is still time to sign up, if you are so inclined. All details are at www.BMOVancouverMarathon.ca

Further Afield – Swiftsure International Yacht Race

The 70th annual Swiftsure International Yacht Race takes place off Victoria from May. The Swiftsure began in 1930 with 4 yachts and today attracts more than 200 competing yachts and 1,400 racers from BC, Washington, Oregon and California.

The race consists of 6 different races over 4 separate courses, and is considered one of North America's most challenging overnight offshore competitions. The Juan de Fuca Strait's daunting combination of occasional fog, unpredictable winds, strong tides and tricky currents tests seamanship and strategy.



The best viewing spot to watch the start of each race is Clover Point. And there will be many land-based activities for the whole family around Victoria's Inner Harbour.

See www.swiftsure.org for all of the details. The race is the oldest and largest annual yacht race in the Pacific Northwest.

Still Further Afield – Feast at Long Beach, Tofino

Feast is a Tofino celebration of boat-to-table cuisine. Long Beach Lodge is offering a mid-week Feast package throughout May. Room rates start at \$199 per night, and you will receive a \$100 credit for use during your stay, at the ocean view restaurant, towards the cost of a surf lesson, or on a marine wildlife tour.



Details are on-line at www.longbeachtofino.com, or you can call 1-877-844-7873.

And One More Thing – YVR Check-Ins

If you are flying domestically in Canada soon, please note that Air Canada has increased its minimum check-in time from half an hour to 45 minutes.

The airline actually recommends that travelers on domestic flights get to the airport 90 minutes before departure, to allow enough time for check-in, to drop bags off, and to pass through security.

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